

The School Room
Teddington



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Christmas Newsletter

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WHAT A TERM!

As 2016 draws to an end and The School Room Teddington prepares to close its doors for the Christmas period, I would like to take the opportunity to say thank you for your support and commitment this term. The children have now well and truly settled in and are working hard to meet the high expectations set for them. The incentive of stickers plays no small part in motivating them and a little healthy competition in any game guarantees focus! As you know, many of the children have received prizes and I will be replenishing my stocks in the New Year in anticipation of many more being awarded.

I have been very impressed by the overall, positive learning attitude demonstrated by the children. What we are aiming for in The School Room Teddington is the development of your child in their confidence, independence, risk-taking, self-discipline and responsibility for their own learning. They should feel very proud of themselves with the progress that they have made in these areas. They inspire me as a teacher and make my job a delight. Well done all of you!

Now all that remains for me to do is to wish you all a relaxed and restful Christmas and a Happy New Year. I look forward to seeing you all again in 2017.



The School Room Teddington looking oh so festive!

SPACES STILL AVAILABLE

Yr 3 Maths: 1 place

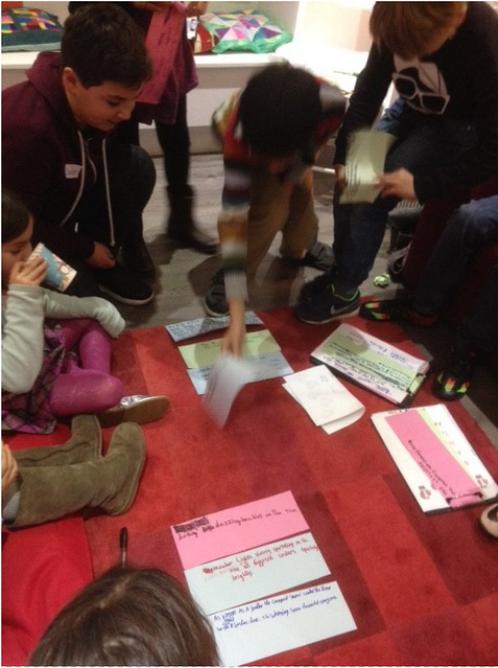
Yr 4 Maths: 2 places

Yr 4 English: 2 places

Yr 5 11+ : 2 places

Yr 6 Booster: Full

Please get in touch if interested and feel free to pass on my details to friends and family.



CHRISTMAS CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

In total, 16 children attended the Christmas Creative Writing Workshop across two Saturday afternoons. Both sessions were full of festive fun, and if the amount of excited chatter was anything to go by, the children clearly enjoyed creating their own Christmas themed poems and writing about the colours of Christmas. The afternoon was concluded with a short presentation of writing by the children to their parents. What a great start to the Christmas season at The School Room Teddington!

Decorative party hats,

Delicate, vibrant, paper crowns,

Precious.

Christmas –it's a special occasion.

James Hallett, aged 11

“Just to say Julia had a lovely time yesterday. She would love to sign up for the next writing workshop.”

MOCK EXAM

This is to remind all those attending. The mock exam will take place on **Saturday 17th December 2016, 2:30– 5:30 pm** at The School Room Teddington.

The plan for the afternoon (with breaks in between):

Maths: 60 mins

Comprehension: 45 mins

Writing: 45 mins

All papers will be supplied.

TERM DATES

Weekly lessons will end Thursday 15th December and resume **Monday 2nd January 2017.**

SUCCESS STORIES

Congratulations to Rohan who has recently secured a place at Hampton for next year, one of 25 out of 200 to achieve this! Well done Rohan!

Whether preparing your child for an exam or to securing gaps in learning, our aim at The School Room Teddington is to improve your child's confidence and to nurture their self-belief. It is central to everything we do here, so it always heart -warming to receive feedback about a child moving up a maths group or feeling empowered to answer a question in a school lesson because of something that was covered here. Little successes lead to further successes and eventually to independent, successful and happy learners, which is our common goal. I look forward to building on it in 2017.

11+ EXAMS

In January 2017, some of the children will be taking either 10+ or 11+ exams so we would like to wish them well as they make their final preparations. We are looking forward to seeing them at the mock exam which we are running here at The School Room Teddington on Saturday 17th December. I would like to offer them all one piece of advice, starting with the most important(!)

READ THE QUESTION, do your **best** and **trust** in your own ability.



Hard at work in the Christmassy School Room.

THE YEAR AHEAD

MATHS WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

Struggling to help your children with their maths homework? Come to The School Room Teddington to learn the methods they are taught at school– column addition, column subtraction, long multiplication, and long division.

We had a fantastic response to this pilot workshop and it is now fully booked!

For those booked on, here is a reminder of the details:

3 sessions, **Wednesday 11th, 18th, 25th January 2017.**

8-9:30pm at The School Room Teddington

Drinks, nibbles and all equipment supplied.

For those that missed out, don't worry. I plan to run further workshops in the near future!

TOP TIPS FOR 11+

PREPARATION

To help keep your children's minds fresh over the Christmas break here is a useful blog written by a mother who has been through the whole process with her son:

www.schoolguide.co.uk/blog/11-plus-success-last-minute-tips-for-your-childs-entrance-exam

RECOMMENDED WEBSITES

Why not encourage your child to try out this website? Not only can they play educational maths and English games, but art and science ones too!

www.games.e4education.co.uk

BEHIND THE SCENES

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce Emma Farmery, a young Cambridge graduate, who is working at The School Room Teddington behind the scenes. Her jobs are various. Whether ordering resources, laminating, putting up Christmas lights, carrying out administrative tasks or helping with all things pertinent to the smooth running of a classroom, she is very efficient— and always with a smile on her face!



WISHING YOU A VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS

I would like to end our very first newsletter by wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

The plan for further newsletters is to use mailchimp to distribute via email. In the near future you will hopefully receive an email asking you to subscribe to this newsletter list. I would encourage you to subscribe as it will keep you up to date with what is happening at The School Room Teddington and inform you of new initiatives that we have in the pipeline. These include an exciting new maths initiative for parents that I am piloting in January.

You will shortly be receiving invoices for the next half term, up to and including Saturday 11th February. Please look out for this as the deadline for payment will be Monday 2nd January 2017.

As ever please do not hesitate to get in touch with any questions.

Best wishes,
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PARKING

Thank you very much for helping me to keep my neighbours and family happy by refraining from parking over our driveways. If I can encourage you to continue this respectful practice, particularly avoiding parking across the alley way or the driveways of the houses on either side of it, it would be greatly appreciated. At No. 31, we have two young adults coming to and from work at various times of the day, and it can cause a bit of a log jam on the road if they are unable to park.

