



30th September 2011

HOLLYMOUNT SCHOOL

Weekly Newsletter

DIARY DATES

Monday 3rd October

INDIVIDUAL PHOTOGRAPHS

Wednesday 5th October

Y4, 5 & 6 to Worldskills Day at

Docklands Excel

6pm: MLE workshop for parents

Friday 7th October

PTA Cinema night

Monday 10th October

Y6 on-road cycling proficiency (all week)

Wednesday 12th October

HARVEST ASSEMBLIES:

9.15 - Nursery, Holly, Willow, Oak & Chestnut

10am - Years 2 to 6

Thursday 13th October

pm: Y5 drama workshop

Friday 14th October

PTA Cake Sale (Y6 & Willow)

Tuesday 18th October

Y2 (both classes) to the London

Fire Brigade Museum

Wednesday 19th October

6-7pm: PTA Open Meeting

Thursday 20th October

Y5 off-road cycle proficiency

Friday 21st October

Y5 off-road cycle proficiency

9.20: Prospective Parent Tour

HALF-TERM

MONDAY 24 - FRIDAY 28 OCTO-

Y6 "Football Friendlies"

A team of Y6 pupils has gone to our local school, St Matthews, for 7-a-side football matches the past two Wednesdays. The first match was won by Hollymount 5-3 and the second match a 0-0 draw. The third in the series will be played next week.

PARENT-GOVERNOR VACANCY

Unfortunately, we have received no nominations at all for this position on the Governing Body. If you have considered the possibility but then decided not to pursue it, please do contact me to find out what would be involved.

PARENTAL SURVEY 2011

Thank you to those who completed and returned this survey in the summer term - there were 130 responses (from a total of 220 families = 60% return)

The picture was very positive for most questions, agreeing or strongly agreeing that teaching was good (95%), a stimulating learning environment is provided (100%) and that children make good progress (98%). Most of you also agreed that the website is a useful source of information (87%) but only 43% agreed that pupils are accessing and using the MLE at home for extended learning. You agreed that the school encourages a healthy lifestyle (90%) but there were concerns raised over the nature of birthday treats and the snacks and sweets provided at PTA cinema and disco events. 95% of you have confidence in the day to day running and leadership of the school. There were a few comments on the brevity of parent/teacher consultations but I would re-iterate that you don't need to leave it until these evenings to talk to your child's class teacher if you have concerns. You may contact teachers at any time to make an appointment.

Surveys such as these help us to make improvements - hopefully you will have received the letter about MLE logons for parents - and the workshop on 5th October. Please ensure that Ms Halpin has your reply slip if you wish to attend.

The PTA has responded to sweet and snack concern - see overleaf

PM Jackson

Inset dates to note

As noted on the 2011/2012 date list sent out last term, we had held back on setting a date for the final training day so that it could be used to facilitate the move into the new building. Completion of the building is expected to be on schedule so the school will be closed to pupils on **Friday 10th February 2012**.

Other training days for 2012 remain the same as originally scheduled - **Wednesday 4th January & Friday 29th June 2012**.

PTA School Cinema

In an effort to reach a compromise on "healthy eating" versus the "cinema being a treat for the Children", we are going to sell a reduced snack offer this time.

For the first showing (FS & KS1) we will only sell chocolate button packs, Haribo packs, popcorn and fruit lollies. The drinks will continue to be the fruit shoot type. Please advise your children that the usual array of sweets will not be on offer this time so that when they arrive at school they are not disappointed.

For the second showing (KS2) there will also be a limited amount of sweets that we already have in stock. Having listened to other parents we have also put the prices up slightly to dissuade the children from buying quite so much. So that you can gauge how much money they want to bring with them the price list is below:

Chocolate buttons 50p
Haribo 50p
fruit ice lolly 50p
Fruit shoot 50p
Popcorn 50p
squash 20p

Don't forget to order your tickets. The form is on the school website as well as coming home in the book bags or you can collect one from the school office.



HARVEST CELEBRATIONS & DONATIONS



The school assemblies to celebrate Harvest will be held on 12th October (refer Diary Dates). This year, the theme is "Homes and Homelessness", so we are supporting two charities who support the homeless and those in crisis. One of these is a new, local charity, Wimbledon Foodbank (www.wimbledonfoodbank.co.uk) and the other is the Manna Day Centre in London which offers food, showers and other services to 150-200 people every day, seven days a week (www.mannasociety.org)

Donations of non-perishable foods would be very much appreciated, e.g:

<i>Sugar</i>	<i>powdered milk</i>	<i>tinned tomatoes</i>	<i>pasta sauces</i>
<i>Baked beans</i>	<i>soup</i>	<i>tinned vegetables</i>	<i>corned beef</i>
<i>Rice pudding</i>	<i>tinned fruit</i>	<i>custard</i>	<i>tinned fish</i>
<i>Curry sauces</i>	<i>rice</i>	<i>pasta</i>	<i>porridge oats</i>
<i>Cereals</i>	<i>jelly</i>	<i>tomato sauce</i>	<i>cooking oil</i>
<i>Biscuits</i>	<i>coffee</i>	<i>dilutable drinks</i>	<i>teabags</i>

Toiletries, e.g:

<i>Shampoo</i>	<i>shaving foam</i>	<i>deodorants</i>	<i>toothpaste</i>
<i>Soap</i>	<i>toilet rolls</i>	<i>disposable razors</i>	

