



Dear Spanish Friends!

How are you?

Thank you for your last letter and photos of La Castanyada- it is really interesting and the cakes look delicious.

In this letter we want to tell you about Polish traditions at Christmas. Students have a Christmas break from 23rd December to 1st January.

How long is your Christmas break in Spain?

In Poland, on **24th December** people celebrate **Christmas Eve**. When the first star appears on the sky, the whole family meets together and they have a special Christmas Eve dinner. **Christmas dinner** is very special because we eat traditional 12 dishes: fish, cabbage soup, dumplings with mushrooms or cabbage, mushroom soup, potatoes, salads, poppy cake and other. After dinner people share a wafer, exchange wishes and open presents which are under the **Christmas tree**. They also pray and sing Christmas songs and go to the church to **Midnight Mass** and celebrate birth of Jesus.

On **25th December**, that is **Christmas Day**, people relax, visit families and friends and spend wonderful time at Christmas tree.

How do you celebrate Christmas in Spain? Do you decorate Christmas trees in your school?

In our school we have a **Christmas tree** and other decorations in every classroom, students decorate them, with shiny ornaments. Students also prepare a **school Christmas play** with Holy Mary, Joseph, little Jesus, shepherds and the Three Wise Men. We all like Christmas time- it's so magic and beautiful.

Please write about Christmas traditions in Spain.
Greetings from Poland,

Students from 5th and 6th grades