



Christmas Events

Below is a list of events leading up to Christmas.

Thursday 29th November: Hollymount Choir at Worcester Christmas Fayre 4pm

Friday 30th November: Christmas tree arrives—the PFA are decorating this at 1.30pm and would welcome any volunteers to help

Monday 3rd December: Christingle Years 3—6; children need to come back to school at 5pm. Service starts at 6pm

Monday 10th December: Nativity 1.45pm

Tuesday 11th December: Nativity 10am

Wednesday 12th December: Nativity 1.45pm

Thursday 13th December: Year 2 Variety Club Christmas party trip

Monday 17th December: 3pm decorating Christmas grotto—the PFA would welcome any help

Tuesday 18th December: School Christmas Fayre 1pm

Thursday 20th December: Carol service (sorry no parents) Christmas parties

Friday 21st December: Christmas lunch

Are you looking for information and advice for children and young people with special educational needs and/or disabilities (SEND)?

Visit the SEND Local Offer website:
www.worcestershire.gov.uk/sendlocaloffer

Please see the poster displayed on the school office door—we are also expecting leaflets to be available shortly.

School coats

We are now experiencing cold, winter weather and it is vital that children have a coat to wear. Please ensure your child brings a school branded coat every day. If he/she needs a new coat, all sizes are currently available from the office for £20 or selected second-hand sizes are available for £5.

Hollymount Has Talent

Well done to all the children who took part in the show last night. It was fabulous!

Special congratulations must be given to the winners:

First place: Shanay

Second place: Lola

Tied third place: Bryan, Paulina and Kelsi

Cleaning position

A vacancy has arisen for a school cleaner.

For more details please visit:

<https://www.eteach.com/>

and search for "school cleaner" in Worcester.

Reading Awards

Well done to the following children for achieving their bronze award:

Year 1: Kasia, Laura, Melanie, Nadine, Aisha, Bethany, Sienna

Year 2: George, Ysabelle, Maria, Oliver

Year 3: Kellin, Frankie, Millie, Maria

Week beginning 26th November 2018

Monday 26th November:

Tuesday 27th November: Swimming Year 2; Gym Year 6; Clubs: Cross stitch, Board games, science

Wednesday 28th November: Clubs: Young Voices, stay and play, Lego, rugby

Thursday 29th November: Swimming Year 6 Club: Art

Hollymount Christmas Choir singing at Worcester Christmas Fayre—main stage 4pm

Friday 30th November: Clubs: gardening

No more school clubs after this week.

Parent Questionnaires

Thank-you if you filled in a questionnaire. We had 100% positive feedback to the four statements:

- I am pleased with the progress my child is making.
- I am informed about all aspects of the school. I know I am able to ask staff members for information
- The school provides a wide variety of experiences for my child.
- My child feels safe and happy at school.

Some parents also wrote some comments describing things they thought the school did well:

- Little Pears and breakfast club - provide a safe and fun environment at an affordable price
- The teachers are approachable and provide good education
- The school meets the needs of children with SEND and EAL
- Children are well supervised, kept safe and motivated to learn.
- Great school trips are provided
- Staff help children develop confidence

Some parents were also able to make suggestions about possible improvements, which were really helpful. We would like to make the following responses:

More dressing up days—we are happy to consider celebrating special events in lots of different ways. Unfortunately, not all families enjoy costume/ non-school uniform days and consequently we find attendance on these days is poor. For instance, last Friday (Children in Need day) attendance dropped to 89%. We would like to reiterate that dress up days are still school days and children miss learning if they do not attend.

School events such as Christmas Fayre and Nativities should be after school— We try to accommodate events at different times and provide advanced notice so, if possible, work can be rearranged. In the past, we have held some events after school or even at the weekends but they have been less well attended. In KS2 (Years 3—6) all concerts have an evening option as children are more able to cope with later evenings. We hope that over the course of your child's time at Hollymount, you will be able to attend at least some of the events.

More choice of places to by summer dresses We spent a long time looking into summer dresses and felt the quality of the one chosen was the best on offer. We know they are not cheap, but they are an optional part of the uniform and we also try to encourage parents to donate dresses which no longer fit so a second hand stock can be built up. The school is regularly in contact with different stockists to ensure we can provide the best quality and priced uniform items available. School make no profit on the uniform sold, and the cost of some items is subsidised.

Some children's bad language We ensure that all our pupils understand the correct way to speak to each other, however the words they use are not always easy to monitor. Children are surrounded by inappropriate language in the media and sometimes at home. For some children it is difficult to understand what is accepted at home, is not accepted in school. If a teacher hears a child swearing, a lunchtime detention is given.

Different hot meals We regularly review menu choices and generally most children enjoy their meals. We have decided to set up a project, run by school council in the Spring Term, to further discuss the options in food and will run some taster sessions. If you have any ideas about meals children would enjoy, please let us know. We are restricted in the amount of fat and sugar we can serve, but are happy to try new things.

If you didn't complete a questionnaire and would like to, there are some in the office area. At any time, if there is anything you would like to discuss, please talk to a member of staff.