

Wymeswold World

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Panic!

I can't believe Christmas is so nearly upon us. The school is making preparations for the celebration of the joyous season and everyone is busy! Busy! Busy!

There will be so much going on in school this half term, including 'Bedtime Story Night' on Wednesday, 2nd December. Don't forget that both keystages will be going on a Christmas trip - KS1 will be going to visit the 'Winter Wonderland' in the Snow Dome in Staffordshire and KS2 to the new Curve Theatre in Leicester to see a musical production of Peter Pan called 'Believe A Boy Can Fly'. As the term draws to a close there will be our traditional KS1 Nativity, Carol Service with Christingle and KS2 will once again be singing carols to our senior friends.

Enjoy the rest of this term, and watch the days fly by!

Becky Jackson



Junior BEST

Two of our Y6 children have been attending a forum called 'Junior BEST' which is a pupils version of our Barrow Extended Schools Group. Mattie and Beatrix would like to share with you a little of what they have been discussing and the work they have been doing with other pupils from across all of Barrow schools:

In the last Junior BEST meeting we discussed the vandalism and facilities in the area. We also talked about the 2 clubs the school chose (we have chosen Art Club and Fashion Designing Club)

We all though the vandalism in Charnwood was getting out of hand and so we have been told to go back to our schools and think of ways we could prevent vandalism in our local area.

We were also told to think about the facilities in the area; what new facilities we would like and how we could stop them being vandalised.

Some of the facilities we want are: a climbing Wall and a 3D Maze.

Beatrix and Mattie



This is a heartfelt and massive 'thank you' to all the musicians and singers who worked so hard to make our recent 'Romany Wood' concert such a success. We were also thrilled that so many families and friends showed up on the night to support both the children and a worthwhile cause.

Rachel Evans and Nicci Keeling showed once again that their commitment and talent always brings out these qualities in our children.

Sale of the tickets made £930, half of which was given to the Romany Wood Charity and the other half given to the PTA to be spent on future music and drama events.



Basic Skills

We are very pleased to announce that we have been reassessed as meeting the standard for the **Basic Skills Quality Mark** for a second time. The standard recognises good practice in Literacy and Numeracy and how children can be prepared for living in their future lives through the acquisition of high quality skills teaching in these areas.



Class 3 had a very enjoyable day at **Sherwood Forest** on Tuesday, 24th November. And the Park Ranger led them around the park, telling the children a wealth of information about the animals and their habitats. They then visited the Major Oak and the Robin Hood Exhibition.

We hope you like some of our photographs.

PE Kits

Now the weather is cold we do recommend that children bring appropriate wear for outdoor PE. For example, track-suits, leggings and jumpers - anything warm and easy to move in, plus outdoor trainers are essential. PE kits should be in school daily. Children who do not bring them will be given a slip to bring home to show they have missed their lesson.



We would also like to take this opportunity to remind parents of children with long hair that it is a requirement for them to wear it securely tied back for all PE activities. It is very dangerous to your child if their hair is loose as it could be trapped in equipment or trodden on or caught by other children.



Operation Christmas Child

Once again we had a wonderful response to Operation Christmas Child.

Thank you so much for supporting this very worthwhile cause. It is a lovely thought to think of so many happy smiling faces opening their gifts at Christmas time.

Update from Hagere Selam

Our twin school in Ethiopia was opened this week by none other than Sir Bob Geldof, champion of fundraising for charities in this region of Africa. The opening of the school was made possible by funding from our school's chosen charity **A-Cet**, who have now built four schools in as many years. If you would like to see more, visit the charity's website at www.a-cet.org.



Thanks to all who contributed their pound to wear non-uniform for the Children in Need Appeal, we raised the sum of £135. Some of this was contributed by Miles Henshaw who held a toy stall at home. Well done Miles.

Class 3 request from teachers

Could parents of children in Class 3 please remember that the teaching day begins at 9 o'clock. Teachers should be teaching from this time onwards and therefore are not available to discuss issues with parents. If you need to see your child's class teacher, please see them before nine or after school. Parents also need to have left the classroom by this time to allow lessons to start.

Thank you for your help in this matter.



School meals

You will soon be getting the next term's sheet for school meals. Please could you have your forms and your money for next half term in by Friday 18th December. We will not be cashing cheques until January.

When we come back we will be on week 1 of the two-week cycle.

You can see the meals in both weeks on the menu we will send out with your next termly sheet.

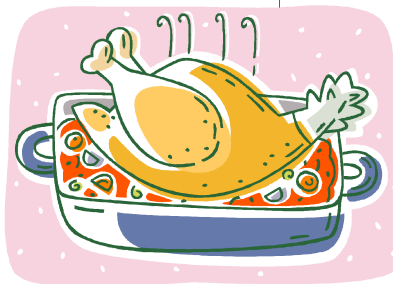
School Christmas Day

After the success of last year, we are very excited that once again we will be having a full turkey dinner at school.

This will take place on Tuesday, 15th December as part of our Christmas Day. We will be doing craft activities in classes in the morning (with maybe even a visit from someone special if we have all been very good!) and then we will be watching the KS1 Nativity in the afternoon so we can finish the day in a very spiritual and uplifting way.

Children are very welcome to wear party clothes to school to raise the feeling of celebration when we sit down together for our Christmas Lunch. However - be aware that they may be using paint and glue in the morning, so this comes with a 'health warning'.

You will be receiving a letter to tell you what exactly is on the menu that day. Please complete the slip if your child would like to participate but does not normally have a school dinner that day.



KS1 Nativity

Classes 1 and 2 will be performing their Nativity,

'Bethlehem's Buzzin'

in the School Hall at 2.00pm on Tuesday 15th December.

A letter will be coming out to all KS1 parents to ask you to let us know if you will be attending.

We have been sneaking a peek into the rehearsals and can tell you it's looking fantastic!

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.

Christmas Carol Service and Christingle

This year you will see that our **Christingle Service** will be taking place in St Mary's Church on Friday, 18th December at 2.00 pm as part of our **Carol Service**; we hope you will be able to join us for this.



PTA Christmas Fair

As last year, the PTA Christmas Fair will be set up in school for our return from Church on Friday 18th December. There will be a great range of stalls, games and competitions, an ideal opportunity to buy those last minute gifts.

PTA will be sending out letters to show how families can get involved in helping prepare for and run the Fair.