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**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2021**

Dear Parent/Carer

Thank you to families who have sent in positive feedback about home-learning. We very much appreciate you taking the time to write and are really pleased that you are finding access to plans and resources easier and that children are enjoying the learning and group meetings. Well done for getting to grips with the use of the new platform; the vast majority of families submitted the first set of key tasks last week and children were much better than us grown-ups at managing group chats without mute!

Google Meets for children who are not attending school will take place each week. Please make a note of the session time as without the email function on the children's gmail accounts, you won't get sent a reminder. On the **FAQ page** of the main blog is a shortcut to check on meeting times should you need to.

Children have been getting 'stuck in' to their new topics at home and school.

Year 2 have continued their exploration of space; using CBeebies films to travel the solar system, hearing from Tim Peake and taking part in space quizzes with their teachers either via Google Meet or in school.

Year 1 have been thinking of great ways to use up their household recycling and have made some super model rockets.

Reception children are using their senses to investigate 'Bear Hunt' conditions. We've definitely had the wind available this week, but there has had to be some science work to create snow (although I see we have real snow forecast for the weekend). For those of you who want to re-create a bear hunt, I can recommend the Stoke Bishop nature reserve that starts in Glen

Avon Park. You'll see below that it has most elements!



**Learning celebrations form home:**

William having fun making and baking at home



Talah researching and creating a solar system



And Ollie's pride in his sport!



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To see and hear more about what has been happening in and out of school and to find class

remote-learning plans, please visit the class blogs. <https://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/>

### **Celebration**

#### **Stars of the Week:**

Class 1: **Freya**

Class 2: **Lillie**

Class 3: **Joss**

Class 4: **Alaya**

Class 5: **Lilly**

Class 6: **Ziggy**

Class 7: **Ruby**

Class 8: **Leo**

Class 9: **Isaac**

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

**To watch the celebration messages from Mrs Fricker follow this link:**

**<https://youtu.be/eo0JYc1IZRc>**

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker

### **Messages:**

#### **Staff Rapid Testing:**

Schools are due a delivery of Rapid Flow Devices for staff to use at home to detect asymptomatic cases. Staff are able to opt-in to this program from next week. This may impact staffing and require dynamic decisions about pod staffing and possibly pod self-isolation. Please ensure you read school communications promptly. If there is a need for a last-minute closure we will send a text message.

#### **Term 4 School Places:**

Following the information sent on Wednesday about the plan for a new application process for

school places in Term 4, we have received some enquiries about guarantee of places. Should schools remain closed to the majority of pupils after the February holiday, our aim, as ever will be to support frontline worker families to be able to carry on their vital work. We will set an agreed criteria for a sustainable number of places. We will communicate that to families before the end of term.

#### **Food Vouchers:**

Bristol City Council have agreed to fund food vouchers for the February holiday period. These will be separate from the term time vouchers that are centrally funded. The school office will send them via email.

#### **A reminder re safety:**

A number of parents continue to report concerns that others in our school community are not respecting the request for parents to use the field exit to enable a one-way system. Please use the exit on the Reception patio rather than doubling back.

#### **Dates for the diary**

Fri 12 <sup>th</sup> February	End of Term 3
Mon 22 <sup>nd</sup> February	Start of Term 4
Wed 31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	End of Term 4
Thu 1st April	Inset Day
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> April	Start of Term 5

## **News from FHIS**

Christmas dress-down money - Thanks to everyone who donated money on the last day of term, raising over £220! Amazing.

FHIS Virtual Winter Disco on Saturday, 6th of February, 4pm - 5pm - If you haven't already, don't forget to buy your tickets to a FHIS first Virtual Winter Disco hosted by Party Peeps. There will be lots of dancing, games and challenges! Parents are invited to participate in Happy Hour and make a donation. It's a great way for the children to connect with their friends and families to support the school in these challenging times.

Tickets cost £5 per school aged child and £2.50 for each additional school aged child. Pre-schoolers are free! To buy your tickets, please click on <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8veuf6pM0T> where you can pay with a debit/credit card (a PayPal account is not required) and email [fhisinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fhisinfo@gmail.com) confirming the number of tickets purchased. It is important that we receive your contact details so that your child/ren can access the online disco.

Limited spaces are available so make sure you purchase your tickets soon so that you don't miss out. See the flyer within the Google link above for more details.

FHIS Committee - The current Chairperson and Secretary will move on at the end of this academic year. If you're interested in finding out more about these roles, please contact FHIS at [FHISinfo@gmail.com](mailto:FHISinfo@gmail.com)