



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 20th November 2020

Dear Parent/Carer,

The Return to School Parent survey has now been closed. Thank you to all who contributed. We are pleased that children and parents feel confident in returning to school with 90% of the respondents stating they were confident or very confident in their child attending (a slight increase on their confidence since term started in September) and 95% of children feeling confident or very confident. The common concern is about rising community cases of Covid-19 and the risk of a whole-school closure.

The predominant concern about home learning was that there was a challenge around an adult being available to support (65%) or it was a challenge to engage children in learning at home (50%). We recognise these barriers as significant and consider them in planning activities and resources. It is however a legal requirement for schools to provide and monitor remote learning and the methods for teaching and learning for Infant-aged children are very much focused on adult interaction. In the event of class closures, teaching staff will be available to support you, but we must rely on parental partnership in this.

For parents who were not with us during school closure last year, there is an offer of printed home-learning resources if you are unable to access a printer at home. This is restricted to those involved in class closures or for children self-isolating due to household symptoms. Please arrange this by contacting the class teacher through the class email. Please also inform the school if you have an issue with access to technology to get the plans from our website.

For information, teacher's plans and resources are posted *every* week on class blogs for those

learning at home as well as important messages for parents of children who are in school to enable them to support their child's progress.

<https://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?p=3091>

Year 1 Learning Week 3, Term 2 – Link to plans and resources if you are needing to isolate or quarantine.

English

Whole Class Text – 'Send for a Superhero', By Michael Rosen and Katherine McEwen

*Don't forget to write your keywords into your Sound and Keyword book.

Phonics /spelling Daily Introduction of Phase 5 Phonics.

Alternative graphemes for: 'ee' – ea (leaf) e_e (extreme) ey (key) y (happy)

Words to read: very even each three these key

Words to spell: Mr, Mrs, oh, their

Friendship Week

Friendship week has allowed us to shine a spotlight on relationships with children recognising how acts of friendship can support well-being. There has also been time to reflect on how to build new friendships or mend relationships when things go wrong and how to ask for help.

I conferenced some of our children during the week and they say that:

Y2 boy "Most people are kind to each other" Y2 girl "Mostly we are really good friends. We can tell an adult if there is a problem, or can sort it out ourselves."

Y1 girl: "Friends are kind when someone hurts themselves or is sad. We like to play stuck in the mud. We don't always have problems, but if we do we can ask a grown up." Y1 boy: "Friends are kind and fun. If you need help you can ask a teacher."

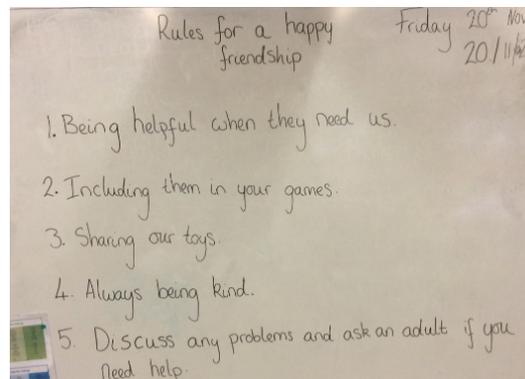
Below are some examples of the learning that took place during the week.



Some mindful colouring time to reflect on what rules could be developed for happy friendships.

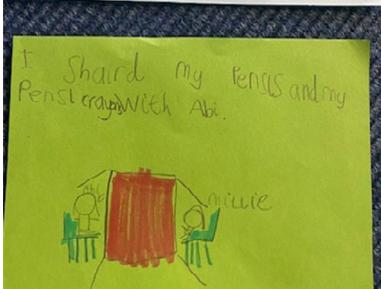
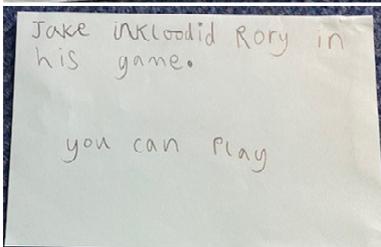
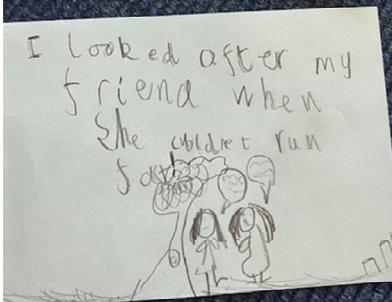
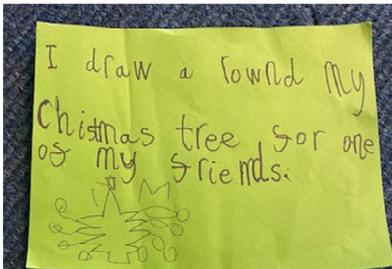
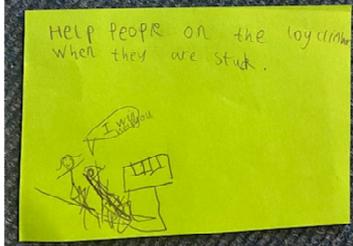
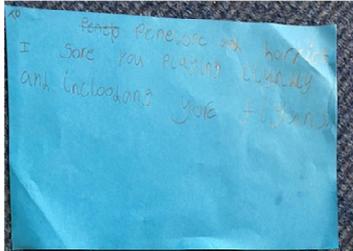
Year 2:

Pair work in their scavenger hunt, coding session and maths to develop ways to support each other and work like Teamwork Bees”



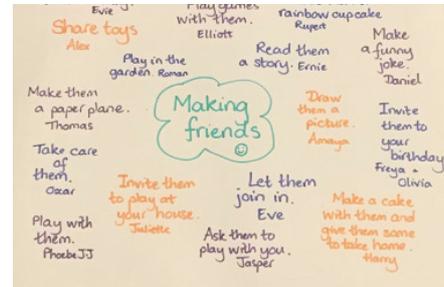
Year 1:

Year 1 have collected many examples of acts of friendship during this week. These will be celebrated in our whole-school display



Reception:

A record of a class discussion about friendship, trying Five to Thrive conversation starters to build new friendships and Odd Socks Day.



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: Rupert

Class 2: Noah I

Class 4: Lyla

Class 5: Florie

Class 6: Imogen

Class 7: Nura

Class 8: Dominic

Class 9: Hattie

Class of the week: Class 2 for demonstrating great friendship skills in their learning and play in the classroom; listen to one another and sharing and for their calm quiet lining up and movement around the school.

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

School council news:

We had school council elections at the end of last term. The results are below:

Class 4: Lyla and Max, Class 5: Max and Florie, Class 6: Samuel S and Zoe, Class 7: Amelie and Monty, Class 8: Ellis and Beth, Class 9: Sienna and Dummi

The school council have been busy representing their classes in important work over the past week. Last week they shared class input on all the fantastic ways in which Mrs Ashcroft had supported learning as we celebrated her 25 years at our school and this week they have helped by giving pupil voice to the development of our school virtual tour.

Messages:

Community Support

Huge thanks to Ania Kopel-Hanna for her fundraising efforts. She has raised money for our School Fund by utilising her photography skills in the community. The money raised will be used for Christmas craft resources.

We are excited to announce that a generous donation from FHS is being used alongside School Fund to finance some works to the main playground. We are extending the all-weather space by adding a large area of artificial grass to enable playtime and PE activities to take place whatever the weather.

(Shhh)

Mrs Hopkins, a very special member of our staff team will be retiring at the end of this school term. She has taught at our school for over 20 years and we'd like to show our thanks with a retirement gift. If any parents would like to donate, please send money in a labelled

envelope either via class teachers or the main office.

Parking

Many of you will have noticed that we had the support of our PCSO to monitor road safety and considerate parking during drop-off this week. We strongly urge parents to consider the safety of our children as well as local residents in their parking as we are receiving reports that concern us.

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

School Crossing Patrol vacancy

10 hrs/week, term time only (£9.30/hr)

Would you or someone you know be interested in supporting the school community en route to and from school? You will need to be a good communicator with an ability and understanding of working with the general public. If you can't commit to both a.m. and p.m. duty times or every day we would consider job share.

If you are interested or would like more information please contact Frances Dansie on 07500120320 or by email frances.dansie@bristol.gov.uk. An application form can be obtained from the school office.

Have a great 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

FHIS Christmas Jumper Day and Raffle - Friday 11th December

Thanks to everyone who purchased raffle tickets for the FHIS Christmas event on Fri 11th December.

The hamper donation boxes are now in position outside the six host houses enabling you to drop-off any donations for the FHIS 'Time for a Treat' Christmas hampers. FHIS are asking parents to donate foodie treats/drinks for the hampers. 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!

Boxes will be available until Sunday 6th December (inclusive) for donations. Details of drop off points are detailed in the attached poster. Please look out for our Rory the Reindeer poster in the window of your chosen drop-off point. May we suggest that if you are donating items of a significant value, such as alcohol etc, that you knock on the door and advise the Host (Covid safe of course) or bring the item into school on one of the three drop-off dates listed

(see below). You can also bring donations into school on any of the following three dates and place them in the marked container (only) outside of your classroom: Mon 30th November, Wed 2nd December and Fri 4th December.

For a chance to win one of our fabulous prizes, purchase your tickets at <https://www.paypal.com/pools/c/8u8GkLxxJP> (**PayPal account not required. Click on the PayPal link and pay with a debit/credit card**) and email FHIS FHISinfo@gmail.com confirming your contact details and how many tickets you have purchased. **We cannot issue tickets or contact you if you do not supply your email address.** Winners will be notified by email after the draw on Saturday 12th December 2020.

If you do not yet have a t-shirt or jumper to wear on the day, log onto the FHIS Buying & Selling Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1490263547841703/?ref=share> and see what is available to purchase. If you have unwanted Christmas wear, why not sell it and gift the money directly to FHIS? All funds raised will be donated to the school for the calm playground and ongoing projects.

Rory the Reindeer - We have been asked by many of you for more details about our Christmas mascot, Rory the Reindeer. Here is a quick preview of him getting ready to make his way to your home.



Raffle Prizes - You may remember the saying "points make prizes" well, donations make raffle prizes too!

If you own your own business or work for a company who can donate a prize which could be offered in one of our raffles this academic year, please get in contact with us. Last year, many amazing prizes were donated to us, some of which were arranged by parents like you, from the company you work for or run. Can you help us again this year? Thank you.

Amazon Smile & Easyfundraising

The Black Friday event has started in many shops, with the event getting into full swing next week. Don't forget to donate to FHIS for free with every online purchase. See the How to Help document available at https://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page_id=263 for all the relevant links in one place.

FHIS Events - Doodle Poll

The Term One FHIS Newsletter provided a useful update for old and new parents alike detailing what you've helped us to achieve so far this year and our plans / goals for the year ahead. If you haven't seen it, please follow the Henleaze Infant School link above where you will find all of our recent Newsletters.

Covid-19 has impacted hugely on our ability to offer social events and raise money since March 2020. On a like for like basis, this has resulted in an approximate reduction of £14,000 on monies raised compared with last year. We can only plan for events based on current information. Knowing that many of you continue to struggle to balance home and work life but want to participate in school life and support the school, we are asking each family to complete the attached two question poll which asks:

- 1) if you would like to participate in an adult only quiz and
- 2) if your child/children would like to participate in an online disco.

https://doodle.com/poll/8q79dhre3fvnpw3r?utm_source=poll&utm_medium=link

Please tick to answer yes, or select the option in the bottom right corner of "send none of the above" to answer no.

Your responses will dictate the action we take and whether we can / will run these events.

Please can one person in each family reply by Thursday 3rd December. If feedback to run these events is positive, more information will follow after 3rd December.

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

FHIS

Local Christmas events

Street Advent Trail organised by Cairns Road Baptist Church, 1st - 24th December

This Advent trail will be made up of 24 homes, schools and businesses, each illustrating a part of the Christmas story which will be revealed one at a time from 1st to 24th December around the Westbury Park area.

People will be guided round by a trail map obtainable from Cairns soon, the website and/or Facebook. For more details click on <https://www.cairnsroad.org/join-the-family/ways-to-get-involved/adventtrail/>

Bristol Sings, Sing Christmas Carols on Your Doorstep, Friday 5th December, 17.30

Bristol Sings is a festive community event which hopes to get as many people together, whilst apart, singing Christmas carols on their doorsteps all over Bristol. A copy of the Christmas carols which will be sung is attached. For more details or to view the songs online, please click on <https://www.facebook.com/bristolsings/>

