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Dear Parent/Carer,

We have met as a staff team to reflect on the first term following school closure. The overwhelming feeling is that the biggest success has been the focus on childrens' well-being and setting new routines, not only to support the starting or settling into school after a prolonged absence, but in managing new safety measures. It has been reported that class hand washing times have now reached new personal bests and are not interfering as much in the core school business of learning and play!

The plans for amalgamating missed key learning with the expectations for the current plans have gone well. There have been some areas where children have exceeded our expectations and where we have identified gaps, plans for the next term have been adapted to address them. Teachers will talk to you about how you can best support your child's progress during parents' evening events at the start of November.

From the national and local news you will be aware of a rise in Covid-19 cases. Headteachers from Bristol had a briefing yesterday that included input from the local Public Health Team. The rise seen in the community is being reflected in schools, with single cases and clusters in a number of schools in the city, but with your support to maintain our controls, we are confident in our ability to stay open safely.

We are receiving reports from some families that not everyone in our school community is following our instructions to socially distance, or to help this by moving through the site in one direction wherever possible. We do not have the staff to police this, so we ask that you **please respect the safety of others** and help keep our school open.

Celebration

Stars of the Week:

Class 4: **James**

Class 5: **Ethan**

Class 6: **Nathan**

Class 7: **Bella**

Class 8: **Rosa**

Class 9: **Eloise**

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

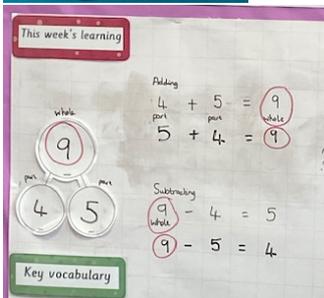
Class of the week: Class 5: Have been working really hard to listen to and follow instructions. Miss Frost reports that the children have been doing a great job and is really pleased.

Learning in school:

Reception have been learning about and being Creative Unicorns this week. In Write dance they progressed from creating big body movements to the Volcano dance, to using crayons and paper to make marks like a volcano.



Year 1 have continued their calculation work and begun to relate subtraction facts to know addition facts. They have all recorded their heights as part of a science study to track changes through the year.



Year 2 had a science-focus day learning about properties of materials. They used the inventor of the 'Mac' Charles Macintosh as inspiration.



Please note that PE and clothes for Shine should be school uniform and not football/sports kit. Tracksuit bottoms or leggings are recommended.

School will be closed to children for INSET days on Friday 23rd October and Monday 2nd November.

During the holidays you may wish to engage with this fantastic online reading resource

<https://www.storytalesfestival.com/whats-on/>

Finally, a big thank you to those amazing parents who have purchased items on the Amazon Wish List for the school. The children have been enjoying using their new resources in class. Class Teachers also wanted me to pass on their thanks for the tinned food items donated so far for Harvest which will be given to the Salvation Army.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker

Messages:

School's Out Henleaze October Half Term Holiday Club– open for bookings

Our October Half Term Holiday Club is open for bookings! Running from 26-30 October, based at Henleaze Infant School, we can't wait to have some Autumnal fun. From Halloween crafts and leaf collages to junk modelling and scavenger hunts, alongside our usual wide range of sports and other activities, we'll keep your kids entertained. **For more info and to book visit www.schoolsouthenleaze.co.uk/holiday-club-programme or email Jenny, manager@schoolsouthenleaze.co.uk.** The club costs £30 for a full day (8.15am – 5/5.30pm).

Shine Sports After School Clubs

Shine are running their popular clubs again next term.

All clubs go live this Thursday 15th October at 2.00pm so please do go to MyShine.co.uk to book your place...don't miss out!

Shine Holiday Club

The Club is running from Monday 26th October to Monday 2nd November (school's Inset Day).

Children can choose from Netball Workshops, Creepy Creative, Gymnastics, Forest Adventure, Football Academy, Indoor Cricket and our ever popular Shine Mini's, running at Coombe Dingle Sports Complex in BS9, Christ Church Primary School in Clifton and at the Shine Community Sports Hall in Henleaze.

For more information please do call us on 01174 033 033, or book on at MyShine.co.uk.

Harvest Donations

We are keen to continue to support the community through donations of food. We would be most grateful if families could bring in **tinned items** including tinned meals, desserts, soup etc which we will collect in school for the Salvation Army.

Each class will have a box outside their outside entrance to collect donations. We will be

working on an assembly collaboration around Harvest that we will share with you.

Forest School After School Provision

The Hideaway Forest School offer fun bush craft and engaging nature-based sessions to our reception age children in school. Did you know that they also offer **after school club provision** either on our school site on a Thursday after school or at their own woodland site on a Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.

You can find out more and book online here - <https://www.hideawayforest.com/after-school-clubs-bristol>

We are pleased to announce that our on-school site forest club returns after half term commencing Thursday 5th November, 3.15pm - 5pm, £9.75 including warm drink and a snack cooked on the fire. Limited spaces available with children kept in small consistent year group bubbles.

Forest School for Reception pupils

Thank you to those parents that have given their consent and payment for Forest School. There are still some outstanding. Payments can be made via the School Gateway App, which you will need to download. See instructions below:

1. Search for "School Gateway" in the Apple App Store/Google Play or on your phone go to www.schoolgateway.com/apple (Apple) or www.schoolgateway.com/android (Android)
2. Install the app and if you are asked then say yes to "Allow Push Notifications"
3. When you launch School Gateway for the first time, please select 'New User' and enter the email address and mobile telephone number you have registered with the school
4. The system will send a PIN code to your phone; please enter this PIN code and the app will be activated for you. As soon as you've got the system set-up, all of the text messages we send you will appear in the app; you'll receive notifications/alerts as normal. Thank you.

Pre-school places available

Harcourt Pre-School – based at St Alban's Church hall, in Westbury Park have places available.

Harcourt Pre-School have a strong ethos of providing excellent, quality childcare in a safe and stimulating environment. We are an exceptional team of staff, all mothers ourselves, who have a wealth of experience and are highly qualified. Most importantly, we love working with children of this age group and establishing strong foundations with their families.

We believe that pre-school should be fun, supporting a child's developmental journey resulting in a smooth, happy transition to their chosen primary school. We are extremely proud of our reputation, popularity and strong links with the local community. This enhances the curriculum and wonderful first-hand learning experiences for our children.

Harcourt Pre-School is a nurturing and safe environment in which children can learn through play, where enjoyment and fun are linked with discovery and learning. We're open during term time only with the following hours: Monday to Thursday 9-3.15, Friday 9-12.00

We offer flexible sessions to suit your requirements with a combination of morning/afternoon sessions and the option of a lunch club. We welcome visitors and would love to show you around our wonderful pre-school. Contact us on 0117 3305367 to find out more information.

Half Term Holiday Camps Henleaze Tennis Club.

Henleaze Tennis Club is running morning camps from 8.30am to 12 for 5-11 year olds. Run by accredited coaches with DBS, safeguarding and first aid qualifications these mornings are all about having fun. Lots of games, low numbers for social distancing, and an opportunity to meet other children and develop ball skills, all in a safe environment. To book visit <https://clubspark.lta.org.uk/HenleazeLawnTennisClub/Coaching/Camps>. Contact Coach, Will Hardiman 07708 472986/will.hardiman@hotmail.co.uk for more information.

Dates for the diary

Fri 23 rd October	Inset Day & end of Term 1
Mon 2 nd November	Inset Day
Tue 3 rd Nov	Start of Term 2 Classes 4&7 – learning share. Parents to view pupil's work.
Wed 4 th Nov	Classes 5&8 - learning share. Parents to view pupil's work.
Thu 5 th Nov	Classes 6&9 - learning share. Parents to view pupil's work.
Tue 10 th Nov	Parents' Evening
Thu 12 th Nov	Parents' Evening Final order date for FHIS aprons
Fri 18 th December	End of Term 2

News from FHIS

We hope that you have enjoyed reading our latest Newsletter. If you missed it, you can read it, and past Newsletters, here:

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

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.

Halloween Colouring Competition - Get creative this half term and help us raise some much-needed funds for the school!

As we've not been able to go ahead with the popular annual Halloween event at school this year, we have instead decided to offer a Covid-safe Halloween colouring/art competition to help children get in the spooky spirit!

Simply print out & decorate/colour-in one of the attached colouring sheets - or children can create their own Halloween masterpiece. Send a

photo of your child's creation(s) to HISHalloween@hotmail.com to enter.

Suggested donations of £1 per entry would be gratefully received (or whatever you can afford), via this link <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8tuzEilBWV>

A winner will be chosen from each class and certificates will be awarded for the best pictures! Good luck, happy colouring and Happy Halloween!



The new **FHIS Buying & Selling Facebook page** demonstrates our continued efforts to be more environmentally friendly and raise funds for the school. Since it's creation just three days ago, we are pleased to see that over £40 has been raised. Continued buying and selling on this forum has the potential to raise ongoing and significant funds, so please do use it if you can. A big thanks to Alice Nani-Scott for her idea and administration of the Facebook page. There are some great items available to purchase, including Halloween costumes. Why not dress up whilst you're getting creative for our Halloween Colouring Competition (perhaps post photos on our Facebook page), don't miss out: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1490263547841703/>

Doorstep Challenge...In other parental fundraising news, Ania-Kopel Hanna is offering families the opportunity to have their photograph taken with Henleaze Photography for the bargain price of £10! Ania will take your photograph and provide you with two digital images (additional digital images available at the cost of £10 per image) which will provide you and your family with lasting memories.

So far, £150 has been raised! If you would like to update your family photo library and get that warm and fuzzy feeling by helping to raise general funds for the school, please contact Henleaze Photography direct via this link:

<https://www.facebook.com/HenleazePhotography>

Thank you Ania. (Offer only available to families living within BS9 or within 1 mile of BS9 2LG)

Christmas - FHIS have opened sales for this year's Christmas gift with adult and child sized aprons with self-drawn portraits of the children. Please see the attached flyer. **With half term just around the corner, and children not returning to school until Tuesday 3rd November, please place your order early as the final date for orders is 12th November.**

Christmas with FHIS and HENSA - You may be aware, from this week's FHIS Newsletter, that FHIS and HENSA hope to combine efforts to bring you some Christmas magic this year. HENSA will be holding a Zoom meeting on **Tuesday 20th October at 8pm** to discuss events including Christmas. If you are interested in joining the discussion, please log-on using this link:

<https://zoom.us/j/97509146557?pwd=dmJld3l2Mnh1ZldJaEtZZEUYyVGJMUT09> Meeting ID: 975 0914 6557 Passcode: b72c6L

Simplified Trustees' Annual Report - For the financial year 2018/19, FHIS were delighted to raise over £25,000 for school projects. This means that we are required to complete a simplified trustees' annual report. If you can assist with this, please contact Andrew by email at FHISinfo@gmail.com Thank you

Beverages - Finally, we still have a small number of beverages available to purchase as per the FHIS Newsletter. If you are interested in purchasing anything, please email FHIS at FHISinfo@gmail.com