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Dear Parent/Carer

We continue to be incredibly proud of the learning that children are engaged in at home. The effort the children are making and pride they have in their achievements is cause for celebration. We thank you for your commitment to supporting this.

In school this week, senior leaders worked along side our Local Authority Education Partner to monitor writing across the school. As part of this we looked at the offer for the different ability ranges with in school and how this translated to home learning. We were able to evidence high quality provision that has less to good progress across the school. Again, parent input at home both during the terms when school has been open to all children, and during lockdown has been important in ensuring children's progress and we are very grateful for this.

Some families have been in contact about school plans for term 4. Following the announcement that schools will remain closed to all except children of critical workers and vulnerable children until at least 8<sup>th</sup> March, the senior leadership team and governors are making decisions that will be communicated with parents before the end of next week. We appreciate your need to plan ahead and ask for your patience, allowing us to respond to this latest update.

Guidance for parents in managing home learning was published by the Education Endowment Fund this week.

Useful resources include 7 top tips for supporting reading at home:

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_schools/7_Top_Tips_to_Support_Reading_at_Home.pdf)

[19\\_Resources/Resources\\_for\\_schools/7\\_Top\\_Tips\\_to\\_Support\\_Reading\\_at\\_Home.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Supporting_home_learning_routines_-_Planning_the_day.pdf)

There is also a daily planner to use as a reward chart to motivate children and a video to use to talk about how routines support well-being and learning.

[https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19\\_Resources/Resources\\_for\\_parents/Supporting\\_home\\_learning\\_routines\\_-\\_Planning\\_the\\_day.pdf](https://educationendowmentfoundation.org.uk/public/files/Publications/Covid-19_Resources/Resources_for_parents/Supporting_home_learning_routines_-_Planning_the_day.pdf)

<https://youtu.be/MO9SDGRgi3c>

**Learning celebrations form home:**

**Emily and Matthew used their cutting skills to make super winter decorations!**



**Talah developed her fractions understanding during a baking session. Annabelle took up the bird feeder making well-being activity to spend time outside looking after feathered friends.**



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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: **Zach**

Class 2: **Freddie**

Class 3: **Luke**

Class 4: **Liliana**

Class 5: **Tristan**

Class 6: **Laurence**

Class 7: **Amelie**

Class 8: **Seb**

Class 9: **Jack T**

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/T\\_4w6Q3VVsM](https://youtu.be/T_4w6Q3VVsM)

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker

### **Messages:**

FAQs are regularly updated on the main school blog.

### **Storytelling Week**

Next week is National Storytelling Week. Use this as an opportunity to indulge in more time with a good book.

Look out on class blogs for links to adults reading their favourite stories.

### **Staff thank you**

Staff in school want to thank Mrs Morley for her generous donation of the gorgeous cakes at the start of this week. They gave a much needed boost.

### **A thank you from Mrs Hopkins**

I just wanted to say a huge thank you to the amazing parents and children who contributed to my retirement gifts and for all the cards, gifts and kind things you said to me during my last few weeks at HIS.

I feel very lucky to have worked with your children over the past years. Watching them grow from new reception children into the confident, articulate children with strong personalities who leave us for the Junior's makes me feel proud to have been a small part of that transformation and reminds me of all the reasons I have loved my job. I know that they all have exciting times ahead of them and I wish you all the very best for the future. Thank you all again, I truly appreciate your kindness. With love Sue Hopkins x

### **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

**FHIS Virtual Winter Disco on Saturday, 6th of February, 4pm - 5pm** - With more than half of all available tickets sold, there's still time to buy your tickets to the FHIS Virtual Winter Disco hosted by Party Peeps. Activities include 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 by **Wednesday 3rd February** 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)