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Dear Parents and Carers

It was good to see so many families at our parents' evenings this week. I hope that you enjoyed hearing about the progress your children having been making and made the most of the opportunity to ask questions at a more leisurely pace than at the classroom door. As always, we really appreciate the opportunity to share information about your children, and trust that you feel able to approach us at all times through the school year.

We hope that you find aspects of the e-safety parent information leaflet we sent home today useful. This leaflet was produced by Parentzone and shared at a recent Bristol e-safety conference. It is aimed at parents of a wide age-range of children, so we are aware that some content may not be relevant for your family at this point.

As a school we take online safety very seriously. We have noticed that smart watches (Fitbits and similar) are becoming more commonly worn by the children in school. This firstly raises issues about losing precious items in school (which we leave to your discretion, but can't control), but more importantly, opens up issues around online access we are not in control of. We ask that any worn in school must only be watches or fitness trackers and not have any internet connectivity.

We have also had reports about parent social media usage this week. Alongside safeguarding the children, we want to ensure our whole school community uses social

media positively. It can be a source for great communication, such as for fundraising, raising awareness of school events and sharing positive messages. In equal measure there is a risk that it can be used negatively. We ask that you work with us to maintain positive communication, particularly when it involves our school community. We hope that you feel that there are enough means of communication for you to share individual concerns, as well as forums for group enquires.

On the theme of safety, we have been informed that Claremont have increased numbers of mini-buses arriving, which particularly affects us in the morning as we have the same school start times. They have been advised to operate a traffic directing system that is likely to lead to queues of mini-buses along Henleaze Park. Please be mindful of this when using the side entrance.



We have been made aware of an issue with parents using our staff car park at the end of the day, or to collect from after school club. This car park is not for dropping off or collecting as this presents a danger to the children. The car park is restricted to staff and deliveries in order to reduce the number of occasions where the gate is open.

We are pleased to see that families are making the most of the warmer weather and not rushing to leave to escape the rain. We support the use of the campus grounds after school, but wish to remind you that the children must be supervised and that families respect the rules of the school. We ask that children do not climb trees as this is not something we can allow in school. We are then finding that younger children are unable to distinguish between expectations during the school day and after school and appreciate your cooperation in this. My advice is to head to Leigh Woods and enjoy climbing at leisure!

Have a lovely weekend.

Gemma Fricker
Interim Headteacher

YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK:

Reception

Reception children have been busy choosing animals to research and write facts about. This week they have been learning more about which animals have stolen fruit from Handa's basket!

Year 1

Year 1 have visited our pond to help them discover about mapping. They have learned about using keys as well as how to map from a bird's eye view.

Year 2

Year 2 have been finding out about micro-habitats as part of their science topic on Living things. They have been exploring the school grounds and collecting and recording data on what they have observed.



SOME REMINDERS FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tuesday 26 March – SATS Meeting for Year 2 parents, 3pm in the Hall.

Wednesday 3 April – Year 1 play 'Our World' at 9.30am

Friday 5 April – Year 1 Egg Rolling Competition, Year 2 Easter Bonnet Parade, End of Term 4. Non-uniform day (suggested donation of 50p to FHIS)

Please see the online calendar here:

http://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page_id=55

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

FHIS Easter Egg Hunt – Sat 30th March, 2pm-3:30pm, £2.50 per child (& every child wins a prize with completed hunt-form)

Please support us by coming, making/baking/donating cakes for the tea and coffee stall. And of course, please sign up for a short volunteering slot at www.signupgenius.com/go/409084eaaad2ca1f85-easter



May Fair will be taking place on **Saturday 11th May 2019 between 2-5pm**. SAVE THE DATE!

School's Out Henleaze Easter Holiday Club – open for bookings

The scheme is running from 8th to 18th April at Henleaze Junior School

For more info and to book visit

www.schoolsouthenleaze.co.uk or contact Jenny, Manager, on 07847 479 626.