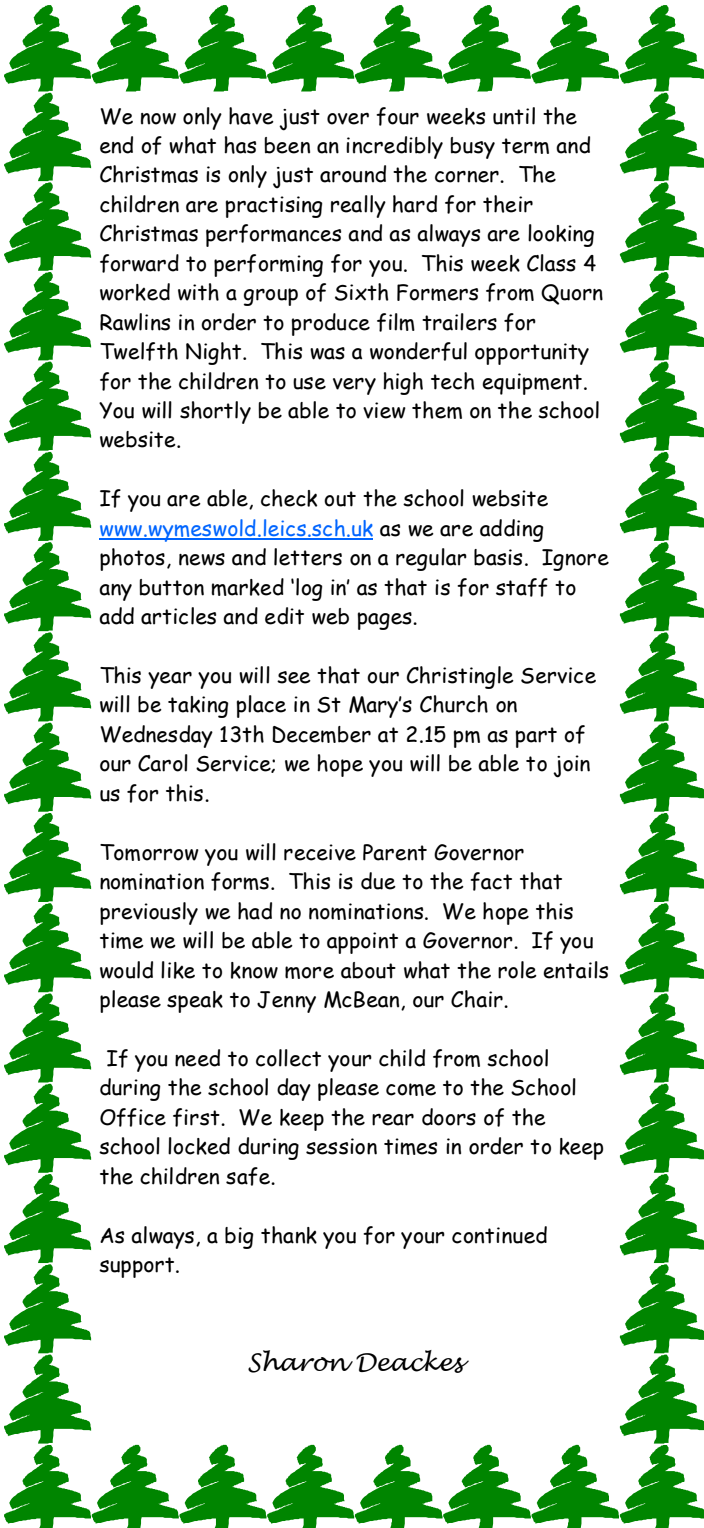


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We now only have just over four weeks until the end of what has been an incredibly busy term and Christmas is only just around the corner. The children are practising really hard for their Christmas performances and as always are looking forward to performing for you. This week Class 4 worked with a group of Sixth Formers from Quorn Rawlins in order to produce film trailers for Twelfth Night. This was a wonderful opportunity for the children to use very high tech equipment. You will shortly be able to view them on the school website.

If you are able, check out the school website www.wymeswold.leics.sch.uk as we are adding photos, news and letters on a regular basis. Ignore any button marked 'log in' as that is for staff to add articles and edit web pages.

This year you will see that our Christingle Service will be taking place in St Mary's Church on Wednesday 13th December at 2.15 pm as part of our Carol Service; we hope you will be able to join us for this.

Tomorrow you will receive Parent Governor nomination forms. This is due to the fact that previously we had no nominations. We hope this time we will be able to appoint a Governor. If you would like to know more about what the role entails please speak to Jenny McBean, our Chair.

If you need to collect your child from school during the school day please come to the School Office first. We keep the rear doors of the school locked during session times in order to keep the children safe.

As always, a big thank you for your continued support.

Sharon Deackes

Christmas Programme

Mon. 27th to Thurs. 30th November
 Book Sale - 3:15pm after school

Friday, 1st December
 Young Voices Concert, Sheffield Arena

Tuesday, 5th December
 Twelfth Night - 7pm

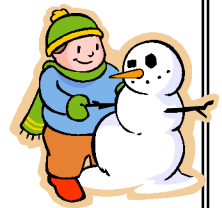
Wednesday, 6th December
 Twelfth Night - 7pm

Wednesday, 13th December
 Christingle Carol Service—2:15pm in St. Mary's Church

Friday, 15th December
 'Is There a Baby in There?' 2.00pm afterwards
 P.T.A. Christmas Fayre

Monday, 18th December
 'Christmas Day' in school
 party clothes may be worn

Tuesday, 19th December
 Aladdin, Melton Theatre



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.

As you may be aware **Blue Peter** have announced a 'Shoebiz' Appeal to help children in Malawi who have been orphaned by AIDS. After discussion with the children and the School Council we felt we would like to open the school as a collection point.

All you have to do is bring in any unwanted shoes that you have at home. We are looking to collect a minimum of 100 pairs!

SHOE DO'S

- Give us your shoes in pairs
- Tie shoes in pairs or fix them together with an elastic band or string
- Give us shoes in good shape
- Always ask permission from the person who owns the shoes

SHOE DON'TS

- Give us single shoes
- Give us shoes with holes in
- Give us broken shoes or shoes that need mending
- Take someone's shoes without asking



LAST DATE FOR COLLECTION THURSDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER

After this date we are sorry but will have to return them to you

Book Week

We will be holding a book week in school from Monday 27th November to Thursday 30th December at 3.15pm. This will take place in the School Hall unless there is a club when the books will be sold in Class 2.

We are using the Travelling Book Company again as everyone was very impressed by the range of books on offer last year.



Children in Need

Thank you for baking the delicious cakes and biscuits for Children in Need; our children really enjoy selling them. We will let you know how much we raise shortly.



Alfie gives it his best



**Christingle
Carol Service
St. Mary's Church**

Our Christingle Service will take place in St Mary's Church on Wednesday, 15th December at 2:15pm as part of our traditional Carol Service. We hope to see as many of you as possible.



Is There a Baby in There?

Classes 1 and 2 will be performing their Nativity, 'Is There a Baby in There?' in the School Hall at 2.00pm on Friday 15th December. As we need to know numbers please complete the form attached to this newsletter and return to school by Wednesday 13th December.

This will be followed by a Christmas Fayre organised by the PTA.

Twelfth Night

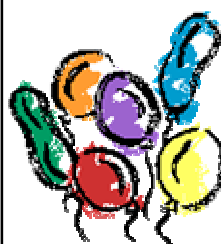
As you are aware this year our Christmas production is 'Twelfth Night' which we are performing on Tuesday 5th December and Wednesday 6th December at 7pm. This year we are charging £2 for tickets to cover copyright fees. Any money left over will be donated to Rainbows. You will find a ticket request form inside this newsletter, please return it to school with the money by Thursday 31st November; every family will be guaranteed two tickets. You may request additional tickets and these will be allocated fairly and evenly.

We are having a dress rehearsal on Monday 4th December but this will not have full sound and lighting therefore we are not offering this as a performance.

On Performance nights children must arrive at school by 6.00pm. We anticipate the show will have finished by 9.00pm so please make arrangements for collecting the children.



SCHOOL 'CHRISTMAS DAY'



Our school Christmas Day will take place on Monday 18th December. There will be a disco by Howard in the afternoon. The children may bring party clothes to change into.

Goodbye, sorry to see you go.....

We say goodbye this Christmas to Mrs Fay Tipler who has worked in school as a Learning Support Assistant for 8 years. If you would like to contribute towards a gift for Mrs Tipler please send your donation to the office.

**Modelling Resources
Classes 1 and 2**

Could you please start collecting boxes for modelling in Classes 1 and 2. We are reliably informed that their resources are running low!!!

Cross Country

The Cross Country season is well underway and the children are a real credit to our school. They have already competed in two Western Park runs as well as a Link 77 at Prestwold Hall.

We are placed highly on the leader board. The last Western Park Cross Country is Saturday 2nd December.

At this moment we have not received a full list of Link 77 fixtures; we will inform you as soon as we receive notification.

The SAQ (Speed, Agility and Quickness) Training we have been doing appears to be paying dividends; the children are becoming stronger runners.

A very big thank you to Linda Taylor for giving up her time to train the children and also to parents for assisting with events.

Keep up the good work.

Jo Riddell



Wymeswold C of E Primary twins with CEIP Cantos Altos in Collado Villalba

During half term I took part in a Contact Seminar in Madrid in order to find us a twin school in Spain. I am pleased to say we are now twinned with CEIP Cantos Altos in Collado Villalba, a town 40 minutes drive away from the centre of Madrid at the foot of the mountains in the North West.

The school is 2 years old and currently has approximately 300 children on roll (very few Spanish schools have less than 200 children, some primary schools have 1000!!)

I spent a day in the school and together with Maria Gonzalez, the Headteacher and Ricardo Caballero, the Link Teacher, we decided that we would initially exchange basic information about our two schools, the children writing very simple pen portraits about themselves, the Spanish children writing in Spanish and the English children writing in English. This would then be followed up with some information about Christmas; Ricardo said that he would video the procession of the Three Wise Men.

I found the visit to school extremely interesting; children as young as 4 were able to greet me in English. The Spanish children were told to ask questions about me and my school but only in English. 'How are you?' 'How many children in your school?' 'How many classes?' and then, to the embarrassment of Ricardo, 'How old are you?' Ricardo told the children not to ask a lady such a question, I was 18!!!!!! Fine by me.

I was also taken to meet the Mayor who presented me with a book about Collado Villalba and a print of the Town Hall. He is extremely keen to develop the twinning.

This link will be of real benefit to our school, not only in enhancing the teaching of Spanish but also raising cultural awareness. There most probably will be opportunities in the future for children and parents to visit the school.



Return to school Thursday, 4th January 2007