



Dear Parents and Carers,

We've had a lovely settled week despite the stormy weather and some staff being unwell. I have been really proud of the way children have managed the changes. You'll see from the blog and learning highlights below that the children have been getting stuck in to their new topics and have been impressing us with their ability to rise to a challenge.

I've spent a lot of time in classes this week and have observed children being able to find ways to use resources to independently support their learning and feeling really proud of their achievements. It was good to celebrate these achievements in assembly this morning. We will be having a larger-than-usual celebration assembly on the 24th of January as next week Year 1 take over the hall with a visit from the Explorer Dome for their WOW day.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend.

Best Wishes

Gemma Fricker

YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Reception: have been enjoying a multisensory experience linked to The Bear Hunt. They have been exploring materials and textures related to the story; helping them to act it out as well as creating a collage of their own. They have also drawn and labelled their own story maps, with unique ways to represent their understanding of the story, using positional language to describe the journey.

Year 1: have started learning about the properties of materials linked to their text Dinosaurs and all that Rubbish. They have

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written extended sentences and even explored the tricky idea of apostrophes! In maths they have been learning to use a number line to add three numbers, progressing to thinking about the most efficient order to add numbers. They continued to share books that are special to their families and found out about why the Qur'an is special to Muslims.

Year 2: have created some space-themed artwork inspired by the artist Peter Thorpe. They also started learning about the features of an island. Thinking about St Lucia gave us holiday envy! They continued with the story The Way Back Home, writing their own versions using the vocabulary from the text.

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 to ascertain if you are eligible.

Henleaze Infant School - Staff vacancies

A vacancy has arisen for a school meals supervisor and a breakfast club assistant. If you are interested in applying for either role, please go to the Eteach website. Feel free to speak to a member of the office team if you would like more information about these positions.

Safeguarding declarations for parent volunteers/Reading Rangers

If you are a regular volunteer in school you will be asked to sign a safeguarding declaration when you are next in school. In order to do so, you are required to have read and understood the following documents:

- **Keeping Children Safe in Education (September 2019)**
- **Safeguarding and Child Protection Policy (October 2019)**
- **Staff Code of Conduct**
- **Henleaze Infant School Acceptable Use of IT agreement**

These are at the bottom of the Policies page of the school website. We appreciate your assistance with this.

Amazon Wish list

Many thanks for your continued generosity with our Amazon Wish List. We are really grateful for your donations and the children love using them. Here are the current items requested by teachers in the 2019-20 folder:-

https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/JK1X4IKEMU9B/ref=cm_go_nav_hz

Please bring any items you order to the office and we will distribute them to the classes. Thank you!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

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| Fri 7th Feb | FHIS Winter Disco |
| 3rd & 5th Mar | Parents' Evening |
| Fri 6th Mar | FHIS Quiz and Curry night |
| Sat 28th Mar | FHIS Easter Egg Hunt |
| Wed 1st Apr | Year 1 Play 9.15am |
| Fri 3rd Apr | Henleaze Junior Inset Day |

Fri 24th Apr **Class photos**

Fri 8th May **Bank Holiday**
75th anniversary of VE Day

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

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

FHIS Winter Disco event Friday 7th February 6.15pm – 7:45pm

As part of this term's FHIS fundraising, we have organized a Winter Disco. Please save the date in your diaries - Friday February 7th.

As you all are aware being a busy event, we will be needing volunteers to help on the night. We will be grateful for any support in the quest to make the night a success, and ensure a fun and safe evening for our children.

If you are able to sign up, please use the link below:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60B0449AEA82EAAF85-winter1>

Bring your own bottle to get **UNLIMITED REFILLS** (children bar)!

Available at FHIS first UV Glow Winter Disco: UV Glow Cotton T-shirts @ £4, UV Glow Face Painting, Lucky Dips, Scratch Masks, Children Bar, Adult Bar (Hot Dogs served 6.30 – 7pm) and Colouring in Competition (bring your coloured in A5 flyer to win). School children £2.50 and pre-schoolers (2+) £1.50 payable on the door.

HENSA NEWS

The first meeting to plan our campus May Fair is taking place on **Monday 20th Jan**

at 8pm in the Junior School staff room. Please come along and find out how you can contribute to the biggest fundraiser of the year. If you are interested in joining the Committee but unable to make the meeting, please get in contact with Clare Savvas (claresavvas@hotmail.co.uk) or Eric Livingston (eric.livingston@yahoo.co.uk). We are keen to hear from anyone with big ideas....or small ideas....especially those with children in the infants, as the existing committee is predominately made up of Junior parents and carers whose children are reaching their final years at the school.

Ali's Get Dancing After School Dance Club. Ali's Get Dancing Club is looking for children of all primary ages to join this term! Tuesdays after school until 4.30pm. Working towards the annual 'Stages' show held in March. No experience in dance necessary only enthusiasm. All ranges of music and dance styles explored. For further info contact Ali on aligetdancing@gmail.com or phone 07795215319 to book your child a place.

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

The Hideaway Forest School Club

Did you know that The Hideaway forest school club deliver forest school to each child in their reception year at school and we also have two childcare offerings for you.

Option 1 is Forest school Club held on HIS school grounds every Thursday 3.30 - 5pm. Bookings for each session can be found here <https://www.hideawayforest.com/henleaze-after-school-forest-club>

Option 2 is Forest school club held at our own site off Eastfield terrace. We collect your child from school at 3.30pm and walk them to our site where you can collect at 5.45pm.

Our sessions involve a circle time, a healthy snack often cooked on the fire and free exploration of natural activities including mud painting, digging, music making, role play in leaf kitchen, den building, pond dipping, climbing,

swinging, bug hunting and much much more..... We are fortunate to spend most of each session outdoors in the fresh air but have the luxury of onsite toilet facilities, kitchen, shelter and lights. We have access to inside space to enjoy games, sports, craft and cold day activities. Bookings can be found here <https://www.hideawayforest.com/hideawayafterschoolclub>

At present we are able to offer adhoc childcare days if you are in need of occasional childcare.

Pilates at Golden Hill Sports Pavilion

Tuesdays 9.30am and 10.30am (term time)

Group classes for all abilities

Develop core strength - Increase flexibility - Improve posture - Rehab from injury

A mindful movement system that supports your overall wellbeing

Contact Nicola on T: 07500 962 821

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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.