

Wymeswold C. of E. Primary School Newsletter

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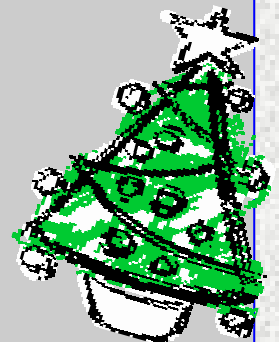
So here we are in December - the most EXCITING month of the year. The school is buzzing and so are the children as we anticipate all the lovely things we will be doing as we build up to the Christmas season.

We are very aware however, that there are some very nasty cold and tummy bugs going around all the classes. Parents, children and staff members alike have been going down with sickness, headaches and sore throats. Can we remind parents that if a child is sick at home or school we need them to be off for at least 24 hours after the last time they have been sick so the bug can go through their system and not infect others. If we are all careful, hopefully nobody will still be poorly over the Christmas holidays.

Thanks to every family who donated a shoe box for our Operation Christmas Child appeal, I felt very proud handing them over to Sue Fossey when she collected them on Thursday. I know that because of your generosity of spirit there will be some children in a forgotten corner of the world who have a better Christmas than they would have done.

Well done to all our Cross Country runners! We have a lovely, shiny trophy sitting in school as our year 4 boys came first in the Leicestershire Primary schools cross country league. They all did well and it shows that team work counts as well as individual achievement in Cross Country! We were fifth in the Y3 and Y5 boys Max Hayward did really well and finished the highest he's ever finished in sixth place! Fantastic effort all of you who ran and thanks must go to Linda Taylor, Nick Hando and Kate Wells for all their hard work training you.

Hoping that all of us have a really festive half term and that the children really enjoy all that we have in store in the run up to Christmas!



SECOND HAND UNIFORM

Second Hand uniform is still available in the foyer. It's a bargain at £1 per item. There are some very good sweatshirts and fleeces for sale for those children growing fast! Come and have a rummage!



Due to overwhelming response from parents to my recent survey, the school will close at 1.15pm on Friday, 23rd December 2011

Eco Schools

We have now achieved our SILVER Eco-Schools Award. Many thanks to Mrs Scallon and the 'Green Team' for their efforts.

Christmas Carol Concert

*The Christmas Carol Service will now take place at St Mary's Church on Friday, 23rd December at **10.30am.***

We are a Healthy School

We are very pleased to announce we have been awarded the Food4Life Partnership Bronze Award.

We had to show evidence that healthy eating was high on our agenda for teaching and learning in school and that our community were adopting improved healthy lifestyles. Well done to Miss Haynes and the school council for working so hard towards the standard.



Christmas card recycling

We will once again be participating in the Leicestershire Christmas card recycling scheme. There will be collection boxes in the foyer after the Christmas holidays for you to be able to donate your old cards.

We will be sending out a mini-newsletter in the final week before we break up.

Children in Need



I was very lucky to be asked by Rachel Evans to help out at the 'Musical Spots' Children in Need Concert on Friday 18th November held at Nottingham High School. Our school choir had been rehearsing very hard this term as feature performers in this musical extravaganza, performing alongside Charnwood Concert Band, The Keyworth School of Dance and..... Our children were exceptional! Their performance and their behaviour was a privilege to watch and I was thoroughly proud of each and every one of them. I was also very proud that Rachel Evans is a member of staff at our school because the children are very lucky to work with someone with such drive and vision.

Lined up, ready to go!



Quick pose before we go on stage!!!



They all gave 100% and Shone like little stars

Children in Need 'Show Your Spots Day
Well done to all of you who contributed, we raised a total of:

£132.00

Parent Reading Team

We now have a great Parent reading group who volunteer their services to listen to the children read. This is proving to be a great success. Many thanks to those parents who have volunteered their services for this.

If you have any time you could spare us for reading with children and did not get the chance to reply to the request - it's not too late!!! Please see Mrs Scallon who can add you to our growing reading team.

Important Dates for this term

Thurs 15th Dec

Christmas Day Dinner!

Tues 20th Dec

KS1 Nativity Play

Fri 23rd Dec

Carol Service and Christingle - 10.30am

School closed from 1.15pm

Road Safety with Class 1



Switch Off Fortnight

Switch off fortnight is where us as a school have to lower the amount of electricity that we use. That means we have to turn off the projectors, computers and not leave them on stand by. We can not leave the lights on.

This is a competition between lots of other schools as well as us. The way to win is by lowering our electricity in the school. If we lower our bill by not leaving anything that uses electricity on at playtime or at home time we will have won the game. If we win the game we will earn a certificate from the POD which is a website on eco activities for schools. Green Team at playtime are going round and checking how many lights, computers and projectors are left on around the school.

At the moment we are not doing very well. Last week green team went round and found 27 things on. Most of the classes had done quite well, apart from class 3. They had everything on.

By Quinlan Davies

