

Dear Parents,

As Noddy Holder from Slade announced all those years ago;  
"It's Christmas!!!!!"

Well nearly, Advent starts this Sunday and unsurprisingly the school is making plans....

#### THE BUILDING WORKS UPDATE

I am delighted to report to parents that all the works in the Junior playground have been completed and that all the fencing was removed this week. This makes life at playtime so much easier for the children as there is more space for them to run about and play in.

Sadly, the whole project is still not completed and the works on the roof are ongoing. We are optimistic that everything will be finished on 14<sup>th</sup> December which means that 6H will be able to return to their classroom straight after the holidays. Fingers crossed!

#### RIGHTS RESPECTING SCHOOL (RRS) AWARD

It was lovely to see a good number of parents at the RRS presentation on Monday evening and your input was very welcome. I am especially grateful to Hilly Bryde, Charmian Love, Felix, Simone and Kaia for their impressive contributions.

As you know the school is committed to the Rights Respecting School agenda and we would like parents to follow this up at home.

If you have time please discuss with your children the following RRS Article, we would be grateful.

#### Article 23 (children with a disability)

**A child with a disability has the right to live a full and decent life with dignity and, as far as possible, independence and to play an active part in the community. Governments must do all they can to support disabled children and their families**

#### ABSENCES

As is usual this time of year, we have had an increased number of absences over the previous few weeks. Please can I remind parents that it is important that you let the office know each day that your child will be absent. A message should be left on the answer machine before 9am or an email to [office@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk](mailto:office@honeywell.wandsworth.sch.uk) Your child's absence will be considered unauthorised if we do not have a timely reason for their absence.

#### SCHOOL CHOIR

The school (Chamber) Choir gave a series of fantastic performances at the Northcote Road Christmas Event last week. The children sang their carols beautifully and with great energy under the expert guidance of Charlotte Coad. Many thanks to the numerous parents and friends who helped out on the night.

#### PTFA NEWS

For information about forthcoming events, please check the PTFA website at: [www.honeywellptfa.org.uk](http://www.honeywellptfa.org.uk)  
We hope to see you at the following events:

#### CHRISTMAS TREES

Orders for Christmas Trees are now closed. Trees are to be collected from the Infant Playground from 10am-1pm on Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> December.

#### CHRISTMAS BAZAAR - Friday 7th December 3.30-6pm

Preparations are well underway for the annual festive extravaganza –see how you can help!

The Toy Tombola, Handbags & Accessories, Books & DVDs and Cakes & Baked Goods stalls need your donations for the Christmas Bazaar on 7th December! Donation drop off dates/times and items needed:

**Toy Tombola:** Morning drop off outside school gates from Monday 26th November until Thursday 6th December. Items: New & Unused toys and games only (suitable for 4-11 year olds)

**Handbags & Accessories:** Morning drop off at school gates from Wednesday 28th November to Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> December and in the box by the Music Room marked "Handbags and Glad-rags" for afternoon donations. Items: Handbags/purses (adults & kids) Costume jewellery (bracelets, necklaces & rings) Scarves/hats Unopened bath/soap/body & hand lotions Unused scented candles

**Books & DVDs:** From Monday 26th November drop off items in the large plastic box marked "Book/DVD stall" located by the music room or leave in the marked box outside Willow class near the Infant Hall. Items:

New/unused condition books and DVDs for 3-11 year olds  
**Cakes & Baked Goods:** Morning drop off on the big day, Friday 7th December in the Music Room or straight to the stall in the Middle Hall in the afternoon. Items: Nut free cakes & baked goods

**Raffle:** Please buy as many raffle tickets as possible and send your named raffle slips along with the cash to the Office. Tickets cost £1 each and the prize draw will take

place at the Christmas Bazaar on Friday, 7<sup>th</sup> December at 5.00 p.m.

Thank you to the many companies who have kindly donated the (fantastic) prizes and to Hampton International for their amazing support for this event and throughout the year.

### Sweets Wanted

5R are still looking for donations of unwanted, wrapped sweets. Please send to Ms Williams in 5R.



### PROMISES AUCTION - Friday 22nd March 2019 - WE NEED PROMISES PLEASE!

All the tables have sold out already! We are now looking for lots of promises to make this event as exciting and profitable as possible - all funds raised will go towards the much-needed renovation of the Junior Playground and for Infant School STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Maths) equipment.

The Pledge form can be downloaded [here](#). Please complete this as soon as possible and email it to [honeywellpromisesauction@gmail.com](mailto:honeywellpromisesauction@gmail.com). The deadline for donations is 14th January 2019 and so we need lots of donations **NOW** please (before we all get completely swamped by Christmas!) We welcome all donations however big or small!

Finally, a sincere thank you for all those parents who organised or who attended the talk on Nits last week or the Yoga event this week. The schools are really so lucky to have such supportive parents.

### FLEX IN THE CITY

Thank you to Leyla and the Apple Class organisers of this high energy event. I hear everybody enjoyed the workout and raised lots of money for the PTFA as well.

### CHRISTMAS LUNCH

A big thank you to Julie and her team for making the Christmas lunch such a success. The food was delicious and the dining hall was full of Christmas spirit and great decorations – thanks to the PTFA for that.

Over 650 Christmas meals were served on Wednesday; an amazing effort!



### SCHOOL PRODUCTIONS

This is a note to gently remind parents/carers that unfortunately junior pupils are not able to attend the infant nativity productions scheduled for the coming week.

### LOST PROPERTY

All lost property will be placed in the Junior playground on Friday, 30<sup>th</sup> November from 3.15 – 4.00. Any unclaimed items will then be sent to the local charity shops.

In the event of rain, the lost property will be displayed in the Middle Hall.

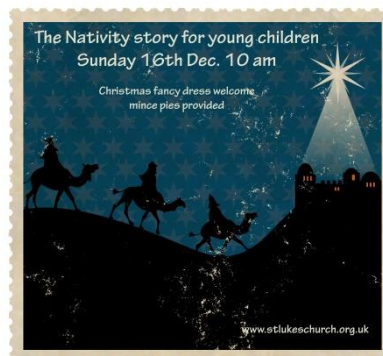
### ST LUKE'S CHURCH

Parents/carers might be interested to learn of the following events at St Luke's:

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December** sees the popular Christmas Market at the Church. The market runs from 11 am – 3pm and there will be face painting, biscuit decorating and musical sessions as well as lots of other stalls.

£1 entry for adults, 30p per child or a family ticket at £2.50  
On **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December** there will be a Craft Fair for children (7 years + or younger if with an adult). This is a chance for the children to make presents or decorations: there is even a chance to make pizza but this will need to be booked via the website.

Lastly, on **Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> December** the Church will be running a service which will include Christmas fancy dress and the Nativity Story.



For more information about these coming events, please visit:

[www.stlukeschurch.org.uk](http://www.stlukeschurch.org.uk)

### HOLLY & MISTLETOE

Holly and Mistletoe will be on sale on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> December from 3.00pm in the Infant Playground. All the money raised will be donated to the British Lung Foundation - Dan's Breath of Life Fund in memory of Dan Shaw, who attended the school and worked at Honeywell.

### RECEPTION AND NURSERY ADMISSIONS

Now is the time for parents to think about Nursery and Reception places for 2019. If you wish to apply for a **Nursery place** please complete the school application and return to the school office **by Friday 8th February**.

Applications for **Reception places for September 2019** should be made to Wandsworth by **Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019**.

## CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

The staff will be wearing Christmas jumpers on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December in aid of Save The Children. We would love the children to join in too if they have something festive to wear.

### SUCCESS STORIES

#### Cross Country

Well done to the boys and girls who represented Wandsworth in the London Youth Games Cross Country competition. All the children did really well with the boys finishing 2<sup>nd</sup> and the girls coming 3<sup>rd</sup> and Wandsworth coming 2<sup>nd</sup> overall.

Honeywell is very impressed by and proud of Ben, Daniel, Noah and Kaia,

#### Place2Be

A special mention goes to two exceptional ambassadors to Honeywell Junior School: Destiny and Renee were asked to represent the charity Place2Be at a fundraising event at Mansion House last week. They took on their role of meeting and greeting the guests with confidence and enthusiasm, sharing with them the exceptional work of Place2Be at Honeywell School. They also had the privilege to meet the Lord Mayor of the City of London. A fantastic opportunity - we are very proud of the girls!

#### The Y4 girls football team

A great afternoon of Year 4 girls' football that was kindly hosted (and refereed) by Dolphin School. It was brilliant to see such enthusiasm from our girls.

We played 3 games and won 2 of them. The effort and enthusiasm were superb and a big thanks to Lou and Mr Scott for braving the cold and wet conditions.

#### Netball

12 weeks of focus at netball training really showed on Wednesday as the players worked hard individually, but even more beautifully as a team.

Despite the unpleasant rain and wind (the kids didn't care about the conditions and parents didn't either) Honeywell came home with gold, which was a fantastic achievement. The statistics tell (part) of the story but we were unbeaten with 18 goals in six games, only conceding one goal. Truly, well deserved winners.

My sincere thanks to Sarah, Mr McMullan and our numerous supporters. Well done to all.

For a full report please visit:

<https://www.yourschoolgames.com/schools/honeywell-junior-school/>

#### Gymnastics

Well done to Zoe in 5R. Zoe and her team won gold medals and two trophies in the competition in Gran Canaria. This was her first international competition, so many congratulations.

### DATES FOR THE DIARY

Dec	Event/Activity
Wed 5	School Panto to children: Yrs 3&4, morning, Yrs 5&6, afternoon.
Fri 7	Christmas Bazaar 3.30-6.00pm
Sat 8	Christmas tree sale
Tue 11	Governors' meeting at 6.30pm
Wed 12	Mistletoe and Holly sale in the Infants playground 3.00pm
Thur 13	Yrs 3&4 Nativity production at St. Luke's Church 2pm & 6pm Mistletoe and Holly sale in the Infants playground 3.00pm
Fri 14	Clubs finish
Mon 17	Christmas parties for children
Thur 20	Yrs 5&6 Carol Concert at St. Luke's Church 2pm & 6pm
Fri 21	Finish for the Christmas holidays at 3.30pm
Jan	Event/Activity
Mon 7	Staff INSET Day
Tue 8	Children return to school

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