



Dear Parents and Carers,

This week, as well as popping in and out of lessons and playtimes, I have enjoyed finding out about why the children think they come to school. I was really encouraged to hear that they start by saying 'to learn' describing some of the lessons they enjoy, but then go on to talk about sharing and play alongside this. I was also heartened that children speak positively about challenge; something we are working really hard to show as exciting and part of learning, rather than something to fear. To introduce our Reception children to the learning skill of 'stickability' (resilience) in the face of challenge, we were lucky enough to meet a real-live tortoise this week. It was a treat to meet 100 year old Bill!

My questions to children were on this occasion for more than just my interest. As a school we are closely reflecting on why we teach what we teach in our curriculum and why we choose to teach in the ways we do. We have always had your children at the centre of those discussions in the past, but feel it is important to step back to analyse this in a focused way at this point. We are using these reflections to develop a curriculum intent statement to guide future planning. As partners in your children's learning, we want you to also have an opportunity to tell us what you want for your children from their time at Henleaze Infant School. I will be asking interested parents at my Head's Tea next Friday afternoon, but will also send out a questionnaire to all families to enable a wider view.

Have a lovely weekend.

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YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Reception: have enjoyed a rainy 'welly walk' this week. Along with enjoying the rain and puddles, they found lots of leaves and conkers and were excited to spot toadstools!

Year 1: have built on their senses work in creating imaginative written descriptions of a planet that Beegu might live on. They have also been responding to music through art.

Year 2: have been writing persuasive letters to the Ministry of Defence to plead for the pardoning of the dragon who is on the loose. They are really hoping that it won't be banished to Antarctica as a result of their letters!

Pupil Premium - If you are on a low income or entitled to benefits the school may be able to access funding called Pupil Premium. This fund enables us to provide opportunities for children to enhance their learning. 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 the fund. Any enquiries are treated in confidence, so please come to the office to collect a permission form enabling the school to ascertain if you are eligible.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Wed 16th Oct	Parent Helper Meeting 3pm
Fri 18th Oct	Head's tea 3pm
Sun 20th Oct	FHIS Treasure Hunt 2-4pm
Fri 25th Oct	Last day of term
	Dress down day (donations to FHIS)
Mon 4th Nov	Inset Day
Tue 5th Nov	Start of term 2
Fri 8th Nov	Open Morning 9.10-10.10am
	FHIS Fireworks
Mon 11th Nov	Yr 2 Coffee Morning 9-10am
	for parents whose children are going to HJS in dining hall

12th & 14th Nov Parents' Evening

Wed 13th Nov Yr 2 to Caldicot Castle

Wed 27th Nov Flu vaccine in school
Return forms by 31st October

Wed 11th Dec Reception Nativity Play
9.15am

Wed 18th Dec Pupil Christmas lunch
St Peter's Church Service 2pm

Thu 19th Dec Christmas party/panto

Fri 20th Dec End of term 2

Mon 6th Jan Inset Day

Tue 7th Jan Start of term 3

Fri 7th Feb FHIS Winter Disco

3rd & 5th Mar Parents' Evening

Sat 28th Mar FHIS Easter Egg Hunt

Fri 3rd Apr Year 1 Play 9.15am

Fri 24th Apr Class photos

Sat 16th May May Fair

Mon 22nd Jun Yr 2 Shuffle Up Day to HJS

Wed 24th Jun Sports Day

Tue 30th Jun Open Evening

Thu 16th Jul Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

Please see the online calendar here:

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

FHIS Fireworks

Tickets on sale in the playground at the end of day today, on 18th and 25th October, £5 for adults and £3 for children (pre-schoolers free).

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

School's Out Half Term Holiday Club 28th Oct-4th Nov at Henleaze Infant School is based around autumn and some Halloween fun. For the full programme of activities visit www.schoolsouthenleaze.co.uk. The club costs £25 for a full day (8.15am – 5.30pm) or £17.50 for a half-day. You can sign up to just one day, multiple days or the full week. Cinema trip costs an additional £4. To book visit www.libacura.co.uk/register/soh or contact on Jenny on 07847 479 626, for details.

School's Out Henleaze also runs an on-site After School Club offering crafts, games, sports and outdoor play as well as a quiet area for resting, reading and homework. We are almost full apart from Friday, and so we are operating a waiting list for days. Contact Roberta Johnson, Administrator on 07847 588 203 or email admin@schoolsouthenleaze.co.uk for details.

Ali's Get Dancing After School Dance Club. All primary ages. We meet every Tuesday 3.30-4.30pm in the Infant Hall. For more information call Ali on 07795 215319 or email aligetdancing@gmail.com

French Club - If your child would like to try French Club this term, please contact Anna-Kate on admin@clubs4kids.com or 07375306881. A bientôt x

Children's Hospice South West annual Santa's on the Run event at Bristol Harbourside 11am on Sunday December 8th. This fun family event helps the hospice raise funds and provide vital support for children with life limiting conditions and their families at Charlton Farm in Bristol. To sign up online and for full event information, visit: <https://www.chsw.org.uk/event/santas-run-bristol-2019>. Don't miss our early bird prices – save 25% if you book before 14th October. There will be refreshments, entertainment, live music and a whole lot of festive fun! You can run, jog or walk the 2K course around the Harbourside, which begins at 1pm, before finishing back at the event village for mince pies.