Christmas has exploded all over Hollymount this week and it definitely feels very festive. The Christmas Fair last Saturday was absolutely wonderful. It was so great to see such a good turnout and I am not surprised with all the delicious food on offer, activities for all and great stalls to buy your Christmas presents. I want to say a huge thank you to the PTA for putting in so much time and effort, and in particular to Louise and Taro who have pretty much been permanent Hollymount members of staff for the last month or so!

I was fortunate enough to watch the Foundation Stage Nativity this week and it really was quite a show stopper. The children sang beautifully and acted as if they were members of LAMDA. KS1 and 2 certainly have a lot to live up to. Well done, and thank you, to all involved.

Parent Fund

You would have received a letter on Wednesday about the Parent Fund which is being launched on Tuesday 11th. I appreciate it is not a good time of year to be asking for donations but I cannot stress how much the school appreciates parents setting up a monthly direct debit to help us enrich the curriculum and provide children with memorable moments.

I do wish the school was not in the position of having to ask parents for voluntary contributions, however this is the position we are in with a decreasing income and increasing costs. Please see the PTA news for more information for how you can set up a direct debit to help the school enrich the curriculum.

The police visit Year 3!

On Thursday Year 3 had a visit from the local police officers to learn about what the police do in the community and what the children can do if they see something and to keep themselves safe. They got to do some role play, try on the many police hats and they learned about finger prints and what they are used for.
Merton School Admissions

Merton are consulting on the admission arrangements for community and voluntary controlled schools for the 2020/21 academic year. The consultation period commences on Monday 3 December 2018 and closes on Friday 25 January 2019. The key changes in the admissions arrangements are:

• Reduce the PAN for Gorringe Park Primary School from 90 to 60
• Reduce the PAN for Liberty Primary School from 90 to 60
• Removal of Admissions Priority Area arrangements for Poplar Primary School
• Allocation of 40 places in Year 12 at Raynes Park High School Sixth Form for students applying through the Fulham Football Club Education Programme
• Change to RR6 oversubscription criteria to include siblings and children of staff below existing criteria
• Some changes to wording of sixth form arrangements for RR6 and Raynes Park

The consultation is available via our website on the following page - https://www.merton.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/admissions/school-admissions-arrangements/2020-21

Musical Theatre Club

Musical Theatre Club has been a roaring success this term. The children performed ‘We wear our values’ musical on Thursday to a hall full of parents. The children wrote the scripts themselves and came up with the dance moves and songs. Musical theatre club has been great fun and the interest in the club from the children was fantastic. Well done to Miss Sadler, Mrs Geraghty and Miss Davis for being brave enough to take on 33 children in a club!

End of term assemblies

As we get closer to the end of term, I wanted to let you know about the upcoming assemblies:
Monday 10th Father Michael (Ch. only)
Friday 14th NO FRIDAY ASSEMBLY for parents
Friday 21st 9.05am End of Term Assembly (Parents invited)

Rocksteady

On Wednesday this week, the school hall was rocking with the sound of Rocksteady. Children have been learning an instrument for the last term and rehearsing as a band. It was fantastic for them to perform to parents and Year 5. Maybe there is a future Noel Gallagher, Paul McCartney or even a Stevie Nicks amongst them.

School Uniform

I have been made aware that there are some significant issues with the current uniform supplier. I will be reviewing them as a provider and look to improve the service parents receive.

New Hedge-row planted

Some Year 5 children got their fingers muddy and planted a new hedgerow this week.

Christmas Jumper Day

Children are invited to wear their Christmas Jumpers on Thursday 20th December. We ask for a donation of £1 which will be given to the Wimbledon Guild (our charity of the year).
Guidance for parents who want to film, photograph or stream school events

Our Christmas plays/nativity is in full swing, so we would like to take this opportunity to remind you of our policy which applies to all video or audio capture of staff and pupils, both in and out of school.

This policy applies to sporting events, parents’ evenings, plays, assemblies, school trips and any other school event or gathering, whether on school premises or beyond.

We appreciate that families will treasure photographic/video memories, and the general rule is that parents and carers may take photos and videos of the children in their care, for personal use only. There may be rare exceptions to this, and we will let you know in advance of particular events where no filming etc is possible. Thank you for your understanding.

Live streaming, whether public or private, cannot be permitted and we request that you do not use any streaming platforms or ‘live’ features (e.g. Facebook Live) to stream events/circumstances as they occur. You may be asked to leave the premises or event if this takes place.

When you capture footage or still images of your children, there is a strong possibility that other children will also be visible or audible. For this reason, no such content should be shared publicly. You will have seen other parents share videos of school plays on social media, but this does not make it advisable or acceptable.

There are several important reasons for this:

- Some children are deemed at risk by local authority safeguarding and child protection authorities; their image must never be put online for their own protection. You are very unlikely to know who these children are. Others may have complex family backgrounds which mean that sharing their image could have unforeseen consequence. There is the real possibility you could endanger a child by sharing their image in an identifiable context (e.g. where the school is easy to identify and locate).
- Express consent is needed from parents to comply with data protection legislation, which is being enhanced under GDPR and the new Data Protection Bill. Sharing could otherwise potentially incur fines for contravention of data protection rules.
- Some families may object for religious or cultural reasons, or simply for reasons of personal privacy.
- Sharing images of children in school uniform helps identify them so should not be done unless avoidable.
- We encourage young people at our school to think about their online reputation and digital footprint: online photos and videos do not simply disappear when we delete them from our accounts. Help us be good adult role models by not oversharing (or providing embarrassment in later life).

Where possible, we will take appropriate staged group shots of pupils whose parents/carers have given appropriate photographic permissions and make these available to you. Equally, and again wherever possible, we will ensure there is time for parents to take photographs of their own children for example by approaching the stage after a performance. The same provisos apply here as stated above.

We want you to enjoy school events and activities with your child, so why not just sit back, enjoy the memories and allow others to do so too? Remember, your child wants to see you looking at them, not at your phone.

Thank you.

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Maria Halpin
E-Safety Lead
2018 Winter Festival
An outstanding result

£12,785
(2017 Winter Fair £11,218)

Thank You Parents & Hollymount Staff

You are totally Awesome!

A Big Thank You specially dedicated to the following people who are our pillar support to making this winter festival so successful:

Guy Barrett (Parent of Skylar in Oak Class and Summer in Year 4C)
Preparation of the delicious curries and hot food.
And with the helping us with transporting tables to the school
Deniz & Veronika Kilic (owners of Babylon)
(Parents of Deniz in 5D, Yasmin in 4C & Mikail in Sycamore)
Donating beverages for the Bar sale.
Sophia Ridley (parent of Antonia 4C and Emilia in Sycamore)
For managing external stalls registration and ongoing relationship.
Rob Beschizza (Parent of Lilah in Nursery and Sadie in Sycamore Class)
Resident DJ
Ed Ciacci (Parent of Emilia in Willow Class)
Sourcing and collating of over 40 amazing raffle prizes.
Sophie Molyneux (Parent of Arthur in Rowan Class and Olive in Year 4F)
Hawes board co-ordinator
Sultan ‘SID’ Dajani (Parent of Saydee-Grace in Willow Class)
For the loan of the snow, fog, slush puppie and popcorn machines, plus the donation of all the ingredients.
Carrie Morley (Parent of Lillian in Oak Class) and Barney Ice rink supervisor and chief snow machine operator who both completed a 5-hour shift on the day!
The Guild – Adele Farquharson (Parent of Holly in Year 3KS and Alexander in Year 6L)
Loan of trestle tables and other items.
Christchurch Hall – Angelina Skelton
Loan of trestle tables.
Meantime Brewery (www.meantimebrewing.com)
Donation of 20 cases of craft beer.
CanO Water (www.canowater.com)
Supply of 240 cans of spring water at the cost of delivery only.

We often forget to thank our nearest and dearest as they are always there for us:

The Class Reps (an extension to the PTA)
Thank you to all the class reps for all your hard work! The fair wouldn’t be possible without you. You have patience and persistence and most of all dedication to help your class in not just the fairs but for their everyday need.

The PTA Committee
May I take this opportunity to thank my very passionate, enthusiastic and hardworking team who have given up many evenings and weekends to pull this together. Bravo! for taking on a new challenge by offering a new Ice Rink event on top of the winter festival.

ALL parents, partners and guardians of Hollymount students
Thank you, to all who helped with tidying up the school after the fair, you made this task a lot easier for us all.

It’s your first fair, Hooray! Mr. Birnage.
Staff of Hollymount
Thank you to our new headteacher who has been flexible and openly welcomed new challenges to our fair organisation.
Thank you, teachers and staff members who have volunteered by spending your Saturday, from face painting to selling book plates, art calendars and spending time at your class stalls.
Thank You! Our Ice Rink Sponsors: YOU MADE IT MAGICAL

GOLD SPONSOR

HC Technologies
The Snow Kingdom Ice Rink was brought to you in association with HC Tech without whom it would not be possible to provide this fundraising event at our winter festival. A big thank you for the generosity of HC Tech a global trading firm. Whilst it’s an international corporation it’s found a space to support a local school.

http://www.hctech.com/

SILVER SPONSOR

Thank you to the parent of Gabriel Hoonsawat (Willow Class)

A local Raynes Park business that provides specialist children’s therapy services.

http://www.therapy4kids.co.uk/

A friendly proactive law firm with offices in Wimbledon and Epsom. Thank you to the parent of Lucy Hylton-Potts (Oak Class)

https://www.peacock-law.co.uk/

Local Raynes Park 24 hour fitness club. Don’t just wish for it, work for it!

https://www.anytimefitness.co.uk/

Day nursery & pre school. Come and visit us! We would love to show you around our gorgeous NEW Wimbledon nursery. Thank you to the parent of Tabitha-Lo Bodkin (4F Class)

https://fennies.com/wimbledon/

Local Raynes park business supplying carpet & rugs, cushion vinyl, wood & laminate, karndean and amtico flooring. 578 Kingston Road, Raynes Park, SW20 8BR Thank you to the parent of Zori Varoujian (Yr 3KS)

info@universalflooring.uk

BRONZE SPONSOR

Blue+Green Interiors
http://www.bluegreeninteriors.co.uk
Thank you to the parent of Petro Levesanos (Yr 3HS)

Mai Thai Restaurant
https://www.maithaiwimborne.n.co.uk/
Thank you to the parent of Amata Yingviriya (Chestnut)

Daisy First Aid -
https://www.daisyfirstaid.com/

Quick Start Hockey -
https://twitter.com/QuickStrtHockey
Dear Parents of Hollymount,

You would have now received a letter from Mr. Birnage supported by that Chair of Governor, Rob Hatley and I. In the past, the parent contribution used to be paid through parentpay. This year, we have selected localgiving.com as it has a simple process and a one stop shop to manage the processing of our funds plus Gift Aid (which is an additional 25% to your donation).

We appreciate that this is not great timing as we have just had a busy winter festival. However, the timing of this offer by local giving is not in our control and it is also open to all schools and charities at the same time.

Local giving is a trusted charity partner who is also offering an **once off match funding** which is why we are so eager to take this opportunity to double our parent contribution with NO effort other than registering on the **11th Dec, Tues, AFTER 10 am onwards**. It is a small window to grab the common pot as the race is with other charities such as PTAs of other schools. This helps us fundraise without having to create extra events. Please do read the leaflet we have sent home with your child/children’s book bag for detailed info.

It’s only 5 simple steps:

1. Sign at [https://localgiving.org/hollymountpta](https://localgiving.org/hollymountpta) (you will see this log on page)
2. If not a member, please register and Log in
3. Please choose Give Monthly (this will be match funded) or other options also available
4. Have your bank account details handy to create Direct Debit
5. Submit

**Note: We will remind/inform you in 12 months to renew or cancel your contribution**

**WARNING! DO NOT SET IT UP BEFORE, Tues, 11th Dec 2018. The Offer is only valid AFTER 10am, Tues, 11th Dec 2018.**

As always, thank you for your support.

Bernice Choo, PTA Chair

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**Double Your Parent Contributions Starting This Tues, 11th Dec. Act Fast!**

**Free Money** up for grabs, one common pot offered by localgiving.com. First come first served basis.

**WHAT**
- Voluntary parent contribution to help enrich the curriculum and give children memorable experiences.
- This includes:
  - Themed education weeks
  - Guest speakers who inspire and motivate children
  - Field study trips
  - Sports and outdoor activities
  - Music and dance activities
  - Support for groups of children with specific needs or talents.

**HOW & WHEN**
- Facilitated by Hollymount PTA
- Online: Go to [localgiving.com](http://localgiving.com)
- Create your direct debit at [https://localgiving.com](https://localgiving.com)
- Offer starts, Tues-11 Dec 2018, 10AM start.
- ACT FAST! ONE POT ONLY.
- We have a small window, so we are competing against other charities & schools countrywide.
- Only the first 1,000 donors to set up a direct debit will receive match funding.

**HOW IT WORKS**
- Identify classes setting up, often three or four classes joining forces and distribute them to local schools taking part.
- The money is then split equally after the first six donations and applied to the remaining classes.
- A number of one to ten donations of 12 months.

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If you miss the matched funding, we will still benefit from your contribution and those taxpayers who Gift Aid (will get extra 25% to your donation).

**HOW MUCH**
- Suggested: £10 monthly direct debit
- Localgiving.com will match 6 months of your Direct Debit contribution, for those set up after the start date window of 11 Dec 10am and before the common pot is a cancelled.
- Additional:
  - £10 bonus for first direct debit (6-month match)
  - A one-off matched (not included for taxpayers who Gift Aid)

**Parent Fund Via Localgiving.com**

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**Need Help?**

**Any questions on Parent Fund?**

We are here to Help! Friendly PTA Members will be at drop off and pick up near the playground (benches with Parent Fund poster), weather permitting.

If not please email: Hollymountpta@gmail.com

Here are their friendly faces:

Bernice, Alison, Heather, Jo & Jo