Welcome back! I hope you had a wonderful break over Christmas and New Year and are fully rested. 2019 has been a very exciting start for some members of staff at Hollymount. It gives me great joy to announce Mrs Oakham–Jury gave birth to baby Ophelia and Mrs Kimber gave birth to baby Fred. Both mums and babies are doing well and I am sure you will all will want to join me in sending best wishes and huge congratulations to them both.

The Spring Term is a term when children and teachers can really focus on the teaching and learning without any major distractions. It has certainly be a focused start to the term and it is lovely to see all the children back ready to learn. I look forward to a successful and enjoyable term.

Staffing News

It gives me great pleasure to welcome Miss Brewin to Hollymount. Miss Brewin has taken over from Mrs Oakham-Jury in Rowan class whilst Mrs O-J has Ophelia to deal with! She came in for a number of days before Christmas and I know is already feeling settled and enjoying getting to know the children. Miss Nickson is in Nursery whilst Mrs Kimber is off on maternity leave and we were fortunate enough to have Miss Nickson in for a couple of weeks before the end of term so is already a fully fledged member of the Hollymount team. I am sure they will have an enjoyable time at Hollymount. With Mrs Oakham-Jury going on maternity leave, we interviewed for a new KS1 leader. Miss Howland was successful and we are delighted to have her join the Leadership Team. If you have any concerns or questions in KS1 please talk to the class teacher first and then Miss Howland.

£321 raised for Wimbledon Guild!

At the end of last term, we held a Christmas Jumper day in aid of raising money for Wimbledon Guild (our charity of the year). We raised a fantastic amount so thank you to all those that kindly donated.

Date List

January
Tuesday 15th
Year 6 School nurse in for Weight and Height check

Wednesday 16th
Year 5 Neighbourhood watch and police workshop

Friday 18th
Year 3 to National History Museum
Year 5 to Kidzania

Monday 21st
French Mufti day for all
Single use packaging assembly for all

Tuesday 22nd
Year 5 to Thames Tales at Wimbledon Chase

Wednesday 23rd
3.15pm High Ashurst Presentation for Year 5 parents

Thursday 24th
Year 5 Neighbourhood watch and police workshop
Year 1 visit The Museum of Childhood

Year 1 went to the V&A Museum of Childhood on Wednesday- it was a fantastic introduction to our Toys and Everyday Materials topics! We started our visit with a History of Toys workshop where we got to learn about and play with toys over 100 years old. During our self guided tour of the museum, the children were excited to find much older versions of their favourite toys today like Lego and Barbie.

Our Year 1 pupils should be very proud of themselves for representing Hollymount School’s values so well. Many members of museum staff commented on how well behaved and respectful they were to the museum and it’s guests. Here are some quotes from the children:

"It was an interesting and fabulous trip." - Carter
"My favourite part was putting the clogs together, like a puzzle, to make the robot light up. It was amazing." - Joanie
"I like the magnetic toys because you can drag the little bits that are made of metal to make a picture." - Joseph
"My favourite was when we played with the old toys. I didn't know you can have so much fun with a piece of string and wood." - Leora

Bible 66 Workshop

On Thursday, The Christian Resource Centre came in to run the 'Bible 66' workshop with the Year 3’s. They learned all about how the Bible has been passed down through generations and translated into hundreds of different languages around the world. They also got the chance to use a printing press to print words from the Bible and used a quill and ink to write a passage (which was very difficult!). This workshop was paid for by the Parent Fund.

Quote of the day: "This is the best thing I've ever done! And I've been to Legoland."
Welcome Back to Our Spring term

We hope you all had a great festive holiday and started your 2019 with a big positive kick start.

We will ease into the term with some key highlights for the weeks to come.

Look out for those yummy cakes!
Reception Bake Sale
18th of January – 3.15 pm

Whole School French Mufti Day!

On Monday 21st January, Year 6 would like to invite the whole school to participate in a French Mufti Day! Each year funds are raised to help subsidise the year 6 France trip and the whole school comes together to support this ‘rite of passage’ moment for our Year 6 leavers.

All children are encouraged to come to school dressed in a French theme, be it wearing the colours of the flag, dressing as your favourite French footballer, movie star, artist, cartoon character or historical figure. Be as creative as you like - the options are endless! We can’t wait to see your ideas! A suggested donation of £1 per child will be collected at the school gates at drop off and pick up.

A big thank you to our 110 parents (approximately 50% of our parent/guardian community) whom we are so grateful for your support towards the parent fund drive in Dec 2018.

Whilst the match funding is now exhausted, the parent fund is still open for contributions. Local giving is a trusted charity partner who will be processing our parent funds.

How to contribute? It’s only 5 steps:
1. Sign at https://localgiving.org/hollymountpta
2. If not a member, please register and Log in
3. Please choose Give Monthly or other options
4. Have your bank account details handy to create Direct Debit
5. Lastly submit

Note: We will remind and inform you in 12 months to renew or cancel your contribution.
A note of appreciation from our Ice Rink Sponsor

“I was delighted that we were able to sponsor the ice rink at the Hollymount Winter Fair. All the kids seemed to have a great time skating, including my own, and it was fantastic that Peacock & Co could be part of the fantastic support for the school from all over the local community.

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To add to your New Year’s resolutions, we recommend that you have a Will prepared (if you do not have one) or consider whether it needs updating (if you do).

Keep an eye out for a voucher in bookbags!”

Charlie Hylton-Potts (Lucy, Year 1 and Esme, hopefully FSU in 2020)

Date in your Diary: 25th of Jan, Friday, 9.15am
Come Have Your Say at your PTA Coffee Morning
Agenda: School Priorities, Budgets & Spring Term Fixtures

Have a fabulous weekend.