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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back and a very happy New Year to you all! This is a very exciting term and children are already excited about their learning, having been inspired by WOW days and new topics!

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 complaints. In addition, please do let us know if your child has been diagnosed with an illness other than those above as we are then in a position to inform families when contagious infections may be present in the school.

LIFE EDUCATION CENTRE BUS

We have enjoyed a wonderful time with the Life Bus and would like to say thank you to FHIS for supporting us in offering this addition to the school's curriculum.

CAR PARK

I need to remind all parents, and particularly those who collect children from school after 3.30pm, that the car park is not a safe place to allow children to walk across or stand in. Staff have reported occasions where they have been extremely concerned for your children's safety as they have been encouraged to use the car park gates as an exit, often with a parent supervising. In addition, children have been seen walking behind cars unaware they are about to move. If you are

entering or leaving the school site at any time of the day please use the pedestrian routes. If you are collecting children from the hall please stand on the hall side of the zebra crossing or use the seating area at the front of the school.

EMERGENCY CLOSURES

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 communication 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 make 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 Wednesday, 1st March at 9:15. This will be another opportunity to share your child's work and classroom with them in advance of parents' meetings.

SAFE DRIVING

Please remember that we have a responsibility collectively to ensure that all children are safe on their way to and from school. This can be

greatly helped by vehicle drivers not performing three point turns in the narrow roads around the school, particularly on Park Grove and Henleaze Park.

PARENTS EVENINGS

These will be held on Wednesday, 8th and Thursday, 9th March. Booking information will be available later in the term.

WORLD BOOK DAY (Thursday, 2nd March)

We hope that children will enjoy dressing up as a favourite book character (please, no super-heroes). The children will be taking part in a sponsored 'quiet read' and we will also be holding our ever popular 'Bedtime Story' on the same day from 5:30 pm until 6:00 pm. This is an opportunity for children to come back to school ready for bed to listen to a bedtime story with classmates. More information on both activities to follow!

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, there is still benefit from applying for free school meal status as the school may be able to access funding called Pupil Premium.

Your child may be eligible to receive Pupil Premium if you receive any of the following benefits,

- Income Support
- Income-based Jobseeker's Allowance
- Income-related Employment and Support Allowance
- Support under Part 6 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999
- The guaranteed element of State Pension Credit
- Child Tax Credit (as long as you're not also entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual gross income of no more than £16,190)

- Working Tax Credit run-on (paid for four weeks after you stop qualifying for Working Tax Credit)
- Universal Credit

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.

Yours,

Mandy Martin

Dates for your diary:

Wed 18 th Jan	FHIS Meeting 7.30pm (Eastfield Inn)
Friday 20 th Jan	Year 2 trip to @Bristol
Friday 3 rd Feb	FHIS Winter Disco (6-7.30pm)
Friday 10 th Feb	End of Term 3
Monday 20 th Feb	Start of Term 4
Wednesday 1st March	Open Morning – 9.15am
Thursday 2 nd March	World Book Day & Bedtime Story
Friday 3 rd March	FHIS Quiz and Curry Night
Wednesday 8 th March	
Thursday 9 th March	Parents Evenings
Thursday 9 th March	Governor Day



SCHOOLS OUT HOLIDAY PLAY SCHEME

Information:- www.schoolsouthernleaze.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.shinesportscoaching.com for information on all clubs and holiday play schemes.

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. 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.

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,

SWIMMING LESSONS AT BADMINTON SCHOOL WITH ATKINSON'S

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 – 1.30pm – 2.30pm. All children welcome, no equipment needed. £5/ session. To book, contact Tom 07853074228 henburyjuniors@gmail.com.

MESSAGE FROM MAYFAIR COMMITTEE

The May Fair (Saturday, 13th May) is a joint event between the infant and junior schools and is organised by a committee consisting of parents from both schools.

We would love as many parents to be involved as possible. There are about 5 meetings to attend plus the day of the fair and so it's not a huge

commitment. The event raises a huge amount of money for both schools and is great fun.

If you are able to give up some time to become involved please come along to the first meeting [on Monday 23 January at 8pm](#) at the Gloucester Old Spot. If you cannot come to the meeting but would like to be involved please email Kary Withers (kandj.withers@blueyonder.co.uk).

FHIS RAFFLE PRIZE REQUEST

Might you have any lovely but unwanted gifts that you could donate as prizes to our Spring Raffle? Or perhaps you could offer a local service, or donate something from your employer/business such as vouchers, a meal or an experience? If so please contact Jo Boichot via fhis@gmail.com asap. Tickets will go on sale next month and can be bought anytime in the lead up to the FHIS QUIZ, whether or not you plan to attend.

MELODY MAKERS POP CHOIR

Join a fun NEW choir for men and women at The Eastfield Inn. Starts Wed [11th Jan 2017](#) 7:30-9:00pm. Singing popular music, mash ups and medleys. No experience needed and no auditions. Get in touch to book your FREE taster session. www.melodymakerschoir.wordpress.com

MINDFUL EATING WORKSHOPS

One of our parents is running Mindful Eating workshops in the local area to help women improve their relationship with food and eating. She wants to help women find food freedom and ditch the diet! There are free 'Taster' workshops available, if interested please contact Lisa Beasley via lisa@mybodypositive.com or call 0775 3686426

GYMBOREE BRISTOL

Award winning classes for newborn to 5 year olds. Book a free trial now by contacting Cath on 0117 329 0670 or bristol@gymboree-uk.com

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