Welcome back to the second half of the autumn term. This term promises to be incredibly busy with lots of look forward to. We have a theme week starting on 12th November where we will focus on our school values for the entire week. There are a number of Christmas related celebrations so make sure you have them in your diary:

Thursday 6th December 10am FSU Nativity for Reception Parents and AM Nursery
Friday 7th December 2pm FSU Nativity for PM Nursery Parents
Friday 14th December 2pm KS1 Christmas Play to Parents
Tuesday 18th December 2pm KS2 Carol Concert
Thursday 20th December PM Christmas Parties
Friday 21st December 2pm End of Term

Rehearsals are already under way and I am excited to see the end results. Have a great weekend. I for one will be enjoying the start of the Autumn Internationals!

Jermaine Jenas Visits Hollymount

On Wednesday, Jermaine Jenas surprised Y6P during their PE lesson. Sophie (Y6P) won a competition run by Beko on how to be fit and healthy. Her prize was to be visited by ex-England international and Match of the Day pundit Jermaine Jenas. He took part in their PE lesson and a question and answer session. Well done Sophie!
Woodland Trust Hedges
In the next few weeks we will be receiving a delivery of hedge saplings donated by the Woodland Trust. The hedges are designed to welcome and encourage local wildlife helping creatures such as hedgehogs and dormice stay on the move, to improve the health and wellbeing of our children and to teach the children about how to combat climate change. We will receive a variety of species for eight metres of full, easy to manage hedging. We would love some parent volunteers to come and help our children plant the hedges. Please let Miss Marshall (5M) know or email info@hollymount.merton.sch.uk if you can spare any time in the next few weeks to help.

Request for Donations
We are looking for donations of old shirts to be used for painting, corks for science or art, old beads or buttons, wool or thread, scraps of fabric or old sheets etc and any other decent materials that we could use for modelling, printing or creating. The possibilities are endless! Please give donations to Miss Marshall.

Year 6 Maya Workshop
Once again, Year 6 were privileged to take part in a Maya Workshop involving expert testimony from an archaeologist who still spends half her year in the region working with the modern Maya as well as uncovering treasures. The children had a presentation, asked questions and handled artefacts from the time (very rare in Britain) as well as making an Ancient Maya calendar. It made the study of such a period of time real, exciting and relevant for the children.

Year 1 visit The Royal Observatory
According to Miss Mortezee the Y1 trip to the Royal Observatory on Tuesday was, ‘AMAZING!’ The children went on a space adventure in the planetarium dome which linked to their Space Topic, sat on the Prime Meridian and became Seasonal Explorers which kicked started their new science topic of the Four Seasons. It was a fantastic day out and the children really showed their Hollymount Values.
BREAKING NEWS:
ICE RINK AT OUR WINTER FESTIVAL!
SPONSORS NEEDED!

The PTA are excited to announce that there will be an Ice Rink at our Hollymount SNOW KINGDOM Winter Festival on 1st December 2018 (11am - 3pm)

1) TICKETS
Tickets to skate will be available to purchase on Classlist - watch that space.

2) SPONSORSHIP
The rink is expensive to hire and with ticket sales we will only just break even. So we are looking for sponsors to provide the necessary funding so that we can provide the children with this amazing winter festival attraction as well as a successful fundraising event for everyone to enjoy!

Sponsorship of the rink is available to companies, small businesses as well as Hollymount parents/carers/teachers. We would love your support.

a) Anonymous Sponsors
Sponsorship is welcomed in any value from those who wish to remain anonymous or do not require any publicity on the day. No donation to the rink is too big or too small.

Payments can be made to “Hollymount PTA” by cheque or by Bank Transfer to
Account Number: 69605858 Sort Code: 60-24-07
Reference: Ice Rink Sponsor

To register your interest please email hollymountsponsorship@gmail.com

b) Sponsorship Packages
We have 3 levels of sponsorship available to companies, small businesses and / or individuals offering different levels of promotion. GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE.
Please Vote!
Help us get a £5000 grant towards an Outside Classroom.

Votes to date:
Hollymount Primary School at 3,037 votes

Close competitors are:
Coombe Boys Secondary at 2,285
Fircroft Primary School 2,257

We only have 19 days to go! Hurry please ask your friends, family and colleagues to help vote.

WHY DO WE WANT AN OUTSIDE CLASSROOM?
Watch this video to see what our children and staff say
https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6ieSB2zMZDs&feature=youtu.be

The projects with the MOST VOTES WINS, therefore, we will be asking you, family, friends and neighbours to vote for us!! You can vote maximum of 10 times each.

Last Day to Order!
Your Child’s Personalised Christmas/Festive Art Card!
Offer expires on 2nd Nov 2018

Our children have made some wonderful designs for the Christmas/Festive cards this year. Look out for the sample in their bookbags today. Order here:
https://parent.classlist.com/#/events/view/4856497062281216

A Big Thank You to our supportive parents!
Hooray! We achieved our target of 100 boards

We got 114!

A big thank you to Sophie Molyneux (parent of Arthur/Olive) for leading this project.

Final Leader Board for Houses:

1. Neptune 150 points
2. Venus 125 points
3. Jupiter & Mercury 115 points