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Dear Parent/Carer,

Our remote parent's evenings were a success with teachers appreciating the opportunity to meet with you to share progress, information and continue to build important parental partnerships. Feedback from staff was that the use of technology did not lessen the experience and we hope that you found the same. We encourage you to contact teachers using class email accounts too during the school week if you have any questions or concerns between planned parent meetings.

Our week has ended on a bright and fun note with lots of spots, stripes and ears worn in our fundraising efforts for Children in Need. The day started with Joe Wickes PE to remind us of the importance of exercise to maintain well-being and in class assemblies, children reflected on the work of Children in Need to support vulnerable children.

Throughout the week there has been a lot of excitement in Year 1 due to the introduction of some new villainous characters in the text 'Send for a Superhero'. I have heard much about their antics from the children and am looking forward to them being detained! Reception children have been branching out at lunchtime to the 'little playground' using a range of different toys and apparatus at lunchtime. There has been some lovely percussion music outside as well as evidence of the learning characteristics they have been exploring in class. We have seen lots of this week's Stickability Tortoise in construction play with some amazing structures from the big resources as well as in the classroom in reading. Year 2 have been imagining castle life and thinking about what jobs they might enjoy if they lived in medieval times. This ranged from being a knight so that

they could fight battles for land ownership, to being a court jester as they enjoy making people happy.

To see and hear more about what has been happening in school please visit the class blogs. <https://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/>

Celebration

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: Harry

Class 2: James

Class 3: James

Class 4: Thomas

Class 5: Aneesah

Class 6: Edith

Class 7: Hector

Class 8: Myla

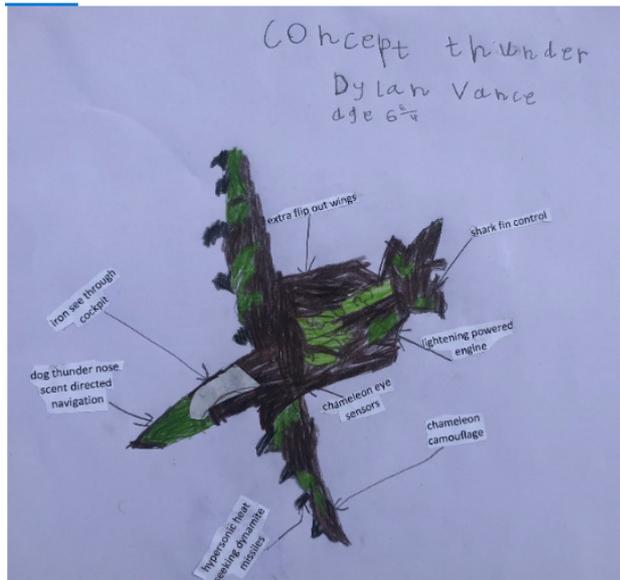
Class 9: Rory

Class of the week: Class 8 have shown fantastic engagement this week; in whole-class learning, pair-work and independent activities. I was also very impressed with the maths reasoning that I heard taking place when they were solving money problems.

Well done all of you for your fantastic achievements this week!

Celebrations beyond school:

Dylan in Class 8 entered and won an engineering design competition. His Concept Thunder designed is detailed and imaginative. No wonder it caught the judge's eye. Well done Dylan!



Ernie and Teddy in Classes 1 and 2 took part in their own fantastic fund-raising effort last weekend for The Royal British Legion. They stuck at it like the Stickability Tortoise to climb the many steps at Brean Down all the way to the fort in time to observe the two minute silence. In doing so they raised an amazing £340. Walking all that way in wet weather took great resilience and raised much-needed funds for an important cause. You should feel very proud.

Contact Jenny Booth if you are interested in donating through a justgiving page.



Messages:

The DfE updated guidance for parents and carers on what they need to know about early years providers, schools and colleges during the coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. This update provides information on the national restrictions that came into force on 5 November, the latest advice for clinically extremely vulnerable children and young people and advice on the use of face coverings in education settings. This guidance can be shared with your parent networks. Go to www.gov.uk/coronavirus/education-and-childcare for more information

Friendship week starts on Monday to fit in with national anti-bullying week. We will be sending some parent information for you during the week. The week starts with **Odd Socks Day** to illustrate one of our school values, inclusion and celebration of diversity.

Thank you to those of you who completed our parent survey at the end of last term. I am going to keep it open for another week to give you an opportunity to share your feedback on the return to school under Covid restrictions. Click [here](#) to access. Should you struggle with this link please go to the school website www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk (About Us/Useful Information/Parent Questionnaire November 2020).

Finally, thank you to parents for their kind donations for dress down day on the last day of term 1 which produced an amazing £322.16

which will go towards the all-weather surface and calm playground.

Messages

Parking

We have **again** received complaints for our neighbours and from parents about inconsiderate parking at drop off and pick up. **Please respect the safety markings as well as our neighbours' driveways.**

Flu Vaccinations for Class 7

The immunisation team will be in on Tuesday 8th December to immunise Class 7, who were self-isolating when the original vaccinations were administered.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker

Dates for the diary

Mon 30 th Nov	FHIS Christmas hamper donations to be dropped off
Wed 2 nd Dec	FHIS Christmas hamper donations to be dropped off
Fri 4 th Dec	FHIS Christmas hamper donations to be dropped off
Tue 8 th Dec	Class 7 Flu vaccinations
Fri 11 th Dec	FHIS Christmas Festivities Day Christmas Jumper Day & Christmas lunch
Fri 18 th December	End of Term 2

News from FHIS

Halloween Colouring Competition Winners!

Thank you to everyone who took part in the Halloween colouring competition to help raise vital funds for FHIS. Together we raised £200 which is a fantastic amount.

We received a huge number of entries and they were all wonderfully creative and a real pleasure to receive. The imaginative designs were brilliant and we loved seeing so much creativity. We hope the children enjoyed creating their artwork as much as we enjoyed receiving them.

Winners certificates have been given to the following children:

Class 1 - Phoebe McIntosh

Class 2 - Freya Werndle

Class 3 - Charlie Lawrence

Class 4 - Rose Pinch-Gleave

Class 5 - Blossom Cousins

Class 6 - Martha Watts

Class 7 - Billy Davies

Class 8 - Sami Ahmed, Zac Wigley & Daniel Buckland

Class 9 - Hattie Hudson & Sam Instrell

A huge 'well done' from us all!

Amazon Smile & Easyfundraising

When we're all stuck at home, online shopping has an even bigger part to play in our lives than usual! Don't forget to donate to FHIS for free with every online purchase (**[FYI, Amazon's Early Black Friday deals run until Thursday 19th November](#)**). Please see the attached How to Help document with all the information and links you need to start your Christmas shopping!

Christmas Jumper Day and Raffle - 11th December

A HUGE thank you to all you the budding chefs and bakers who purchased a FHIS Christmas apron! Aprons will be sent home with your child in due course. We can't wait to see some photos of you getting creative in the kitchen.

FHIS would like to invite all children to participate in a day of **[Christmas festivities on](#)**

Friday 11th December. Children are invited to dress up and wear a Christmas jumper/tee/accessory and make a minimum donation of £1 towards the all-weather surface, calm playground and general school resources. See the attached flyer for more information.

Don't forget to be eco-friendly and thrifty and use the new **FHIS Buying & Selling Facebook page** <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1490263547841703/> to buy and sell any preloved/unwanted Christmas garments/accessories.

With the loss of events affecting both the social side of school and fundraising, FHIS are delighted to bring some Christmas magic to you all with their Christmas raffle. We have some amazing prizes on offer including the amazing wooden, handmade Rory the Reindeer kindly donate by the Jackson-Dooley family as well as a Lego gift voucher, tennis membership & coaching, Prosecco, Parsons bakery voucher and much much more.

We are also pleased to offer our special FHIS 'Time for a Treat' Christmas hampers. FHIS are asking parents to donate foodie treats (or drinks) for our Xmas Hamper Raffle. This can be anything you can spare which feels like a little luxury: biscuits, chocolate, preserves, food stuffs, wine/beer/spirits - or even a scented candle or bath salts!

For ease of donation, parents can bring items into school on the following dates only:

Monday 30th November, Wednesday 2nd and 4th December and place items in the boxes beside classrooms.

We also have a number of families who have kindly offered to act as a drop off point for donations, on any day, after Thursday 19th November. Please look out for the FHIS Christmas Raffle poster in their window. Their details and more are contained in the attached flyer.

Make this year and Christmas special by purchasing tickets starting at the BARGAIN price of £3 each by emailing FHIS (FHISinfo@gmail.com) with your details and

making payment at <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8u8GkLxxJP>

A PayPal account is not required. Simply click on the above link where you can buy tickets with a debit/credit card.

All tickets will be issued electronically so don't forget to email us with your details.

The closing date for purchasing tickets is Friday 11th December. The draw will take place on Saturday 12th December and all winners will be notified by email.

Again, all monies raised will be donated to the school for ongoing projects.



Simplified Trustees' Annual Report

A big thank you to Lorna Johns for her offer of help with the Simplified Trustees' Annual Report.

Finally, if you can help, have any ideas for fundraising (or anything else) or comments, please drop us a line at FHISinfo@gmail.com as we'd love to hear from you.

Thank you

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