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Dear Parents and Carers

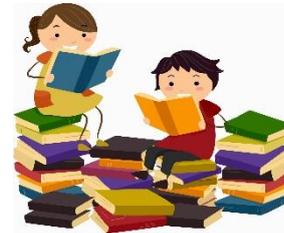
Welcome back to the first of our two Summer terms. I hope that you all had an enjoyable Easter break and are full of the same energy and enthusiasm that your children have returned to school with. The children have been busy finding out about their new topics (snap shots below) which are outlined on the website for your information.

As you will have spotted, the adults' week started with a post-Spring clear out. We spent the morning engaged in training to support us in further developing teaching and learning for our more vulnerable learners. As part of this we spent time reflecting on the importance of the classroom and school environment. We made a decision to pare back displays and resources to ensure those that are the most impactful are at the forefront (as well as having the dual purpose of a good tidy up!).

Due to the short week, we didn't have our usual celebration assembly this morning. Instead I introduced this term's Jigsaw theme: Relationships. We thought about which elements make a good friendship so that we can have positive relationships and as the children all agreed-lots of fun!



We didn't manage to get through the assembly without some things to celebrate as there were a number of children who had achieved a Band of Colour. We were particularly excited that some Reception classes received their first awards and teachers have asked me to remind Reception parents that bands are linked to the number of reading sessions children engage with at home, so to make sure they are noted in the reading records.



A final reminder is that the closing date for entries to our NW24 community art completion is next Friday (sorry, this is earlier than we advised previously). I will display contributions in the entrance hall before sending overall winners in each category to Elmlea Infants for the final judging.

Have a good weekend

Best wishes
Gemma Fricker
Headteacher

YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK:

Reception

Reception were pleased to be back in school to catch up with their friends. They have

enjoyed sharing news of their holidays, practising speaking and listening to a larger group.

Year 1

To start their topic, Year 1 have been thinking about growing things. They have designed plant pots and seed packets as well as getting on with some planting of seeds. The seedlings will be donated to Claremont for their plant stall at the May Fair so you will have the opportunity to buy them back and watch them flourish at home.

Year 2

Year 2 have also been getting back to nature and have been on a nature walk to spot living things in our environment. Luckily the recent warm weather brought out lots of new plants and small animals for them.

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Well done Classes 7 and 9! 100% attendance this week.



DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wednesday 15 May – Year 1 trip to SS Great Britain.

Friday 17 May – Head's Tea at 2.30pm in the Hall

Friday 24 May – End of Term 5, non- uniform day (no fancy dress costumes please) with a suggested donation of 50p for FHIS.

Monday 3 June - INSET day

Monday 24 June – Shuffle Up day for Year 2 (further details to follow)

Wednesday 26 June – Sports Day (further details to follow)

Wednesday 3 July – Open Evening 5pm to 6.30pm in the Infants, 5.30pm to 7pm in the Juniors.

Please see the online calendar here:

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

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

FHIS MEETING – 7.30pm on Thursday 2 May at the Eastfield Inn. Everyone welcome – please come along, have a drink and contribute some ideas!

TEXTILE RECYCLING - FHIS are holding a textiles recycling collection event [on Friday 3 May](#) at drop off [between 8.30am and 9.00am](#).

Please gather unwanted clothes, (adults, baby or children), handbags, belts and paired shoes and bag them up and bring them in on collection day. Winter clothes are even better as we are paid by weight rather than by item!

On the morning of collection day, a BTR van will be parked in the infants school car park. Please bring your items to this area [between 8.30am and 9.00am](#), where they will be received by parent volunteers, weighed by BTR and loaded straight onto the van.

We will be holding a competition and the class that brings in the most bags will receive a prize.

If you bring your items in by car, you will need to park safely in the roads near the school as normal, as the car park will not be available to parents. **The car park will be being used by staff at this time, so please keep a careful eye on your children.**

****REMINDER:** Please don't bring any good quality children's clothes to the collection day, but instead put these by for the clothing stall at the School May Fair**

We are very excited about French club this term. The children are making fabulous progress and it's wonderful to see their confidence grow as they learn to speak the language. If your child would like to try French club this term, please contact Anna-Kate on admin@clubs4kids.com or 07375306881. A bientôt

A full list of after school clubs can be found here http://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page_id=121



MAY FAIR UPDATE

Henleaze Schools May Fair 2019

Volunteers: We are now seeking parent and carer volunteers to run the stalls for this year's May Fair.

Your class rep will have sent a message this week with details of the stall that has been allocated to your class. You can also find these details by selecting the sign up link and scrolling down to your class: <https://signup.com/group/1145676712076>. The event can only be a success with your kind support, please do sign up for a slot, or two, if you can. For parents of dancing children, please note that May Pole dancing is at 2.15pm and Ali's Get Dancing is at 2.45pm.

Donations: For those who have been having a sort out over Easter and gathering up items to donate for the fair, these can be brought into school **from Monday, 29th April**, as follows:

- > Filled and decorated jars, to the trolley outside your child's classroom
- > Toys, soft toys, childrens clothes and bottles to the Infant School hall
- > Tombola and White Elephant items, and books to the Junior School hall

Match Funding: it's not too late to let us know if your employer runs a matched giving

scheme. These schemes can make a huge difference to the total funds raised.

Best wishes,

The May Fair Committee

BRISTOL CITY SINGERS COMMUNITY CHOIR

Starting Thursday 2 May, St Stephen's Church, Bristol, BS1 1EQ 7 - 8.30pm

No auditions, no experience necessary, always welcoming new singers!

The Bristol City Singers is a new community choir that welcomes singers of all abilities. We are open to absolutely anyone, regardless of ability or experience, and offer a light-hearted, friendly, and relaxed atmosphere to enjoy singing. There is no sign up fee, no subscription fee and no subs to pay up-front for a whole term - you simply pay when you attend - just £5 a week. Pay as you go! You don't have to be able to sing to any particular level and you don't need to be able to read music.

****FIRST REHEARSAL THURSDAY 2nd MAY****

Please send us an email to let us know that you intend to come along to the first rehearsal.

www.bristolcitysingers.com/
bristolcitysingers@outlook.com

PARENTING COURSES

Please see here for details

<http://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2019/04/Parenting-menu-term-5.pdf>

Remember – please park considerately if you are driving to school. Do not obstruct our neighbour's driveways. Thank you.