



**Dear Parents and Carers,**

As we near the end of a long term I am pleased to report that despite some horrible germs being about, learning and play at Henleaze Infant School has been as good as ever. Having had the pleasure of being in each class for a maths lesson this week, I was particularly impressed with the confident way children use mathematical language throughout the school and the way children got 'stuck in' to their learning with enthusiasm. There were high expectations, which the children rose to without exception. You will soon be able to hear of this and other learning during Parents' Evenings next month. For a sneak preview, there are displays around the school. The newest of which is in the entrance hall where Year 2 are showcasing some of their writing.

Some families have been enquiring about the cover of classes by different school staff or supply teachers this week. We want to assure you that the benefits to the children and quality and continuity are our priority when we plan this. A different adult being in class could be for a variety of reasons, however the weekly planned time for teachers out of class is a constant. Each teacher is entitled to half a day (pro-rata) non-contact time for preparation, planning and assessment. Senior staff will also have additional time to work on whole school development actions. These sessions are covered by regular school staff and will be on a set day for most cases.

In addition to this, there are also times when teachers or support staff attend professional development sessions. As this is planned in advance, cover is booked with continuity for the children as a priority. Supply teachers are used at times, booked through an agency of which we have a partnership to ensure quality. We use notice boards to inform families of the teachers and support staff in class where a

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teacher is absent. On occasions, as has been the case in the past two weeks, staff sickness has meant that we cannot forward plan or inform you in advance as I am sure you will appreciate. Staff sickness and the impact on the children as well as school budgets is one of the many reasons we ask for families to adhere to the 48 hour rule for the D and V virus'.

On the topic of staffing we will be saying goodbye to Mrs French from Class 3 at the end of term. Mrs French leaves us to start an exciting role as a Montessori teacher. We will miss her and wish her lots of luck.

I hope you all enjoy the FHS Halloween Treasure Hunt on Sunday 2-4pm.

Best wishes

**Gemma Fricker, Headteacher**

**YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK**

**Reception:** have been thinking about all things "ck". They have been introduced to Curious Cat and how asking questions is a great way to learn as well as sharing stories about cats and kittens.

**Year 1:** have been immersed in the story 'Lost and Found'. They have been comparing the theme to the story Beegu and thinking about how to help someone if they are lost. In science, children have been spotting signs of autumn, using senses to observe changes in weather and nature.

**Year 2:** Have enjoyed testing boats during their science investigation of floating and sinking (as I write this, they may need to find ways to float home if the rain continues!). They have been continuing their creative flow and have designed dragon islands as settings for their dragon stories.

## HELPERS REQUIRED

### LIBRARY

In advance of new flooring being installed in the corridor leading down to Reception and Year 1, the library will need to be moved. Please can any parents able to assist with packing up the books next week during school hours please email the office. Donations of boxes to put the books in would also be appreciated. Please drop these off to the office.

### VOLUNTEERS TO HELP WITH THE BOOK FAIR

Travelling Books will be in school from 11<sup>th</sup>-14<sup>th</sup> November. Books will be available for sale in the morning (8.45-9.15am) and in the afternoon from 3.20-3.55pm). A percentage of funds raised enable the school to purchase much needed books for the classrooms.

Please can you email the office if you are able to help man the fair stating the day and time slot you are available.

**The 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 at ascertain if you are eligible.

### DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

**Sun 20<sup>th</sup> Oct** FHIS Treasure Hunt 2-4pm  
**Fri 25<sup>th</sup> Oct** Last day of term  
**Dress down day (donations to FHIS for the library)**  
**Mon 4<sup>th</sup> Nov** Inset Day  
**Tue 5<sup>th</sup> Nov** Start of term 2  
**Fri 8<sup>th</sup> Nov** Open Morning 9.10-10.10am  
**FHIS Fireworks**  
**Mon 11<sup>th</sup> Nov** Yr 2 Coffee Morning 9-10am  
for parents whose children are going to HJS in dining hall  
**12<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Nov** Parents' Evening

**Wed 13<sup>th</sup> Nov** Yr 2 to Caldicot Castle

**Wed 27<sup>th</sup> Nov** Flu vaccine in school

**Return forms by 31<sup>st</sup> October**

**Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Dec** Reception Nativity Play  
9.15am

**Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Dec** Pupil Christmas lunch  
St Peter's Church Service 2pm

**Thu 19<sup>th</sup> Dec** Christmas party/panto

**Fri 20<sup>th</sup> Dec** End of term 2

**Mon 6<sup>th</sup> Jan** Inset Day

**Tue 7<sup>th</sup> Jan** Start of term 3

**Fri 7<sup>th</sup> Feb** FHIS Winter Disco

**3<sup>rd</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Mar** Parents' Evening

**Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Mar** FHIS Easter Egg Hunt

**Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> Apr** Year 1 Play 9.15am

**Fri 24<sup>th</sup> Apr** Class photos

**Sat 16<sup>th</sup> May** May Fair

**Mon 22<sup>nd</sup> Jun** Yr 2 Shuffle Up Day to HJS

**Wed 24<sup>th</sup> Jun** Sports Day

**Tue 30<sup>th</sup> Jun** Open Evening

**Thu 16<sup>th</sup> Jul** Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

Please see the online calendar here:

[http://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page\\_id=55](http://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page_id=55)

### FHIS Fireworks

Tickets on sale in the playground at the end of day today 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](http://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](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:aligetdancing@gmail.com)

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

### October 1/2 Term Holiday Courses at Kings Tennis Club BS7 8JG

For ages 4 - 15 and all abilities. We make sure that all children are happy in their groups so that they will feel confident to build their tennis skills.

The October half term courses will run Monday to Thursday from 9AM - 1PM. Our goal is to coach tennis in a fun environment!

We do not see ourselves as childcare providers - we are passionate about sharing our love for tennis!

The mornings cost is £15 a session and are booked online. If you book all 4 days it's just £50

We advise booking early to ensure a space, however you can also book on last minute!

Please take a look here and book online as soon as you can so you don't miss out - <https://bit.ly/2miP45R>

On Saturday October 26th it's Halloween Dress Up Saturday morning drop in tennis! 9.30 - 10.30 8 & under and 10.30 - 11.30 11 & Under and teens - everyone including the coaches dress up for tennis with Halloween sweets and prizes for best costumes!

### Scouts Bonfire Night

Come and join the 44<sup>th</sup> Bristol Scouts at their scout hut opposite Falldon Way medical centre for their annual (non-fireworks) bonfire night on Monday 4 November. Come and have a drink; eat a hot dog or (veggie) chilli and rice; watch the guys meet their doom on the fire; and see what our friendly Scout group get up to. All welcome. Suggested donation of £1.

### Shine Half Term Clubs now open for booking



**Remember – please park considerately if you are driving to school. Do not use the staff car park or obstruct our neighbour's driveways. Thank you.**