What a great first full week we all have had at Hollymount. The sun keeps shining but with colder mornings it feels like Autumn is upon us. Year 3 and 5 have had their first Mindfulness sessions and it was great to see such a positive response from them. Other year groups will have some sessions later this term. I was also really pleased to see the large number of parents attend the morning and evening workshops. Thank you to Miss Pope for organising these and staying so late on Thursday evening!

There’s something in the water at Hollymount...

Last week I was delighted to announce Mrs Oakham-Jury is pregnant. This week I am thrilled to announce another three members of staff are pregnant. It seems pregnancies at Hollymount are just like buses and all come at once! Mrs Kimber, our wonderful Nursery teacher, will be taking maternity leave from the start of the Spring term. We have Mrs Daffue (Holly Class) and Mrs Singfield (Year 3KS) for a little longer as they will be going on maternity after the February half term. Whilst being delighted for all three of them, I am of course disappointed to be losing such wonderful teachers all at the same time. However, we are already in the process of recruiting replacement teachers and we will ensure they have all the qualities and characteristics of our fantastic Hollymount teachers. I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best.

Start and End of Day procedures

Start of the Day
Gates open at 8.45am and KS1 children go directly to their classrooms. KS2 children go to the playground. At 8.55am the bell is rung and KS2 children are to line up. Can I ask parents to then leave the playground so the children can be taken up to their classrooms quickly and quietly. Gates close at 9am and late children must report to Reception and be signed in late.

End of the Day
Gates open at 3.10pm and parents wait in the playground or by their child’s classroom if in KS1 or Foundation Stage. Children will be dismissed at 3.15pm. Please feel free to talk to other parents or the class teacher but gates will be closed at 3.30pm.
Parking Outside School

Please may I remind parents not to park in front of residents’ drives—this makes our neighbors, understandably, very annoyed. If at all possible please walk to school or park away from school and walk the final 5 minutes. This sets the children up for a day of learning.

Questions instead of ‘How was your day?’

Tell me about something that made you laugh today?
What was the best thing that happened today?
What was the most interesting thing you learnt today?
Who were 2 or 3 people you talked to today? What did you talk about?
What is something you did today that you’d love to do everyday?
When did you feel successful today? What would have made your day a little better today?

PTA

Please note the change of time for the PTA coffee morning to 9am. See the attached ‘Have your say’ sheet.

Nutritional Ninjas

Calling all want to be Jamie Olivers! There are spaces left in the Nutritional Ninjas club on Wednesday afternoons. See below:

Come have a Cuppa with our New Headteacher

Does Your Child’s/Children’s Education Matter To You?
Yes? Have your say @ your PTA coffee morning
Meet and mingle with our brand-new PTA committee

New children

I would like to welcome Alexander, Kadam, Henri and Nourai (Chestnut Class) Luca (Y3HS) and Ata (Y4F) to Holymount. We are very happy to have them join us.

Friday assemblies

After a successful trial of inviting parents to Friday Assemblies, we would like to continue this going forward. It was lovely to see parents this week (we just about had enough space!) and we encourage you to attend next week. Friday assemblies are at 9.05am and last about 20-30 minutes. If your child is to receive a Values Certificate, you will be notified by email on Thursday afternoon so that you can try and make arrangements to come and see them be awarded their certificate. Any feedback most welcome.

Please visit our website to book your child’s space: www.nutritionalninjas.co.uk

We believe it’s essential that our parents have a voice in education and their child/children’s holistic learning programme. As advocates for parent, we need to know what really matters to you.

Your voice can influence positive change in your school community and beyond.

Come with your view drafted on a ‘Have Your Say’ note attached, we want to hear from you. For those unable to attend, please write your draft of and drop it at your PTA box (grey box: reception and main playground or red box in the office or email us at: HolymountPTA@gmail.com)

When: 21st September 2018, Friday, 9-10am (after drop off)
Where: School Small Hall- entrance from the Fort.
Open events at King’s

Whole school open morning
Saturday 15th September 2018 9.00am - 12.30pm

11+ open evenings
Tuesday 9th October 2018 at 6.00pm

all welcome to open events - no need to book

Registration deadline for entry at 11+ in 2019
Thursday 15th November 2018
What is your ideal balance of education and holistic learning programme? e.g. Art, Music, Sports, Mental Wellbeing, Computer programming, Cookery.

Your Say:

What would be areas of partnership with Parents and school staff?

Your Say:

What are your thoughts on fundraising for Hollymount? Any new ideas? Or seen something that has worked? Do share:

Your Say:

Would you like to be part of it? If yes, please provide your contact (Name, Mobile, child’s class name)

In your everyday life, what matters to your child/children at school?

Your Say:

In general, do share if you have any other comments or suggestions.

Your Say:

Come with your view drafted on this “Have Your Say”

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