



Henleaze Infant School
Park Grove, Bristol BS9 4LG
Tel: (0117) 377 2442
Email: henleaze.i@bristol-schools.uk
www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk
Friday 7 February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

There has been a lot of science taking place in school this week. It is so good to see children's excitement and enthusiasm for everyday things when they are given the opportunity to work together to learn more about the world-something teachers coin as 'awe and wonder'. Getting hands on experience and promoting talk is really important in helping children to make sense of new ideas. Teachers have found great ways to promote discussion in a playful way. Reception have not only had "real ice" inside their classrooms (so they keep telling me!), but also have an ice cave and have been busily threading icicles (thanks to some parent helpers) to learn about changing materials.



Year 1 have been finding out about and testing materials in designing a wolf-proof house and Year 2 have been making clay rockets with parent helpers (perhaps NASA can afford less dense materials than us!).



Some representative joined other schools in a Shine Futsal tournament held at St Ursula's this week. Mrs Ashcroft and Miss Thomas were proud of their efforts in competing against children from across KS1.

I have enjoyed teaching across much of the school this week. Teachers have been spending time in teams moderating assessments and planning for next steps in learning. They have been able to reflect on the children's learning so far and can see great progress. You will all get the chance for the same reflection and celebration if you are able to come in for open morning on Friday 28th of February.

Before then, both myself and Mrs Adams, our SENDCo, will be in the hall for the bi-termly Head's Tea for those of you who are able to join us next week.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker, Headteacher

YEAR GROUP NEWS

Reception: have using their senses to learn about and then describe ice. They have written super poems using the descriptions.

Year 1: have had fun in designing houses for the Three Little Pigs; using their knowledge of materials to make the most appropriate choices. They have been using role-play to develop story language and from this written a recount of the story.

Year 2: have been reading a new text; exploring a writer's literary techniques to infer feelings. The children have written to the character to help her with ideas for managing her feelings and to give tips on how to cheer herself up.

NOTICES

Crossing Patrol not in operation

Please note that the Crossing Patrol at Park Grove/The Drive/Henleaze Park junction, will not be on duty from the 9th – 28th February 2020.

Parent Survey – responses required by Sunday 9th February

The Parent Survey is now available for you to complete. The survey has been compiled by the governors and is entirely confidential. The answers will be used to inform the governing board of the parents' viewpoints and will be considered when planning future school development priorities, therefore your opinions are greatly appreciated.

Please follow the link below to open the survey:
<https://forms.gle/DxyfS6T6K9rA1Vd8>

The results from the surveys will be analysed week commencing Monday 10th February 2020 and parents will be informed of the findings in Term 4.

Snow closures

In the event of severe weather and snow, please refer to the Bristol City Council website which publishes information regarding school closures. Please do not telephone the school.

Future dates to note

Next Tuesday - Head's tea 2.45pm in hall

Next Friday – Non Uniform Day (donations to library project)

Friday 28th Feb – Open Morning 9.15am

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.

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**
- **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:

Tue 11th Feb Head's tea 2.45pm in hall

Fri 14th Feb Non uniform day donations for FHIS library scheme

Fri 28th Feb Open Morning 9.15am and celebration assembly 10.10am

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

February 1/2 Term Tennis Holiday Camps @ Kings Lawn Tennis Club - Elly Shearman Tennis Coaching. Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday 9AM - 1PM £15 per morning with 10% sibling discount! For ALL abilities, ages 4 - 15

It's a fun environment to learn tennis and for those that play already to develop technique and match play in a social and relaxed atmosphere! Please take a look online here - <https://ellyshearmantennis.co.uk/>. To book please click here - <https://bit.ly/2Ogl5VH>

Pilates at Golden Hill Sports Pavilion

Tuesday evenings 6pm (term time)

Intermediate Group class. FREE trial session Tuesday 11 February. Challenging class for individuals with prior Pilates experience.

A mindful movement system that supports your wellbeing. Contact Nicola on T: 07500 962 821. E: truebalancepilatesbristol@gmail.com

W: www.truebalancepilates.co.uk

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.

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 e.g. mud painting, digging, music making, role play, den building, pond dipping, climbing, swinging, bug hunting and 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>. We offer adhoc childcare days if you are in need of occasional childcare.

Westbury Park Community Association Survey

If you live in Westbury Park, please consider completing this survey and sharing it with your neighbours. Paper copies are available at Barry Toogood, Keith James Physiotherapy, Caffè Arabica, Max Minerva, Split Tin, Henleaze Library, Kellaway Pharmacy and Skyboat Café and there are some small prizes from local traders. The survey will close at midnight at the end of Friday 28th February 2020. The results will be circulated around mid March and a public meeting will be held on Friday 13th March to discuss what to do next.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WestburyParkSurvey>

Remember – please park considerately if you are driving to school. Do not use the staff car park.