

FHIS NEWSLETTER

October 2020 - Term 1



Events Calendar

- ♦ October 2020 - Halloween Colouring Competition
- ♦ December 2020 - Aprons, sweetie jars, hampers & raffle
- ♦ February / March 2021 - New!!! Online Winter Disco & Quiz Night (TBC)
- ♦ March / April 2021 - Mother's Day & Easter Egg Hunt
- ♦ June / July 2021 - Father's Day & Summer event

Welcome!!!

A big welcome to all parents, old and new. We hope this Newsletter finds you all well. If you missed the last Newsletter, it can be found here:

https://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page_id=263

Stay Connected

Whether you are new to the school or a current parent, PLEASE JOIN CLASSLIST

It is the easiest way for us to communicate with all parents and will prevent you from receiving multiple messages <https://classlist.page.link/TSXgudaRJ5ahcMHZ7>

Please join the (closed) FHIS Facebook group to stay connected. Link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofHenleazeInfantSchool/?ref=share>

Due to current social distancing requirements, we have been unable to hold an in-person FHIS meeting. Instead, FHIS Committee held their first meeting of the year online. We are pleased to share the discussions of that meeting and future plans with you here. We hope to see you at the next online meeting.

Thank you Firstly a big thank you to everyone who supported FHIS last year whether that was attending/arranging an event, buying a Christmas tea towel or entering one of our raffles/best bids. You helped to raise over £15,000 which has, and continues to be spent directly on our children so thank you. Here is a photo of our lovely Year 2 leavers t-shirts which brought a welcome smile to the faces of



the children & adults alike.

We Need You! FHIS are in need of parents like you to join the Committee to fill existing vacancies such as Co-Chair, Marketing/Events & Sponsorship. We also need volunteers to join all event teams because we either have no one to run them or the existing team will be moving on next year. It makes now a great opportunity to learn the ropes. If you would like to join a team, or can help run a team, please email us.

Without new organisers and volunteers, we are unable to run these and future events. This will clearly impact on funding. Please contact us and get involved. Thank you.

Term 1 and 2 Spending - School Library Update - Thanks to your support, FHIS have been able to financially assist the school with the creation of a new library at a cost of

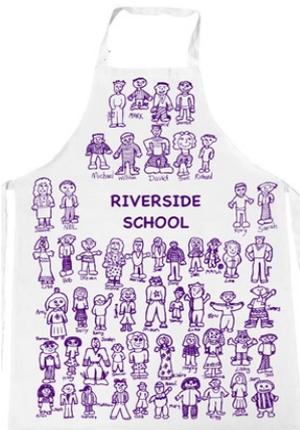
£5,250. New furniture will shortly be chosen for the space. In the meantime, here is a photograph of the wonderful new space that you have helped to create. **ELLI Animals** - FHIS are pleased to see the fruits of the children's labour from the ELLI animals workshop back in March. Illustrator, Emily Fox, has worked with the children to interpret and produce the ELLI animal designs at a cost of £400. As well as providing beautiful imagery to decorate the school, the illustrations, once produced on vinyl, will provide an important learning tool which will feed directly into the school curriculum. **Outside Play** - The school's focus for 2020/21 remains the playground (an all-weather surface beneath the Trim Trail and resources for the 'calm playground'). With outside play even more important right now, FHIS are pleased to support the school with a request to fund an additional set of wooden blocks for KS1 (£550), associated trolley's for storage (£400) and a contribution of £500 towards maintenance costs for the large log climber. FHIS are also delighted to subsidise the Forest School provision for Reception 2020/21 children with a contribution of £1,500 towards the total cost.



Events Calendar Current Government Guidelines regarding social distancing mean that we are unable to bring traditional FHIS events such as the Halloween Hunt and Fireworks to you this year; we hope they will be back in 2021. We know that this will be disappointing for many of you as these events provide much needed opportunity for social interaction. The loss of the fireworks event will undoubtedly leave a huge fundraising hole which we are unable to make up without your support. Our new **Events Calendar** is detailed above.

The first FHIS event of the year will be a **Halloween Colouring Competition**. More details will follow. (Don't forget to sign up to Classlist to hear about events first!) **Bang on Trend?** Watch this space <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1490263547841703> for the sale of preloved Halloween costumes. **Christmas magic** with the famous sweetie jars, hampers and raffle. **If you have items we can raffle, please contact us.**

Christmas with FHIS Existing parents will be aware of the canvas bags and tea-towels (alternated every other year) sold by FHIS each Christmas. With PSHE high on the school curriculum this year, we are inviting parents to purchase adult and child sized aprons using the children's self-drawn portraits. **Please see the attached flyer for more information. We recommend ordering early.**



THE VERY FINAL DEADLINE FOR ORDERS IS 12TH NOVEMBER.

Online Disco - Shreya Srivastava and Lorna McNair have kindly taken up the gauntlet of organising our first online school disco! If you can help support them, please get in touch.

Online quiz night - FHIS & HENSA hope to team up to bring you an evening of quiz fun.

FHIS Recipe Book - For Mother's Day, we will be asking you to share your secret and best recipes to create a recipe book that will be sold to raise funds for FHIS. We are sure Grandma would approve!

Easter Egg Hunt - If life as we knew it has not returned to normal

by March, the Easter Egg Hunt team will be bringing you some delicious fun with a social distanced community treasure hunt. We hope you can join us. **Father's Day** - With recipe books available for the Mum's, we would hate for Dad to miss out. We will be offering mugs designed by the children for sale. **Summer event** - We hope that a special summer send off will prepare the children for a summer of fun.

The attached **How to Help** flyer is a one stop document showing all of the ways in which you can help support the school. Including EasyFundraising & Amazon Smile overseen by our new Reception parent Lyndsay, as well as Match-Funding and the school's Amazon Wishlist (updated by school on an ongoing basis.)



School Uniform & Dressing-up Donations

Over £600 has been raised since July through the sale of second hand uniform thanks largely to Abi Reeve. If you have any outgrown/unwanted school uniform or dressing-up costumes, then FHIS would love your donations! Please email Abi at FHISuniform@gmail.com to drop off/purchase uniform.

Unwanted Items For quality items that can still be sold for hard cash, Alice Nani-Scott has set up a Facebook selling page for FHIS to enable parents to sell items to one another and donate the profits to FHIS. More information will follow from Alice on the FHIS Facebook page. Thank you Alice. To join the group, click on:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1490263547841703>.

Clear Out? Are you having a sort out? If so, please donate items such as clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts and toys and place them in the **CLOTHING BANK** situated in the school car park. The school receives money for all items recycled (Please - **No** duvets/pillows, bric-a-brac, waste or plastic toys, thank you).

Alcohol Due to the cancellation of FHIS events since March, we have a large amount of alcohol available to purchase, some of which will expire shortly including:

- * Doom, 500ml can (7 x 4 can packs, £5.00 per pack)
- * Stella, bottle (2 bottles, £0.55 each)
- * Bottles of water, 500ml (13 bottles, 50p each)
- * Budweiser, 440ml can (20 x 4 can packs, £4.50 per pack)
- * Coca Cola (30 cans for £13.15)

If we have to dispose of this down the sink, it is money that we cannot spend on the children, so please get in contact with us to purchase your favourite tippie!!! We will even arrange safe delivery. With half term just around the corner, why not treat yourself? (Please note - First come, first served).

Finally, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please get in contact with us by emailing us at: FHISinfo@gmail.com

Thank you



CHRISTMAS APRONS

FHIS are producing YEAR GROUP aprons using self-portraits drawn by the children.

With the generous support of school staff, all children have drawn a picture of themselves which will be printed on to an apron for their year group. All pictures will be marked with the child's first name.

Prices start at £9.99 for one adult apron with additional adult aprons costing £8.99 each.

A package of one adult and one child apron is £15.99 with additional child aprons at £4.99 each.

FINAL date for orders: Wednesday 12th November 2020

Please enter the numbers required:	Reception	Year 1	Year 2
• £9.99 1 x adult apron
• Additional adult aprons £8.99 each
• £15.99 - 1 x adult & 1 x child apron
• Additional child aprons £4.99 each
<u>Sub Total</u>
Total Cost: £	_____		

Your name: _____

E-mail address: _____

Please send my order home with:

Child's name: _____ Class: _____

Payment via PayPal only to <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8tiBWeYxZp>

Please confirm your PayPal name: _____

Please confirm your PayPal payment date: _____

**Please return this order form by email to fhisinfo@gmail.com
with 'Christmas Apron' as the Subject.**

HOW TO HELP...



FHIS now have an Amazon Smile account, so you can help raise even more funds for the school, for free, when you shop with Amazon and purchase eligible items!

Simply follow the link:
<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1073055-0>
and follow the instructions to set up, then shop as usual and Amazon will donate a small percentage of every purchase price to FHIS.

Only purchases made through the Amazon Smile website count, so please do add a link to your desktop to help you remember.



<https://www.amazon.co.uk/gp/registry/wishlist/3MWT115R37XS>

FHIS have an evolving 'Wishlist' of items that they are always very grateful to receive parental help with purchasing. Simply add your items to your basket in Amazon and check-out through Amazon Smile to maximise possible donation opportunities.

DOES YOUR EMPLOYER OFFER MATCH FUNDING?

In the last two years FHIS has generated an additional £4,624 from funding given by corporations with schemes to support PTA's of employees.

Most of these funds have come via match funding, whereby the company pledges a donation to match the funds raised by an employee at one of our events. Many corporations offer match funding or similar schemes, **does your employer offer match funding?**

In many cases these schemes are simple to tap into, but the benefits can be significant.

Please check with your employer as all donations have an important impact on your child's experience at school.

DONATIONS

The FHIS Committee are often asked if there are other ways that you can support the school outside of everything listed here and FHIS events. The most common question is we cannot attend an event but want to donate something. How do we do that?

Donations are always gratefully received and can be made via the grey post-box situated beside the school office (playground side). Alternatively, donations can be made via the FHIS bank account. Please ask for account details.



Did you know that you can help raise funds for the school for FREE just by doing your online shopping through easyfundraising?

Simply follow the link below or use the app and the shops that have signed up will donate a percentage of the purchase price to FHIS, at no extra cost to you.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/henleazeinfantschool/?invite=vgt73v&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=adobecampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=referral-2019&utm_content=supporter_engagement_ref_101119&origin=R1878

Sign up to support FHIS and you can raise free donations for them every time you shop online. Over 4,000 retailers have signed up including John Lewis, M&S, Sports Direct, Curry's PC World, Great Little Trading Company, Sainsbury's and many more. You can also raise money by booking holidays and car hire! These donations really make a difference and it only takes a moment to get started.

If you have an idea for an event, fundraiser or anything else, please speak with your Class Rep or contact FHIS at FHISinfo@gmail.com

FINALLY, IF YOU'RE UNSURE ABOUT ANYTHING IN THIS DOCUMENT PLEASE COME AND SPEAK TO US. MOST OF ALL THANK YOU!!!