



# Wymeswold World

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What a busy half term!

We have managed to fit so much in, it seems to have flown past very quickly. Amongst the highlights for us have been the Harvest festival, and a big 'Thank you' must go to all the parents and friends of the school who helped to bake and distribute our Harvest biscuits around the village. We have had many letters and cards of thanks expressing delight at both the gift that was given and the conduct and manners of the children who delivered them. The children were a credit to both the school and their families. Many people have also commented on the fantastic Harvest service in church, which the children presented. As usual we aimed to give an upbeat, contemporary feel with a clear, traditional message behind the words and music. From the feedback you have given us I think this was achieved.

As we move into the second half of the Autumn Term, there come new events and challenges to look forward to:-

- Our Y6 will be participating in the '**Sing Up**' concert alongside all the other schools in the Quorn and Barrow cluster. Parents of Y6 will be given details about how to get tickets via a separate letter;
- '**Bob the Owl Man**' will be coming in to school in early November with 5 of his owls to teach all the children about food chains and habitats. Bob used to be the Falconer at Centre Parks, and now uses his collection of birds to expand children's knowledge and understanding of the wildlife all around them;
- **Romany Wood** will be performed on the evening of **Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> November** - tickets are still available but due to strong sales, may not be much longer, so if you wish to see this amazing choral and instrumental performance, buy now to avoid disappointment!
- The **Travelling Book Fair** will be in school during the week of **23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> November**. This will be Book Week in school, we will have a range of themed activities going on in school to link with reading which we will write about to you nearer the time. There has been a request for another 'Bedtime Story' evening, which we will be happy to do again after the success of the event last year.
- KS2 will be going to the theatre to see a musical production of the story of Peter Pan called '**Believe a Boy Can Fly**', while KS1 will be meeting Father Christmas and his reindeer at **The Snowdome** in Staffordshire. We would like to thank the school PTA for subsidising both these trips with funds from the money that all of you have given so generously at fundraising events;
- The term will be rounded off with the Key Stage 1 Christmas **Nativity on Tuesday, 15<sup>th</sup> December** in the afternoon.
- As usual we will be sharing the last afternoon together with our school **Carol Service and Christingle** in St Mary's Church on **Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> December** in the afternoon.

*Becky Jackson*

## Book Tokens

Mrs Scallon would like to pass on her thanks to all parents and friends who have collected Books For Schools vouchers from The Times. We managed to get 12 books for school and we will be collecting them again this year.



### Playground Safety

Please can we remind parents and carers that cycles, scooters and skateboards are **not** permitted on the playground during collection or dropping off times. They do cause a safety hazard to others who are waiting in the playground and I have noticed they are gradually creeping back on the playground after school. There should be no bikes, scooters, skateboards etc going past the side gate next to Class 4 and this is the same for younger siblings who come to school to pick their brothers and sisters up.



### PE Kit

Class teachers have asked me to remind you that children need to have a full PE kit in school at all times. They need shorts and tee-shirt for indoor PE and suitable warm clothing for outdoor PE such as joggers and a sweatshirt. They also need indoor and outdoor footwear



The children and teachers are taking part in the Concept 2 Rowing Challenge every month. This gets added into a National Schools League Table - keep your eye on the website for the results!!

### Key Stage 2 Reminder

Can we just remind parents that the working day for children in KS2 begins at 9 o'clock. Time is so short to fit in all that we need to do, therefore we must begin lessons on time and this is hard to do if parents are staying with their children beyond this time.



### Operation Christmas Child

It is the time of year when we begin to think about the children around the world who will not be getting Christmas presents this year due to poverty, war and conflict or displacement from their own country. For the last few years we have been collecting shoeboxes full of presents to go to forgotten parts of the world - your child should have already brought a leaflet home outlining the details.

**Please could all shoeboxes be back in school for 6<sup>th</sup> November.**



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