



16th December 2011

HOLLYMOUNT SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter



It's been quite a week here at school:

- Sharon and her team in the kitchen prepared and served Christmas dinner for 240 children on Wednesday. Everyone got a cracker, the staff wore silly hats, we turned up the music and it was just a lot of fun!
- Image Theatre came to visit again, this time with a lovely production of "The Happy Prince" for Years 1 to 6. Several children took part on stage and everyone joined in the singing.
- Foundation Stage classes were entertained by Bertie & Boo and had their Christmas parties yesterday, complete with visit from Father Christmas.
- I thought the Carol Service at Christchurch on Thursday afternoon was really wonderful and full of life. The school band's renditions of Silent Night and Ding Dong Merrily brought a zip to the singing and made everyone smile! KS2 children performed the "One Bright Star" cantata beautifully.
- Thank you so much for your donations at the various performances - around £700 was collected, which will be split between our Christmas charities - Action for Children & The Children's Society, with a donation to Christchurch for its willing accommodation of practices and the carol service itself.

A big thank you to everyone who has contributed to the Christmas festivities at Hollymount - the PTA for its incredibly successful Christmas fair, all the parents who have served drinks and biscuits and help children get dressed for the various performances, my incredibly dedicated, talented and hard-working staff team - and our wonderful pupils, who always rise to the occasion and put on a good show!

Seasons Greetings &
best wishes for 2012.

PM Jackson

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 20th December
End of term at 2pm

Spring term starts
Thursday 5th January 2012

Monday 9th January

Current Nursery children start term

10th—12th: New Nursery children start

Wednesday 11th January

6.30: PTA AGM & drinks



**PTA '100' club winners -
DECEMBER 2011**

1st: Hannah Ison (Holly)

2nd: Sachin Shah (Y4)

3rd: Tilly Ress-Holland (Chestnut)

Prizes can be collected from the
school office

Christmas Tree - £20

Would anyone like the school Christmas tree that's been in the entrance area? A donation of £20 to the school fund and it's yours.

Contact the office - first come, first served.

Nursery & Reception Admissions

A reminder that the closing date for Nursery and Reception applications for September 2012 & January 2013 is 15th January 2012.

Merton is requesting that all applications are done online at www.merton.gov.uk/admissions

Christmas events and activities at Merton Libraries

Saturday 17 December

Wimbledon Library: Christmas Fun Day

Time: 10am -4pm **Ages:** All welcome

With festive flower making, homemade food and drinks, locally made gifts and treats, there is something for all ages. The morning kicks off with the Falun Dafa healthy mind and body demonstration at 10am, followed at 11am by a Christmas story time with special guest, Father Christmas. At midday St Mark's choir will get everyone into the Christmas spirit with their sing-a-long Christmas carols. The library is also offering free gifts when you borrow any items throughout the day.

Thursday 29 December

Wimbledon Library: 2pm: Revolting Rhymes

by Explore Learning

Time: 2-3pm **Ages:** 5 to 7 years

This workshop is based around the all the characters created in Roald Dahl's crazy and funny collection of poems! We will investigate how Dahl describes his characters, and how descriptive words hint at their personalities. Workshops are free but spaces are limited. Sign up in the library or call 020 8274 5757 (Wimbledon Library) or 020 8540 7355 (Explore Learning)

PTA Pamper and Shopping Evening

We are planning this for the evening of 15th March. We are looking for beauty therapists, hairdressers and anyone else who can offer a pamper-related service. It's a perfect way to increase your customer base. If you are able to help or know someone who can, then please contact hollymountpamper@mail.com or Michaela on 07990 663962.

