I have been popping in and out of classes this week and it has been wonderful to see all the children focused on their learning. There really is a learning atmosphere in school this Spring term. This has also been commented on by prospective parents that have looked around Hollymount over the last couple of weeks. They are always so impressed by our Year 6 children that show them the school and talk so eloquently about their experience at Hollymount.

I am meeting with Chartwells, our caterers, next week to finalise the plans to introduce Halal meals to those that would like them after the February half term. If you would like your child to have Halal food, please pick up a leaflet from the school office and register your interest with office staff as we need to know the likely uptake. I hope everyone has a wonderful weekend.

Harry Potter Competition
The closing date for our exciting Harry Potter competition is Monday, 21st January. Children have already been given the entry form. The winners will be invited to our Harry Potter afternoon, after school on Friday 15th February, where they will enjoy Harry Potter themed activities, games and cake! This competition is your chance to show what a huge fan of the Harry Potter books you are, so don’t miss the deadline!

Year 5 Neighbourhood watch
A report from Year 5:
Year 5 had a visit from the police and they were talking about neighborhood watch. They told us what to say and do if we were a witness. Also, we experienced a staged crime, where we had to describe the suspect so they could go and find the criminal. They gave us UV pens to write on our own expensive belongings, so if they got stolen and the police found them, they would be able to take them back to the person.

School uniform
Some teachers have commented that a number of children are coming to school in trainers and, dare I say it, non school colour hair accessories. Please may I remind children to wear black school shoes to school and blue hair accessories. A smart appearance prepares children for the day of learning.
We hope you had a fabulous couple of weeks back to school. We have a couple of important events next week, so please look out for it!

**MONDAY, 21st of January**
**Whole School French Mufti Day!**

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 (and if possible try speak some French), 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.

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**25th of Jan, Friday, 9.15am**
**Come have breakie & a cuppa**

**“Have Your Say” at your PTA Coffee Morning**

Agenda Sneak Preview:

- Find out what projects are proposed for your PTA funds to assist the school in line with Hollymount’s Strategic Long-Term Plan.
- Be introduced to 2 New Focus areas: Drama & Music and Literacy. PTA Funds are being proposed to support these areas in line with Ofsted. Q&A session with key leads: Ms Sadler & Ms. Davis.
- Have a chat with your Hollymount Senior Leadership & PTA Team

Parents & Guardians, we look forward to having you next Friday.
A note of appreciation from our Ice Rink Sponsor

“We had a blast at the Christmas Fair and were overjoyed to have been able to support the ice rink that the children so thoroughly enjoyed!

We are a new day nursery and preschool in Wimbledon who provides a happy and stimulating environment in which children can explore, play and learn. Our nursery has been custom-built to maximise childrens early development with bright, spacious rooms, quality equipment and resources and a safe and secure outdoor garden space. Our on-site nursery chef provides nutritious and delicious meals that are cooked fresh on site daily and our team of early years educators are a friendly and passionate family. We are committed to providing excellent childcare in the local area and our Nursery Manager Sarah has thoroughly enjoyed meeting local families and welcoming new children each day. If you want to come and see our lovely nursery or find out more about places, please get in touch by calling 0208 770 3222 or emailing Wimbledon@fennies.com.”

Keep an eye out for brochure in bookbags!”

Sarah Hayward , parent of Tabitha-Lo Bodkin, Class 4 F)

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**Finalist : Pending Panel approval**

**Update** : Aviva’s Community Fund Committee has communicated to us that the extra documentations we have provided have been checked and approved.

We have completed the due diligence of the last step of this process.

We now await the results of the panel of judges by the 7th of February

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Have a fabulous weekend.