

Wymeswold C. of E. Primary School



Christmas Newsletter

20th December 2010

Dear Parents,

This has been a very busy term!

Everybody is exhausted as we get closer to the Christmas holidays - children and staff, all ready for their well earned break and the beginning of festivities at home. I think it is very worthwhile at this point in the year to reflect on all the great things that have happened during the first term of this academic year.

I am continually and consistently proud of the education and activities this school provides for its pupils and the energy, enthusiasm and talent of the people who make it happen. I should like to pass on thanks on behalf of myself and the governing body to our wonderful staff who make everything (and anything!) possible.

The data shows that as well as being a vibrant, creative school we are continually improving academically. We are consistently performing above both National and Local Authority results and show a year-on-year increase when compared against our own previous performance. This, alongside our performance and extra-curricular endeavours is something really worth celebrating. I am sure you would share in my appreciation of all the hard work that has been done.

As we look back on this term, there are some events that immediately stick out in the mind. These are events you probably attended! Who could forget our fabulous productions - KS2 brought us Joseph and the KS1 Nativity play was a timely reminder of the true meaning of Christmas. However, there have been events in school that you may not have been able to see, perhaps you had to make a costume or a cake, or maybe a gift or an excited story came home at the end of the day. Here is a list in no particular order of a few of the events this term that your child may have participated in:

- September saw us fully occupy our new building. How quickly we have taken the extra space for granted, however I can still remember squashing the office furniture into the Staff Room while the building work was in progress.
- Diwali Theme Day - cooking, food tasting, pattern making and dancing!
- Decoration Day- where the whole school made decorations to 'jazz' up the classrooms. Thanks to all the parents who gave up their time to help.
- Sporting achievements such as Link 77 football matches and Cross Country at Western Park. Thanks to Linda Taylor for her work and extra effort in making sure our runners and enthusiasts got their chance to shine.
- International Voices rehearsals at Humphrey Perkins - working with a renowned conductor and musician Richard Frostick to prepare for our Gala Concert night in February.
- Our first Four Plus intake in Class 1. This year was the first time we started to take children in one 'sitting' into Class 1 in September. A big change for us and huge learning steps for staff and families.
- Class visits for all children to Sudbury Hall Toy Museum, to support their studies in History.

- Cycling proficiency was attended on Monday afternoons by Y6 as part of our commitment to Road Safety and life-long learning.
- A-CET assembly - In November, friends from our twin school in Hagere Salaam in Ethiopia came to visit in order to say thank you to us for supporting the A-CET charity and raising funds to help open their new school. They gave us further insight into life in Ethiopia and urged us to keep supporting the charity.
- Visit from our Partner school in Bangalore. Also in November, we had a visit from a teacher and an artist from our twin school cluster in Bangalore, India. They were very impressed when our children sang songs from 'Joseph' and they then shared some traditional Indian songs with us in return.
- French day - We all dressed up and experienced a taste of France! We sang, we made French Christmas crafts and even ate French food as we learned more about our Gallic neighbours.
- Cut your carbon day - We are very conscious of trying to reduce our energy output, cutting down our carbon footprint alongside reducing our bills! The 'Green Team' organised a day of eco-activities and learning to heighten the understanding about these issues among both pupils and staff.
- Children in Need - We 'Showed our Spots' for Children in Need in November and raised nearly £130 for the charity.
- Book week - Our Literacy Co-ordinator, Mrs Scallon organised a week of activities for all classes based on book themes.

There were, I know, many other opportunities and activities that went on in classrooms on a daily basis. I have walked around school and seen how the children are engaged with their learning and I do think to myself how lucky we are to have such a wonderful school.



Joseph - What a wonderful evening|!



Making Indian sweets for Diwali Day



A curry banquet!



Santa's little helpers



Les filles



Monsieur Collington



**Escargot..... will he or
won't he?**



**Mme King remplit la fiche
d'évaluation des aliments**



Merry Christmas from all the staff
and children at
Wymeswold C of E Primary
School

Don't forget - we
come back to school
on Wednesday, 5th
January, 2011

Thank you to all who supported the
second hand uniform sale, it was a
great success!
Mrs Wagg will be doing these sales
on a regular basis, depending on
donations - so keep that old uniform
coming in!
Thanks to Mrs Wagg for doing such a
great job!

P.T.A MEETING

12th January 2011 at 8:30pm The Windmill, Brook Street

Joining the P.T.A. is the ideal way to meet new friends and support the school. The purpose of this meeting is to elect new committee members.

We wish to keep the school grounds open in the holidays during daylight hours for the enjoyment of children and families.

We would like to ask for your help if you are using the school grounds in the holidays and see evidence of serious vandalism to please report it to our local PCSO 6507 Brian Geeson at Quorn Police Station on 0116 2222222 or if there is a criminal act in progress dial 999