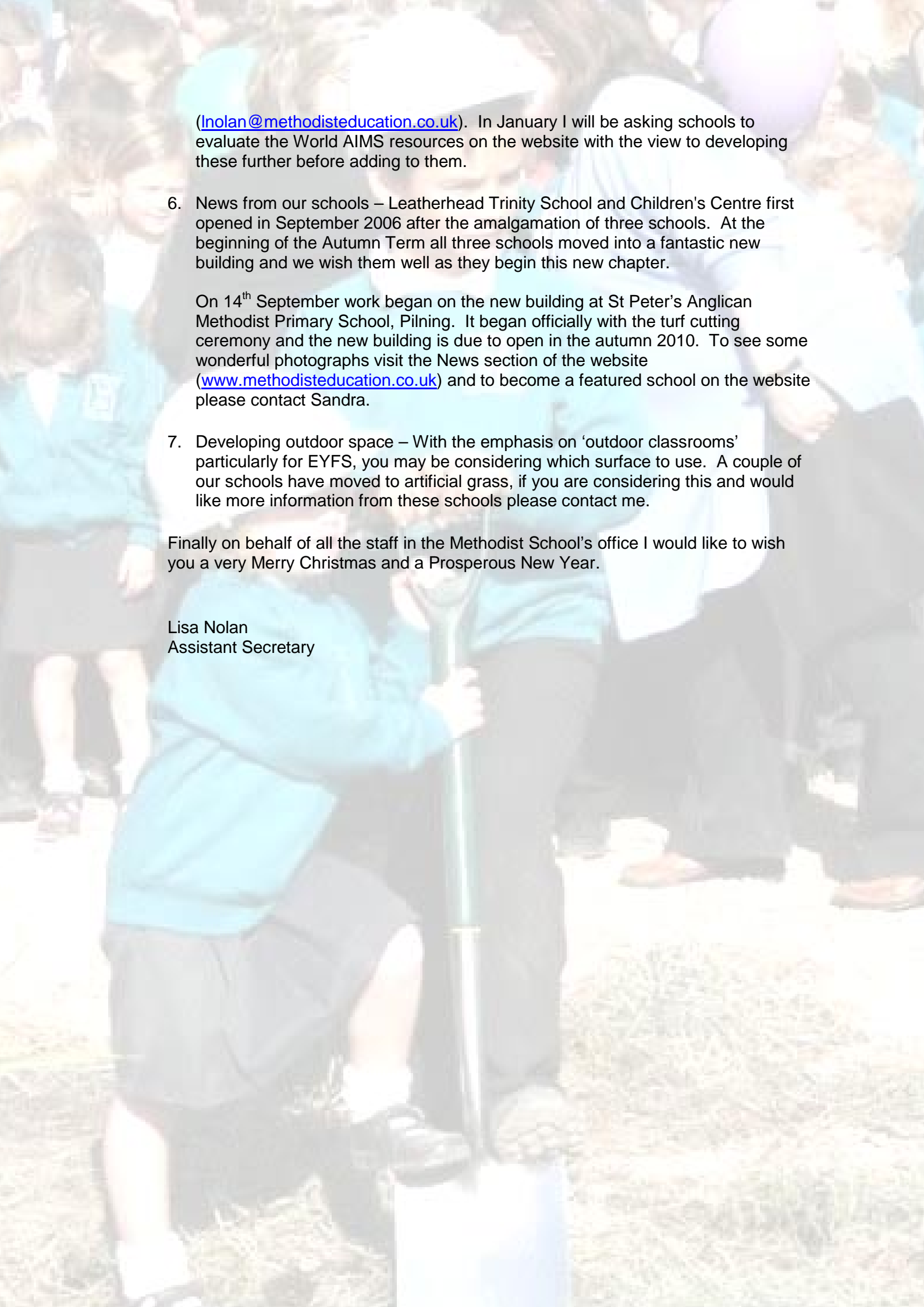




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## Heads Bulletin – Autumn 2009

1. For many schools this has been a difficult term, particularly with the added pressure of OFSTED and the heightened focus on Safeguarding. You should have received a Safeguarding Checklist, once again I would draw your attention to the section on the 'Single Register of Staff', if this register is not complete or is inaccurate it will lead to a category. If you have not received the Safeguarding Checklist please email Sandra ([sdasilva@methodisteducation.co.uk](mailto:sdasilva@methodisteducation.co.uk)). As mentioned in the last Bulletin Section 48 Inspections will continue to be arranged by the National Society. It is now an expectation that the Section 48 Inspection must take place within 3 weeks of the OFSTED Inspection; therefore where possible please ensure that the office is notified of the date of a Section 5 and Section 48 Inspection to enable me to chase the National Society if necessary.
2. Conference 2010 – 'The Importance of Chaplaincy in Broken Britain'. The Keynote speaker will be Father Richard Peers, the Headteacher of Northbrook CoE School, Lewisham, the day will also be workshop based including the Church's role in Community Cohesion. See flyer for more details and book early to avoid disappointed.
3. Keeping Faith in the System Conference was held at the Institute of Directors in London in October. The Conference highlighted the positive contribution which schools of a religious character make in their local community. Methodist Schools were very much in the spotlight throughout the day. I would like to thank Geoff Jones (Boothstown Methodist Primary) for his presentation and Ian Rimmer (Nutgrove Methodist Aided Community Primary School) for the schools participation in the DCSF film. For more information and to see the video visit [www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/faithschools/confOct09/](http://www.teachernet.gov.uk/wholeschool/faithschools/confOct09/) or the link from the News section of our website. ([www.methodisteducation.co.uk](http://www.methodisteducation.co.uk))
4. Schedules – Thank you to all schools who have returned completed schedules, for those who are yet to do so I would urge you to do this as soon as possible. These documents are vital in ensuring the database is up-to-date, accurate and enables a new Pastoral Partnership Booklet to be compiled for publication in January.
5. World AIMS – As you are aware at the end of October we said goodbye to Catherine Lewis. We wish her well in the future and thank her for all her hard work and dedication. She is now working for the 3 Faiths Forum and we hope to be working together as part of their School Linking Programme. If you are interested in School Linking please contact me



([lnolan@methodisteducation.co.uk](mailto:lnolan@methodisteducation.co.uk)). In January I will be asking schools to evaluate the World AIMS resources on the website with the view to developing these further before adding to them.

6. News from our schools – Leatherhead Trinity School and Children's Centre first opened in September 2006 after the amalgamation of three schools. At the beginning of the Autumn Term all three schools moved into a fantastic new building and we wish them well as they begin this new chapter.

On 14<sup>th</sup> September work began on the new building at St Peter's Anglican Methodist Primary School, Pilning. It began officially with the turf cutting ceremony and the new building is due to open in the autumn 2010. To see some wonderful photographs visit the News section of the website ([www.methodisteducation.co.uk](http://www.methodisteducation.co.uk)) and to become a featured school on the website please contact Sandra.

7. Developing outdoor space – With the emphasis on 'outdoor classrooms' particularly for EYFS, you may be considering which surface to use. A couple of our schools have moved to artificial grass, if you are considering this and would like more information from these schools please contact me.

Finally on behalf of all the staff in the Methodist School's office I would like to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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