What a wonderful first term I have had at Hollymount. I want to thank the parents, staff and children for making it a very positive and memorable term and for warmly welcoming me to the Hollymount community. I look forward to the year ahead and for the school to go from strength to strength. You may have noticed that Hollymount was, for the second year, the number one attaining school in the borough according to KS2 results. This is fantastic news and we are immensely proud. However, we do all recognise that it is not all about league tables and Ofsted reports. We pride ourselves on giving children a well-rounded education and many memorable experiences. With all the activities, shows and concerts in the last week or so I do hope the children will have had many true primary school experiences.

I wish everyone a very happy Christmas and restful break. I am heading up to the Cotswolds to spend some time with my family (including two rather excited little nieces) to unwind and enjoy all that comes with spending Christmas with the family. Whether you celebrate Christmas or are just looking forward to the break, I hope you all have a lovely time and look forward to seeing you all on Monday 7th January. Happy Christmas!

End of Term Cups
This morning, it was my privilege to award three new cups in our end of term assembly.

Values Cup
The values cup went to Isabel in 3HS. Isabel is a polite young lady who is kind to everyone and shows all the school values at all times. She is respectful to all adults and her peers and shows courage by giving 100% in all she does. She is very humble in everything she does and does it with an infectious smile. She is a joy to have at Hollymount. Congratulations.

Academic Achievement Cup
The Academic Achievement Cup went to James in 5D for making excellent progress this term. He conscientiously tries hard, asks for advice and shows real determination. He has really impressed his teachers and his hard work is having a huge impact on his learning.

House Cup
The winning house for Autumn term was Neptune with 4,025 points. Jupiter was in second with 3,948, Venus in third with 3,861 and Mercury in fourth with 3,769.
Christmas at Hollymount

Parent Fund
Although the parent fund was only launched last week, we had some funds carried over to contribute to enriching the curriculum this term. Expenditure includes:
- Recorder tuition for all of Year 2
- Mayan Workshop for Year 6
- Library books
- Year 4 music program
- Kinetic Circus for all
- Theme week resources for all
- Achievement and Values Cup
- Robin Hood/ Fred the Elf productions

Thank you to those that contributed and to those that have signed up to Local Giving so far this year. If you haven’t, please go to www.localgiving.org and sign up for a direct debit so that we can continue to enrich the curriculum and provide memorable experiences for the children.

KS2 Carol Concert
On Tuesday afternoon, KS2 sung their heart’s out at Christ Church. It was a lovely concert full of Christmas spirit and enjoyed by all. Well done to KS2 children and thank you to the staff for organising a wonderful occasion. A special mention to Father Michael for lending us the church and being so supportive of Hollymount.

Termly Attendance
The current school attendance is running at 97%. This is pretty good! The aim is to keep attendance above 97% all year so let’s keep it up! The best class this term was Yr4C with an attendance of 98.9%.

School is back on Monday 7th January
There is NOT a staff INSET day.

KS2 Carol Concert

Hollymount Heroes
The children below have been regularly visiting Link House this term and making friends with the residents.

6P Ben
6L Bella
5D Joshua
5M Jamie

6L Zain
6L Charlotte
5D Aliyah
5D Sienna
5D Annie
5D Luke
5D Olivia
5D Ella

4C Ayah
4F Maryam
3HS Jamie
3KS Amelie

Thank you to all the staff that gave up their time to take the different groups but a particular thank you to Miss Darwin for organising the visits and generally just being so enthusiastic.
A great finish to the autumn term, we had a great winter festival with a magical ice rink filled with snowflakes, indoor food market, Christmas stalls and lots of fun & games.

Let’s Celebrate a Great Autumn Term

How did we do with Internal Fundraising?

Class reps lead bake sale fundraising. Funds are given to the teachers of the year group to be used for specific class or year group needs. Thank you Class Reps!

£1,128
To date Y6, Y2, Y1

£193

Ice-cream sales on warmer Fridays. Offering an affordable alternative to Hollymount community versus the ice cream van.

£329

During Mufti days, Students come in themed clothes or without uniform and a voluntary £1 donation is collected where buckets are shaken at the entrance of our school.

£1,171

A Shine or Spook Disco for KS1 & KS2. An event that provides great music and dance. Kids enjoyed dressing up in their best shine or spook costume accessorised in glow sticks.

£527

Art Calendar

£329

Every student made an expression of Stars in Art. Each year group then delivered a consolidated piece of “star art”.

£12,785

Winter Festival

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How did we do with *External Fundraising*?

**MAGIC LITTLE GRANTS**

£500

We have got funding of £500 to launch the “Kick Start Everyday Fitness” programme at Hollymount. The funding will go towards installing circuits of interactive footprints around the school grounds which will mark out a mile-long run. This will enable more frequent exercise in a safe and convenient location to build everyday fitness. More news to come next term.

**Local Community Fund**

£2,500

We have got funding of £2,500 to help with the face lift of the playground. Thank you COOP for being so supportive.

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**Finalist : Pending Panel approval**

A MASSIVE thank you to everyone for supporting Hollymount in the Aviva Community Fund, to win £5,000 towards an outside classroom. **Hollymount collected an incredible 8,469 votes and came top in our voting category!!** The voting numbers we received were outstanding for a small primary school.

We received confirmation from Aviva on the 27th Nov that Hollymount has become a finalist in the competition. The PTA has since submitted additional paperwork to the Aviva judging panel and we will receive final confirmation from Aviva by the end of January on the verdict of this grant.

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**PTA funds donated to our school**

- Main Hall Overhead Projector: £2,957
- 10 Benches (In Quiet Garden & next to the Bus Library): £3,049
- Christmas Party & Gifts FSU, KS1 & KS2: £816
- Guided Reading Themed Books: £278

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**Here is the PTA Team wishing you**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

Date in your Diary: PTA Coffee Morning, 25th Jan 9.15 am
Topic : Budgets, School’s Priorities & Spring Term Events