



Hollymount School



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Friday 1st December, 2017

Christmas Dinner

As in previous years, all children will be enjoying a school Christmas Dinner, paid for by the school.

This will take place on Tuesday 18th December. The meal will be a traditional roast dinner, with a vegetarian option. There will be no provision for sandwiches that day.

The kitchen staff are aware of all dietary requirements.

Pennies in a bag donation

Thank-you to everyone who filled the plastic bag you were sent from the PFA with coins. Lots of families have been very generous. We raised a fantastic total of £313.65!

This means we are able to offer the following prizes for the raffle:

1st £100

2nd £75

3rd £50

The competition to raise the most money was won by 1JH and they have received their extra playtime prize.

Christmas Fayre arrangements

All families of children in Years R—Y6 will receive a letter today about the Christmas Fayre on Friday December 15th.

School will shut at 1pm that day and we need to know your arrangements. **Please return the reply slips** promptly so that teachers and office staff do not have to chase responses.

Nursery parents will be asked by Nursery staff separately, what their arrangements are.

Reading Stars!

This week's reading stars:

Bronze Shelf

Hamza 2MH

Bogdan 2MH

Sylwia D 2ZH

Mia 1JH

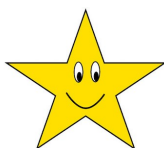
Leo 2ZH

Alex K 2ZH

Silver Shelf

Danielle 2SR

Ivan 1JH



Monday 4th Decemberr: Clubs: football (Y4—6);

Clubs: Imagineering 3—6; Stay and Play

Tuesday 5th December: Clubs: Science; Rugby; ICT; Reception and KS1 Nativity 1.45pm (tickets needed)

Wednesday 6th December: Reception and KS1 Nativity 10am (tickets needed)

Thursday 7th December: Gym 2SR; Clubs: Netball; Dance; Reception and KS1 Nativity 1.45pm (tickets needed)

Friday 8th December: Year 3 trip

Clubs: Gardening; Choir; Football Y2—3

Tombola Day—please send your child into school with a small donation e.g. box of chocolates, bottle of bubble bath, small toy for the Christmas Fayre

Preparing for Christmas

Thank-you to members of the school PFA who decorated the school in preparation for Christmas, this week. Our first festive event took place last night with a lovely Christingle service for KS2. The Christmas Choir also performed at the Worcester Victorian Fayre.



If children would like to send cards to their friends then classes will have post boxes available from Monday. Please encourage your children to write their cards themselves. Please remember to label each envelope with the child's name and, where possible, their class number.

Unfortunately teacher's are not allowed to send out class lists to parents for Christmas cards—even the youngest children can remember the names of a few of their closest friends.

Staff vs Parent Football Match

Thank-you to the parents and teachers who played or supported the match on Tuesday evening. The parents were victorious (again) with a score of 5:2. Well done to everyone who took part.

Apology

We are very sorry to anyone who was caused unnecessary worry yesterday by the text which was sent out by mistake to everyone, rather than one family. Unfortunately the error was made just by pressing the wrong button on the computer system. The office staff are so busy and are continually doing lots of things at once, that occasionally errors do occur. Thank-you to everyone for your understanding and for many of you who responded to the text promptly! If you did not receive a text from school yesterday, this either means you are not "contact 1" on our system or that we have the wrong mobile phone number for you. Please check with the office, if you think this is the case.

Christmas Events

Hollymount School Choir singing at Asda Saturday 2nd December 11am All welcome to come and watch.

EYFS and KS1 Nativity (Reception to Year 2)

Tuesday 5th December 1.45pm

Wednesday 6th December 10am

Thursday 7th December 1.45pm

Tickets needed to attend

Nursery Nativity Tuesday 12th December 10.50am/ 2.30pm

Hollymount Christmas Fayre 1.15pm—3pm Friday 15th December Where possible, all children should be collected at 1pm to visit the fayre with their family.

Christmas Jumper Day Friday 15th December



If children would like to wear a Christmas jumper, a suggested £1 donation should be made—all proceeds to Save the Children.

Carol Service Monday 18th December 10.30am at school

Years 1—6 ONLY We have decided to limit the service to years 1—6 to make more space for parents to join us. *Tickets needed to attend - flyer will be sent home next week.*

Attendance

Unfortunately a few illnesses have started to take hold, especially amongst the younger children and attendance has fallen a lot recently. Please remember to let school know promptly if your child is too ill to attend school.

RDR	87.2
RHW	86.4
 1EL 	99.09
1EM	98.18
1JH	95.77
1SS	94.58
2KB	96
2MH	96.82
2ZH	97.33
2JL	94.67
2DD	98.82
2AH	92.44
2SR	96.84
2LA	94
2EP	96.47
Whole School	94.39

Well done to this week's attendance stars:

1EL!

November's winners of the 100% attendance award will be announced next week. **196 children from Reception to Year 6 have had 100% attendance this month!**

Christmas Parties Monday 18th December ALL children

Parties will be held in the afternoon (Nursery/ Tots morning and afternoon)

Children will not be having a school dinner that day. School will provide sandwiches and drink. Please could each child bring a small donation of e.g. cakes, crisps, biscuits, savouries (no nuts please).

Tuesday 19th December Christmas Lunch, Christmas activities and special visitor

All children from Reception to Year 6 will be provided with a school Christmas Dinner (free of charge).

Tuesday 19th December—school breaks up at 3pm

Wednesday 3rd January 2018—school open for all