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Dear Parents and Carers,

World Book day was a great success with a variety of book-themed activities taking place around the school and a lot of excitement around guessing who was dressed as which character. I enjoyed sharing one of my favourite childhood stories (Chilly Billy) in assembly, so look out for children peeking in the fridge to look for a tiny character managing your chilled items! The book swap was a success and a great way to teach children the importance of reusing or donating unwanted things. Thank you to all who donated books and money.



It was good to see so many families for Parents' Evening this week. The teachers appreciate the time to share your childrens' progress and successes and I'm sure your appreciation extends to them for the time and effort they put into this. The conversations between staff at the end of the two evenings have been really positive, with teachers saying how much they enjoyed speaking to you all. Thank you.



As our school Jigsaw theme this term is Healthy Me, it has been timely to speak with children about the importance of avoiding the spread of germs. We are being particularly enthusiastic about hand washing and ask that you support this message at home. The school is updated daily by the DfE on current advice in relation to the Coronavirus outbreak and have been in discussion with campus Heads to safeguard our community. We have also been working hard on staying safe through calm and ordered lining up.

Children have been practising 'Five Star Lining Up' so that then not only move around school safely and are ready for transitions, they are prepared for emergency evacuations.

Children took part in an in-class activity this week to represent what the Elli characters mean to them. Staff will be choosing children to work with illustrator Emily Fox later this term to generate new and relevant versions of each animal to display around our school. FHIS have kindly funded this work and we are excited to see a transformation to our main school entrance as well as characters popping up in all corridors and some other learning spaces.

I hope that you enjoy a restful weekend.

Best Wishes

Gemma Fricker, Headteacher

YEAR GROUP HIGHLIGHTS THIS WEEK

Reception: really enjoyed activities involved with 'Bringing the rain to the Kapiti Plain', sequencing and making music and art.

Year 1: did lots of learning about story characters, opposite traits and freehand mapping of the UK.

Year 2: enjoyed a chocolate tasting which elicited exciting adjectives. They also did some tricky learning on telling the time in maths.

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**
- **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.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

Tue 17th Mar	Rescheduled Speech and Language drop in 9-10.30am
Thu 19th Mar	School Nurse drop in 9-10am
Sat 28th Mar	FHIS Easter Egg Hunt
Wed 1st Apr	Year 1 Play 9.15am
Fri 3rd Apr	Henleaze Junior Inset Day
Mon 6th Apr	School holidays commence
Mon 20th Apr	Start Term 5
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
Fri 22nd May	End of Term 5
Mon 25th May	School holidays commence
Mon 1st Jun	Start of Term 6
Mon 22nd Jun	Yr 2 Shuffle up day to HJS

Wed 24th Jun Sports Day

Fri 26th Jun FHIS disco

Tue 30th Jun Open Evening

Thu 16th Jul Yr 2 Leavers' Assembly 9.15am

Fri 17th Jul End of Term 6 for pupils

Mon 20th Jul Inset Day

Please see the online calendar here:

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

COMMUNITY MESSAGES

Quiz & Curry night - Friday 6th March

There are prizes galore up for grabs as part of our raffle: days out, prosecco, chocolates and even a free gym membership! See the attached flyer for the full list of prizes and prices! Tickets are on sale today via the FHIS postbox and at the Quiz night. With all proceeds going towards the on-going library refurbishment what better excuse do you need?!

If you can spare a little extra time for setting up or clearing away at either end of the event, please let us know via the following sign-up: <https://m.signupgenius.com/#!/showSignUp/70a0445ada72caaf85-quiz>

ELLI animals Porch Refurbishment
Thank you to those parents who have volunteered to help redecorate the porch. We still need one or two more people to help. If you have a couple of hours spare, please get in contact with FHIS, FHISinfo@gmail.com

Thank you from FHIS

Save the date: Henleaze Schools May Fair – Saturday 16th May

This year the fair will take place on Saturday 16th May between 2-5pm. We look forward to entertaining our families and the wider community with around 30 attractions including fairground rides, stalls, free entertainment and all sorts of tasty refreshments. Further information on how you can help with donations and volunteering will follow in the coming weeks. Did you know? The May Fair is a joint initiative between the Infant and Junior schools and organised by parents from both. Thank you to those who have already offered to help with organising this event. There are still vacancies on the Committee - if you are interested, please contact Amanda Edwards on amanda_edwards09@hotmail.com.

The May Fair is the biggest single combined fundraiser for the schools and in 2019 we raised an astonishing £15,000! Parents who are employees of Lloyds Bank helped us raise £3,500 of this simply by volunteering on the day and applying for 'match funding' from the bank. The funds are being used towards the wonderful library refurbishment in the Infant school and an exciting new multi sports facility for the Junior school playground.

Does your employer run a corporate match funding scheme? Barclays, BT, HSBC, Argos, BP, Tesco, IBM, Sainsbury's, Sky, Boots, Vodafone, Microsoft, Alliance & Leicester, Santander and Warner all have similar schemes to Lloyds Bank. We would love to hear from you if you work for one of these companies.

Would you like to advertise in the programme? A copy is sent home with each child in both Infants and Juniors, with copies available at the fair too. The deadline is end of March but please contact Hannah Bryant as soon as possible for prices and details. Hannah can be contacted via email on missblondie20@hotmail.com and mobile 07790 254412.

The May Fair needs the support of you and your family to help us maximise the funds that go straight back into the schools to enhance your child's learning environment. Look out for

future updates on ways you can help both through donating items for the stalls and volunteering your time to make the day a big success. Did you know? The May Fair is a joint initiative between the Infant and Junior schools and organised by parents from both. Thank you to those who have already offered to help with organising this event. There are still vacancies on the Committee - if you are interested, please contact Amanda Edwards on amanda_edwards09@hotmail.com.

If you have any questions or feedback, please contact our Committee Chairs Clare Savvas on clare.savvas@hotmail.co.uk or Eric Livingston on eric.livingston@yahoo.co.uk.

Best wishes,

May Fair Committee

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/hiddenawayafterschoolclub>

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

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.