



Dear Parent/Carer,

Christmas fever has definitely arrived with lots of crafts activities, stories and today's Christmas Jumper day and fantastic Christmas lunch. The lunch was as festive and fun as in any other year thanks to the hard work of our wonderful kitchen and lunchtime supervisor teams.

Alongside the fun, we are working incredibly hard to keep children and adults in school safe; particularly in the run up to this important break. There has been media interest in the government suggestion that schools swap one of their planned INSET days to the 18th December to end term early. We **will not** be closing early. Our INSET days are carefully mapped and planned to enable quality staff professional development. The last day of Christmas term is not an appropriate time for this, nor is there time to plan for training.

Self-isolation expectations:

Today there has been a PHE update stating that from Monday 14th December NSH Track and Trace will change the isolation period for contacts from 14 to 10 days. This change can be applied to people currently self-isolating who are not displaying symptoms of Covid-19.

Covid tracing during Christmas:

The department for education has made it clear that schools are expected to trace contacts for 6 days after the final day of term. For us, this will mean we are contact tracing upto the 24th December inclusive.

In the first few days of the holiday there may be a few cases where the child or member of staff had been in school during their infectious period which will need to be followed up to ensure all close contacts are identified and advised to self-isolate for the recommended

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period. Please monitor your emails for messages from school as we will email contacts through **School Comms**.

At the start of next week, we will be sending out **an up-to-date checklist for families** outlining actions in the event of the onset of symptoms or a positive test result during the holidays. We will also be sharing our **school online reporting expectations**.

Recognising the Christmas break will involve more social mixing, we ask you to support us to keep the school community safe by **ensuring those who become ill over Christmas remain at home beyond the start of term to self-isolate** if required.

Advent Window Development



A real 'host of angels' ready to be strung in our tree next Monday



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

Thanks to the Reception team for the wonderful nativity production, the link to which has been sent out to Reception parents this week via School Comms. If you have any problems accessing this, please email your class teacher via the class email address.

Celebration

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: **Amaya**

Class 2: **Evelyn**

Class 3: **Eliza**

Class 4: **Grayson**

Class 5: **Amy**

Class 6: **Maddie**

Class 7: **Issy**

Class 8: **Grace**

Class 9: **Leo M**

Class of the week: Class 9 for working hard to improve their behaviour around the school so that it matches their super behaviour in the classroom.

Messages:

Reception Induction School Start timings to end

From the start of Term 3 we would like Reception Classes to move in-line with the rest of the school to be part of our planned start times. Classes 1 and 3 will start at 8:45 and Class 2 at 9:00. Pick up times remain the same with Classes 1 and 3 at 3:15 and class 2 at 3:30. This will allow equitable learning time and provide some important routine.

Video Permission

In order to continue to celebrate children's successes with families, Star of the Week Celebration assembly is recorded to share in class and with families at home. To do this the video is uploaded as an unlisted you tube clip to our Henleaze Infant account. This is taken down after one week. If you have informed school that your child must not be in photographs or videos

shared outside school, but would like to allow them to be part of this recorded assemble, please email your child's teacher via class email.

Christmas party day – Thursday 17th

Children can wear party clothes all day. Please provide a nut-free party tea.

Non-Uniform day on Friday 18th

The last day of term will be a non-uniform day.

Breakfast Club places available

The Breakfast Club is run by Henleaze Infant School and operates out of the infant dining hall from 8am. It is available for pupils from Reception to Year 6. A light breakfast is served and the children can engage in a free play session with crafts and games at a cost of £5 per session. Please email

breakfastclubhenleaze@bristol-schools.uk

for more details or to book a place.

Astrological Interest

Vincent Smith, one of our school governors (and grandparent!) has shared the following exciting information:

The two planets Jupiter and Saturn chase each other round the sky, passing each other every 20 years (this is called a conjunction), but this month they are very close, and on 21 Dec they will be so close that they almost look like a single bright star. The last time they were this close was nearly 400 years ago, but they were quite close to the Sun, so very difficult to see. You have to go back 800 years to find such a good opportunity! The two planets are visible in the low South-West sky about 30 minutes to an hour or so after sunset, but they set below the horizon after about 6:00pm.

If you have a small telescope, or even a pair of binoculars, you should see the two planets in the field of view, with their moons and the rings round Saturn. But it's still a sight to see with the naked eye!

Of course, you need a clear sky to see the phenomenon, but any evening this month will be good viewing. Looking for them on a clear evening in the next few days will be good practice for finding them on 21 Dec, if they sky is clear then. But already they are very close: Jupiter very bright on the right, and Saturn a bit less bright on the left (it's twice as far away!) After 21 Dec, they will be the other way round, and they will move apart over the next week or two. So it could be interesting to plot their movement before, during and after the conjunction, on those few days the sky is clear.

More details at:

[Great Conjunction of Jupiter and Saturn, 21 December 2020 - skyatnightmagazine](#)

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker

Dates for the diary

Tue 15 th Dec	School outside sing with special visitor
Thu 17 th	School Council to meet the Mayor Class Christmas parties
Fri 18 th December	End of Term 2
Mon 4 th January	Inset day
Tue 5 th January	Start of Term 3
Fri 12 th February	End of Term 3
Mon 22 nd February	Start of Term 4
Wed 31 st Mar	End of Term 4
Thu 1st April	Inset Day
Mon 19 th April	Start of Term 5

News from FHIS

FHIS Christmas Raffle - Friday 11th December

ONE DAY UNTIL THE FHIS CHRISTMAS RAFFLE AND WE HAVE SOME FABULOUS PRIZES TO GIVE AWAY

We are offering **YOU** the chance to win your Christmas dinner in our **FHIS Christmas Raffle**. We have a tasty M&S turkey, a wholesome £20 voucher from Lloyds the Greengrocers and some heavenly Petit Chocolate Bombshells courtesy of Morley's Cakery.

In addition to 11 hampers which parents have kindly donated items towards (thank you), we are delighted to be offering some stand-alone prizes donated by school parents (the Jackson-Dooley family & Morley's Cakery) and companies in the community (Katie Murton Ceramics, Kings Lawn Tennis Club, Parson's Bakery & Waitrose thank you also.)

We are lucky enough to be supported by the **WONDERFUL** Owner as well as the Chef of SkyBoat Café. SkyBoat Café have very kindly donated £5 gift vouchers for inclusion in each of the 11 hampers. See the attached photo for a glimpse of the lovely child related prizes available to win in the raffle.



Raffle tickets costing £3 each can continue to be purchased up until midnight TONIGHT.

Please see the attached flyer for further details. To buy one or more raffle tickets, simply click on <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8u8GkLxxJP> and pay with either a **PayPal account or with your debit/credit card**. There is the option to provide your contact details when purchasing through PayPal. Alternatively, please 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. Good luck and thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

The children looked **AMAZING** in their Christmas jumpers and t-shirts today. If you didn't have any change or have the opportunity to make a donation to FHIS today, the Christmas raffle PayPal page will remain live until Monday (14th) to enable you to make a donation electronically <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8u8GkLxxJP>

All funds raised will go directly towards projects that your child will benefit from in this academic year.

Christmas Aprons

The Christmas aprons have arrived!!! They are currently being sorted and will be distributed early next week. We hope that you will post photos of you and your families wearing your HIS aprons over the festive period (and beyond) on the FHIS Facebook page. If you're not a member, why not join the group www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofHenleazeInfantSchool

Amazon Smile & Easyfundraising and Match Funding

Did you know that we're registered with easyfundraising and AmazonSmile and you could help us to raise funds for the school at no extra cost to yourself?

Since some of our usual fundraising events are on hold, this is a great opportunity to keep raising much needed funds for the school. When you shop online, with over 4,100 of your favourite retailers, including John Lewis & Partners, Amazon, eBay, notonthehighstreet, you will raise FREE donations for FHIS, Friends of Henleaze Infant School.

If you're not already signed up, it only takes a few minutes, then you can begin using the easyfundraising website or app straightaway - simply shop online as normal. This will be an enormous help to the school, at no extra cost to yourself.

Plus, 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 including approaching your employer to see if they offer Match Funding.

Look out for the FHIS Term Two Newsletter next week.

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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