



Henleaze Infant School

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Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all! This is a very exciting term and children are already excited by WOW days and new topics!

STAFF NEWS

As some of you may already be aware we are wishing Mrs Case lots of good wishes as she prepares to take maternity leave after half term. We have successfully appointed Mrs Rylands to the Special Educational Needs Co-ordinator (SENCO) role as her temporary replacement during this time. Mrs Rylands is experienced in this role. This however will see Mrs Rylands stepping out of her class teacher role but we are very fortunate to have secured Mrs Brand to work alongside of Mrs Thoburn and Class 1 during this time.

ILLNESS

As you will no doubt be aware this time of year usually sees a prevalence of not so pleasant bugs! It is therefore of paramount importance that we continue to use appropriate measures to minimise the risk of catching these contagious infections. The children will be reminded about the healthy hygiene messages of controlling infections using the 'catch it, bin it, kill it' message. I will also take this opportunity to remind you that children should not be in school unless fully fit and symptom free. This should be 48 hours after the final bout of sickness and diarrhoea and the most recent advice we received from health and safety was that this was also wise for bouts of flu like illnesses.

LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE BUS

Sadly, as you will have been made aware, the Life Bus had some technical difficulties and will now be visiting us later on in the year.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES

Not to tempt fate but in the unlikely event of the school being closed due to severe weather (or other emergency closures), please follow this

procedure:

- 1 Do not ring the school as this will jam the phone lines.
- 2 Bristol City Council website will show school closures – <https://bccmention.wordpress.com/>
- 3 Visit the school website after 8am – we will do our best to update this with the latest information as soon as possible.
- 4 Check your email regularly and mobile telephones – we will use our School Comms facility to give you the latest information on possible closure.
- 5 Do not leave your child at school unless the class teacher is present.

We will always endeavour to keep the school open. However, there are times when bad weather or other circumstances beyond our control makes this difficult and despite every effort to be resilient health and safety must always take precedence.

OPEN MORNING

The next open morning will be on Friday, 19th February at 9:15. This will be another opportunity to share your child's work and classroom with them in advance of parents meetings.

PARENTS' EVENINGS

These will be held on Tuesday, 23rd February and Wednesday, 24th February. Booking information will be available later in the term.

SPORTS RELIEF

Advance notice that Sports Relief falls on Friday, 18th March. Come dressed in sports clothes and we will take part in sports themed activities.

WORLD BOOK DAY (Thursday, 3rd March)

This year we will be dressing up as a favourite book character. We will also be holding our

usual 'Bedtime Story', where children will be invited back to school from 5:15 pm until 6:00pm to listen to a story with their classmates. There will be a signup sheet outside classrooms after half term, and we will be asking for a minimum donation of £1 to raise money for new books in school.

CAKE SALE

Ruby in Year 2 would like to have a cake sale to raise money for 'Smile with Siddy', which is a charity very close to her heart. She would like to ask the children in Year 2 to help her by making some cakes to sell on Wednesday, 17th February at 3.30pm. If you are able to make a contribution, please bring your delicious cakes to the classroom on the day. We hope that lots of you will support Ruby and come along to buy a cake!

YEAR 1 PLAY

The Year 1 play 'Fiends Reunited' will be held in the hall on Thursday, 17th March at 9.30am. Please note that a crèche will be available for younger siblings. Contact the office if you wish to book a place for your child.

CROSSING PATROL

Please note that the crossing patrol at the junction of The Drive and Park Grove will not be manned between Monday, 15th February and Monday, 29th February 2016.

Yours

Mandy Martin

Dates for your diary:

Wed 20 th Jan	Year 2 Wow Day
Fri 29 th Jan	FHIS disco 6-7.30pm
Mon 1 st Feb	FHIS meeting in dining hall 9am
Tue 2 nd Feb	Artist visit to Year 1
Fri 5 th Feb	End of term 3
Mon 15 th Feb	Start of term 4
Wed 17 th Feb	Year 2 Cake sale at 3.30pm in the Class 8/9 playground
Fri 19 th Feb	Open morning 9.15am FHIS Quiz and Curry Night
Tue 23 rd Feb	Parents' Evening
Wed 24 th Feb	Parents' Evening
Fri 26 th Feb	The Magic Beanstalk Puppet Show
Tue 1 st Mar	Creative drama workshop
Wed 2 nd Mar	Creative drama workshop
Thu 3 rd Mar	World Book Day and bed time story 5.15-6pm
Thu 17 th Mar	Year 1 Play 9.30am
Fri 18 th Mar	Sports Relief – wear sports clothes
Sun 20 th Mar	FHIS Easter Egg Hunt 2pm
Thu 24 th Mar	End of term 4
Mon 11 th Apr	Start of term 5
Sat 14 th May	May Fair

Noticeboard

STAG MEETING - Wednesday 27th January

The conservatory at the Eastfield Inn, 219 Henleaze Rd, BS9 4NQ
Come along to hear progress, make suggestions and help us to make it happen.

- Feedback on the 5 min walk zone.
- Updates about new cycle and scooter parking.
- The latest on safety measures on Park Grove.
- News from the Crocodile App which is now ready to test.
- What next? Ideas from you for what to focus on next.

GUITAR CLUB

Guitars @ Henleaze Infants Mondays after school contact
hazel@hazelwinter.co.uk

HARMONICA CLUB

Harmonica Club runs on Wednesdays. For more information email
moses.iones88@yahoo.com.

FRENCH CLUB

Bonjour, If your child would like join our French club on Mondays, please email admin@clubs4kids.com. We focus on the spoken language and our aim is to bring the language to life and boost your child's confidence through games, songs, craft and role-play. The club runs on Mondays 3.30 -4.15pm. Each session costs £6.

ALI'S GET DANCING

An exciting dance class for both infant and junior aged children held on a Tuesday after school 3.30- 4.30pm in the Infant Hall. All abilities welcome for both boys and girls. A variety of music and up to date dance genres used to choreograph dance pieces to perform in both informal/ formal settings. Children get to make up dances by themselves in both small group settings as well as learn a range of techniques and sequences of movements being taught to them for whole group dance pieces. Every year our groups perform at the annual Henleaze School May Fair and at the prestigious Colston Hall in the Spring at the popular 'Stages' Dance Festival. And then at the end of the summer term we put on our own low key show to our family and friends. If you'd like your child to join in September, please give Ali a call on 07795215319 or an email aligetdancing@gmail.com to find out more and to book them in. Ali Traquino BA (Hons) QTS Dance Specialist

SHINE SPORT CLUBS

Shine Sports clubs can be booked on the Shine website www.shinesportscoaching.com. The clubs run on the following days:
Wednesday – Football Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday – Gymnastics Year 2
Friday – Gymnastics Reception and Year 1
Friday- Tag Rugby Reception, Year 1 and Year 2
Visit our website www.shinesportscoaching.com for further info.

HENSA AND FHIS MAY FAIR MEETING

The first Mayfair Meeting of 2016 is taking place on Monday 25th January, 7.30pm at The Gloucester Old Spot, Kellaway Avenue.

The Mayfair Committee relies heavily on the help and support from parents, carers and staff to make the day a success and to help raise funds for the Infants, Juniors and Claremont Schools.

Please come along to the meeting to see how you can help to make this a successful and profitable event for the Henleaze Schools Campus.

Veterans from previous Mayfairs will know how enjoyable and rewarding helping before and on the day can be. Assistance can take the form of joining the Committee, organising a stall, helping to run a stall or giving general help on the day. New parents are particularly welcome and encouraged to join in. If you are unable to attend this meeting but would like to help please contact Karyn Tomkins on 07789 005195 or karyntomkins@gmail.com.

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