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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week has been full of excitement, not only due to the Christmas activities, but also with the culmination of some longer-term projects. Our all-weather surface is in place, giving the children access to more space to play or engage in outdoor PE and the ELLI display of the re-imagined characters that 9 children developed alongside the local illustrator Emily Fox has been installed in school. The characters from the display will also start to pop up around the school. School council also had the opportunity for a zoom meeting with the Mayor of Bristol, Marvin Rees to share the Infant School's experience of home learning as well as to ask some questions about being a mayor.

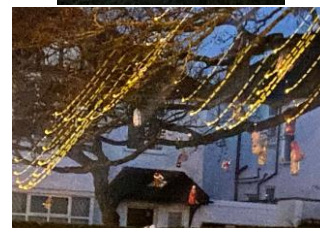


Over 100 children created recycled angels for the Advent Trail. These look fantastic in the evening when lit up in the trees. Some have begun to 'descend' in the wind, so unfortunately won't be re-united with their creators once taken down at the end of this week.

Friday 18th December 2020

We had a fabulous morning on Tuesday with a visit from TJ from the Rudgeway Donkey Sanctuary. Organised by Mrs White, TJ and her handlers Mary and Joseph visited each class looking for room.

We met outside as a whole school for the first time since March and sang Feliz Navidad as a thank you and celebration. To see some photos of the day and hear the singing click [here](#)



On top of all of this excitement, children have also enjoyed class parties with a visit from Father Christmas bringing each child a gift.

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/>

Celebration

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: **Oscar**

Class 2: **Theodore**

Class 3: (not well today)

Class 4: **Lottie**

Class 5: **Tom**

Class 6: **Tim**

Class 7: **Rafferty**

Class 8: **Eleni**

Class 9: **Zach**

Class of the week: I have been so proud of all of the children that I was unable to choose a class. The whole school are stars!

Celebrations from 2020:

The way children, families and staff kept the learning and communication going during Lockdown 1

Mrs Hale having a healthy baby boy

The fun that was had at Spacious Sunshine School enjoying the weather and sharing our school with Junior School children and staff

How enthusiastically and confidently children returned or started school in September

Celebrating Mrs Ashcroft's 25 years at our school and Mrs Hopkins' 23 years and her retirement

Children entering and being successful in competitions outside school and all achievements shared in photos and messages for The Henleaze News

The fun we have had this term despite restrictions: donkey visit, whole-school sing

Reception nativity song performances and a visit from Father Christmas.

Thank you to all families who have supported us during this challenging year. The ethos of Henleaze Infant School has remained strong thanks to your partnership.

Messages:

Staffing updates:

As you know, Mrs Hopkins is retiring at the end of December. We were unable to recruit for her replacement from our advert early this term. In order to provide consistent and high-quality cover for teachers' release time in the interim, Mrs Stockford will be teaching Year 1 classes and Mrs Brand will be teaching Year 2 classes during Term 3.

A big thank you!

Many thanks to the Henleaze Prayer Group for their kind donation of cakes on Monday. This has kept energy levels amongst all the staff high in what has been a busy last week of term



Thank you from Mrs Hopkins for your support during her 23 years at Henleaze Infants and for the generous contributions and well wishes.

Huge thanks from Mrs Fricker to the parents and children for their Christmas greetings and for the generous gifts and voucher.

All staff really appreciate your kindness, providing a real moral boost at this busy and tiring time.

Families in Focus

Please find alongside this newsletter the latest information and support from Families in Focus. **This includes information on family support networks, local groups and activities and information about local food banks.**

Covid Reporting during Christmas:

A communication about when and how to report Covid symptoms and positive test result to school during the holidays was sent on Tuesday 16th. The school phone will not be monitored during the break as the school site is closed. Please use the Google form [here](#) or through the contacts page of the school website communication updates.

We truly hope that you have a relaxing and enjoyable Christmas break and look forward to seeing you all back safe in the new year.

Have a great weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker

organise these activities and to you all for supporting them.

The latest update in the form of a FHIS newsletter has been sent out earlier this week and is available on the FHIS page of the website.

The children really enjoyed the FHIS Christmas day and looked resplendent in their Christmas jumpers. Your kind donations yielded over £254.

We wish you a very Happy Christmas.

From all at FHIS

Dates for the diary

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

Despite the restrictions of Covid we were able to raise much needed funding for the school. Thank you to those parents who helped