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Autumn Term No. 3

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Dear Parent/Carer,

With just two weeks left until the end of term we have such a lot happening and such a lot to share with you!

WALK TO SCHOOL WEEK

Wow, thank you for trying so hard walking to school! It really has been a terrific week and children have been very involved in supporting efforts to walk a little further than they may have usually done so. Thank you very much for helping by parking a little further away or trying out walking or scooting / biking as an alternative. In addition children have really enjoyed a talk by our community police on using crossings, safety and visibility during darker evenings as part of this.

PARENTS' EVENING

Thank you for your support at parents' evenings earlier this term. As always we have seen just about 100% attendance and this really is so valuable in ensuring the best possible support for all of the children. If you didn't make an appointment for any reason please let class teachers know who will help in finding a suitable time to discuss your child's progress.

BOOK SALE

Thanks to everyone who helped to man the book sale! If you were able to purchase a book thank you very much! This also contributed to the school buying books to the value of £444 through the commission made. These books have been distributed to classes.

CHRISTMAS CARDS FOR SALE AT TESCO EXPRESS HENLEAZE

Kindly, Tesco Express Henleaze is supporting us in raising money for the school. From Tuesday, 5th December you, friends and family as well as local customers will be able to purchase Christmas Cards designed by our very own children. Designs have been created per class and Tesco Express will have a stand with the cards to purchase in store. You will also still be able to purchase your children's wonderful cards from the School Office.

COATS

Can I remind you all that all children should have a warm coat and possibly hats and scarves in school. They will still be able to use the outdoor environment for learning as well as having playtimes and definitely need coats at this time of year.

CHARITY SUPPORT

We managed to raise over £200 for Children in Need. Thank you too for your support of the poppy appeal at school. We have also received thanks from the Salvation Army for your donations. At the end of this term we will be having our annual 'Christmas Jumper Day', Friday 16th December in aid of Save the Children and hope that you will be able to bring a donation for children wearing a Festive jumper or top to school. Please do not buy one especially! You may decorate your own or children can wear any top of your choice instead (but not fancy dress or super / action heroes).

STAFFING

We are very sad to be saying goodbye to two members of our teaching staff at the end of this term. Mrs Jo Ogborne and Mrs Jenni Rylands have both secured new teaching posts that begin in January. We wish them both much happiness as they embark on new challenges and wish them luck for the future. Mrs Sarah Stockford will be teaching with Mrs Sophie Riley in Class 7 and Mrs Georgie Case will be teaching with Miss Emma Ross in Class 4 from January.

CAR PARK

It has been raised with me that a number of parents are again using the car park before and after school. Please note this is not allowed!

FRIENDSHIP WEEK

Our children have enjoyed participating in 'Friendship Week'. This week is our way of supporting children in 'Anti Bullying Month'. Children have participated in class activities and circle times understanding how they can be a good friend as well as how we can support our friends and develop new friendships.

COMMUNITY CAROLS

Please join us for a wonderful evening of celebration together for Christmas on Monday, 12th December at 5.45 pm. This fabulous get together is an opportunity for us to sing together and be entertained in part by the children's choir. You will have copies of the words so there is no pressure to know the songs in advance. We would just like to welcome you for a community sing along for Christmas! We hope to have mulled wine and ginger biscuits before we start for a donation to the

Children's Hospice.

RECEPTION CHRISTMAS PERFORMANCE

We are all very much looking forward to the Reception Play! For Reception parents only, this will be held on Wednesday 7th December at 9:30 am. Children are excited to entertain parents with their first performance!

If you are a Reception parent attending this play we will be offering a limited crèche facility. Please let Mrs Stevens and Mrs Bateson know as soon as possible if you would like to take advantage of this opportunity. *With regret, we cannot allow younger siblings to attend the play.*

Photography / filming - I am sure all parents will understand the need to ensure all children's safety and will make sure that any images taken of children will only be used for personal use. If other children are included in images permission of parents must be sought. We do have vulnerable children in school and this is of great importance. I would also like to remind you that images should not be transferred via social internet sites or in any other way without the express permission of the child's parents.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Please join us for a Christmas Service at St Peter's Church on Friday, 16th December at 2:00 pm. Children will be attending the church with school staff and will return to school with them before going home. We will ask you to come and wait for children after the service on patios as usual. Children will be able to leave as soon as they have returned to school. Please come and join us for this very popular event! Please note on this occasion teas and coffees will *not* be available.

CHRISTMAS DINNER

Christmas dinner is available for all children on Wednesday, 14th December. Please remember that there will be a hot lunch service only on this occasion. If your child will be bringing in a packed lunch, please could you let the office know by Friday 9th December. The children eat together in class groups in the dining rooms, so those that do have packed lunches will still be sat with their friends.

CHRISTMAS POST BOX

Each year we have a post box available in school for any Christmas Post! If your child would like to send a card to other children in the school they can be posted in the post box which will be available from Monday, 5th December. Please ensure that all cards have the correct 'names and addresses' to help our post people (Year 2!). If possible add Christian name with surname where known, class number and year group as we do find that occasionally more than one child has the same first name and can be in the same class! Please note *children do not have to bring cards to school* as it is

understood that some families choose not to do this or make charitable donations instead.

STORYBOX THEATRE

The whole school are looking forward to a superb performance of 'Jack and the Beanstalk' delivered by Rod Burnett of the Storybox Theatre on Monday, 5th December. The show is always fantastic and we thank FHS for donating the cost of this show for the children. This performance really enables children to experience live theatre with ample audience participation, professional delivery and superb puppetry and storytelling.

FREE SCHOOL MEALS / PUPIL PREMIUM

Not to be confused with Universal Free School Meals!

Please do make sure that you make an application for free school meals if you think that you may be entitled to them. Although all infant children are now able to have a meal provided by the school, for some families on particular benefits or with a low income there is still benefit from applying for free school meals. Those children whose families are entitled also enable the school to access funding called Pupil Premium. This fund enables the school to provide opportunities for children that may enhance their learning or access to support. It is also important that we are aware if your child is adopted or comes from a Forces family as this also enables access to this fund. If you have already applied, or informed us of your circumstances there is no need to repeat this. Please do be reassured however, that you may speak to your child's class teacher or a member of the school office about this in confidence and they will be able to offer you support on how to apply.

In order to ascertain if you are eligible, visit www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals. Put in your postcode/select 'start now'/then select 'apply on line on the e free school meals service'. Alternatively, drop into the school office where we will be pleased to help you.

SCHOOL UNIFORM / LOST PROPERTY

Please name ALL your child's clothing!! Lost property is collected in containers outside the dining room. This is disposed of every few weeks, as we seem to accumulate vast quantities. Please can you check the lost property by Friday 9th December as any remaining uniform will be donated to FHS. Thank you.

Yours,

Mandy Martin

Dates for your diary:

Wed 7 th Dec	Reception Nativity 9.30am
Fri 9 th Dec	Yr 2 attending Christmas production at Trinity Reform Church
Mon 12 th Dec	Family Carols
Wed 14 th Dec	School Christmas lunch
Thu 15 th Dec	Class Christmas parties
Fri 16 th Dec	Christmas Church Service at St Peter's Church End of term 2
Tue 3 rd Jan	Inset Day
Wed 4 th Jan	Start of Term 3
Wed 18 th Jan	Next FHIS Meeting 7.30pm

AQUA ZONE

Thurs and Fri from 5.00 and Sat am. Ages 4-17 and adult classes. All abilities from beginner to squad swimming and fins, diving, water polo. Contact:judy@atkinson.uk.com Tel: 0117 962 7972

JUNIOR COACHING AT HENBURY GOLF CLUB

Saturday Afternoon's - 1pm - 2pm. All children welcome. £5/ session. To book, contact Tom 07853074228 henburyjuniors@gmail.com.

MR GOTALOT'S GOTALOT SHOP PRODUCTION – THE CHEESE BURGLAR

15 & 22 JAN 17 KEVIN PLAYERS STUDIO, GLOUCESTER RD
£7 PER TICKET OR £25 PER FAMILY



SCHOOLS OUT HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME

Information:- www.schoolsouthenleaze.co.uk

Bookings:- www.libacura.co.uk/fd/soh

Email:- soholidayclub@hotmail.co.uk

Activities available throughout the day include: - various board games for different ages, card games, colouring table, quiet area, ball games, indoor play equipment, den building, snooker and Wii.

SHINE SPORTS

Visit www.shinesportscouching.com for information on all clubs and holiday play scheme..

ALI'S GET DANCING

Every Tuesday in the Infant School hall from 3.30-4.30pm for Infant aged children and 4.30-5.30pm for Junior aged children. PE kit or dance wear can be worn. No experience needed just enthusiasm for dance. Contact Ali on 07795215319.

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 at 3.30 -4.15pm and costs £6 per session.

CHRISTMAS TREE SALE IN AID OF 62ND BRISTOL SCOUT GROUP

Saturday 3rd and Saturday 10th December 2016

9am - 4:30pm Outside Horfield Parish Church on Wellington Hill. A range of sizes and stands.

HORIZON SERVICE ST PETERS

Family friendly church service "Horizon" 4.00 pm every Sunday at St Peter's Church, BS9 4LD. We gather to learn about God together, sing songs, play games and create crafts, followed by tea. Everyone welcome.

FREE KIDS CHRISTMAS PARTY @ KINGS TENNIS CLUB!!

SATURDAY DEC 3RD 2016 11.30AM - 2PM

TENNIS GAMES, PRIZE HITTING, MUSIC, FUN, CUPCAKE SALE

FREE FOOD FOR KIDS, HOT FOOD ON SALE!!

Contact Elly with questions! ellytennis.Kings@hotmail.com

XMAS HOLIDAY COURSES @ KINGS!!

DEC 20TH, 21ST, 27TH, 28TH, 29 9AM - 1PM

PLEASE BOOK ONLINE Contact Elly for more details;

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