

FHIS NEWSLETTER

December 2020 - Term 2



Events Calendar

- ♦ 13 January - FHIS Zoom Meeting
- ♦ 22 January - Send us your recipes for Mother's Day
- ♦ 6 February - New!!! Online Winter Disco
- ♦ 12 February - Mother's Day Recipe Book orders
- ♦ 6 March - Online Quiz Night (TBC)
- ♦ 27 / 28 March - Easter Egg Hunt (TBC)
- ♦ 7 May - Father's Day Mug orders
- ♦ 28 May - Year 2 Leavers t-shirt orders
- ♦ June / July 2021 - Summer event

Hello!!!

A big hello to all Henleaze Infant's parents. We hope this Newsletter finds you all well. If you missed the last Newsletter, it can be found here:

https://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page_id=263

Stay Connected

Whether you are new to the school or a current parent, PLEASE JOIN CLASSLIST

It is the easiest way for us to communicate with all parents and will prevent you from receiving multiple messages <https://classlist.page.link/TSXgudaRJ5ahcMHZ7>

Please join the (closed) FHIS Facebook group to stay connected. Link below.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/FriendsofHenleazeInfantSchool/?ref=share>

For quality items that can still be sold for cash, please join the (closed) FHIS Facebook Buying & Selling group. All monies raised go directly to the school.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1490263547841703>

Due to continuing social distancing requirements, we will hold our first meeting of 2021 via Zoom on Wednesday 13th January from 8pm. Log in details are <https://us04web.zoom.us/j/72670038672?pwd=bXJXU0JrUmRLS3hMSkY1MXZqREpuQT09>

Password 9aew4z

We hope to see you online in the New Year.

Thank you to everyone who has supported FHIS since September. We have been overwhelmed by the kindness, generosity and support of families, thank you. Your participation in events including half-term dress down (£323), Halloween colouring competition (£200), the amazing Christmas Aprons (£1,655), Christmas Jumpers (£254), Christmas Raffle (£1,407) alongside over £150 of sales/purchases in October & November via the FHIS Buying & Selling page, second hand school uniform sales and direct cash donations have resulted in **YOU raising over £4,500**. This has enabled us to pledge to assist the school with Phase 1 of the all-weather surface at a cost of £4,885. Here is a photo of the all-weather surface so far. We hope the children will continue to enjoy their playtimes, all of the time, whatever the weather.



We Need You! FHIS are in need of parents like you to join the Committee to fill vacancies that will arise at the end of this academic year including Co-Chair and Secretary. We also need volunteers to join all event teams because we either have no one to run them or the existing team will be moving on next year. It makes now a great opportunity to learn the ropes. If you would like to join a team, or can help run a team, please email us. **Without new organisers and volunteers, we are unable to**

run these and future events. This will clearly impact on funding but also the creation of relationships with each other which is already being affected by Covid-19 everyday. Please contact us and get involved.

Term 2 Spending - ELLI Animals - FHIS are delighted

to see the ELLI animals display installed adjacent to the main hall following the child-led workshop back in March. Further images will be displayed around the school providing an important learning tool to enhance how the children learn academically, socially and emotionally. **Outside Play** - With works well underway for the all-weather surface, plans are also underway for resources for the 'calm playground'. Here is



a photograph of the children using the KAPLA wooden blocks which FHIS funded last term.

Events Calendar Continuing Government Guidelines regarding social distancing mean that we are unable to bring traditional FHIS events such as the Winter Disco and Quiz to you this academic year; we hope they will be back in 2021/22. We know that this will be disappointing for many of you as these events provide much needed opportunity for social interaction. The **Events Calendar** is detailed above but is subject to change.

In response to the Doodle Poll, the first FHIS event of 2021 will be our first **Online Winter Disco** on **Saturday 6th February, from 4pm - 5pm**. Hosted by professional party entertainers Party Peeps, we are inviting children to dance, sing and participate in games & challenges. Whilst the children have fun, we are inviting parents to take part in *Happy Hour*. Sit back, read a book or have coffee and cake whilst Party Peeps entertain your children for an hour. We're inviting donations of £2 for *Happy Hour* to raise funds for ongoing school projects. Tickets cost £5 per school aged child and £2.50 for each additional school aged child. Pre-schoolers are free! See the attached flyer for more details. There are only 99 spaces available. Click on <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8veuf6pM0T> to purchase your tickets with either a **PayPal account or debit/credit card**. Please also email FHIS and confirm your contact details and the number of tickets purchased so that we can



confirm your place and issue your online access code. **FHIS Recipe Book** - For Mother's Day, FHIS, in collaboration with Skyboat Café are inviting you to share your secret and best recipes to create a recipe book that will be sold to raise funds for the school. If it's not enough to see your recipe in print, there is the chance to **win afternoon tea for two at Skyboat's Mother's Day event**. We'd love to see photos of you wearing your FHIS aprons too! Recipes and (photos/pictures) should be emailed to FHISrecipe@gmail.com by **Friday 22nd January**. See the flyer attached for more information including an editable recipe template. **Online Quiz Night** - Watch this space for further details about our quiz. It is too early to confirm the format for the **Easter Egg Hunt** or whether the **May Fair & Summer Event** will run. We will keep you posted. If you can help with the **Father's Day mugs** or **Year 2 Leavers T-Shirts**, please email us FHISinfo@gmail.com

The attached **How to Help** flyer is a one stop document showing all of the ways in which you can help support the school including direct donations, match funding, EasyFundraising & Amazon Smile. Don't forget to check out the



evolving list of items on the school's Amazon Wishlist.

School Uniform & Dressing-up Donations If your child has outgrown their uniform since September, please email Abi at FHISuniform@gmail.com to see if she has what you're looking for in our second-hand uniform stock. We're always grateful to receive any outgrown/unwanted school uniform or dressing-up costumes too!



Clear Out? If you're having a clear out over Christmas and items aren't suitable to sell on the FHIS Buying & Selling page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/1490263547841703>, then please do deposit items in the **CLOTHING BANK**

situated in the car park. The following items are all accepted and the school receive money for all items recycled: clothes, paired shoes, bags, belts and toys. (Please - **No** duvets/pillows, bric-a-brac, waste or plastic toys, thank you).

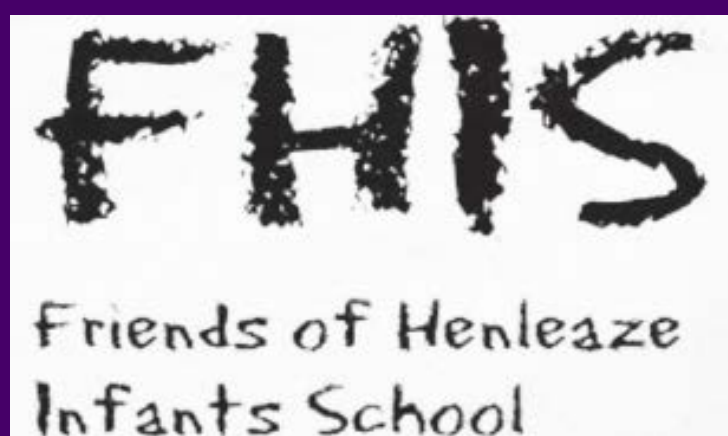
Raffle Prizes / Unwanted Gifts - Thanks to those families who have contacted us to donate prizes. It is truly appreciated. If you own your own business or work for a company who can donate a prize which could be offered in one of our raffles this academic year, please get in contact with us. We are grateful for all assistance offered. 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.

Alcohol We have 16 x 440ml cans of Budweiser, expiring 31st January 2021 available. Make us a sensible offer and it's yours in time for Christmas. **If we have to dispose of this down the sink, it is money that we cannot spend on the children.**

Finally, if you have any ideas or suggestions, please get in contact with us by emailing us at: FHISinfo@gmail.com

**Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
Here's to 2021.
Thank you
FHIS**





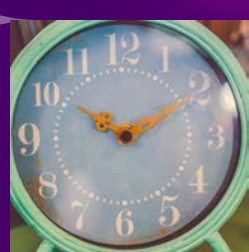
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VIRTUAL SCHOOL DISCO

SATURDAY 6TH FEB 4-5 PM

£5 PER CHILD; £2.50 ADDITIONAL CHILD; PRESCHOOLERS FREE

Join us for non stop fun, games, dancing & challenges!
Hosted by PARTY PEEPS



Happy Hour



Whilst the kids dance away, put your feet up and support the school for an extra £2.

To buy tickets

1. Pay using the PayPal link and confirm your contact details on the payment page.

<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8veuf6pM0T>

2. Email fhisinfo@gmail.com with number of tickets purchased



Mother's Day Recipe Book, 2021

We know how important cooking and baking were as family activities during 2020 — let's gather that learning and raise some money for the school! FHIS, in collaboration with the gorgeous Skyboat Café, are putting together a recipe book which will be comprised of the recipes that you and your family love. Not only will this celebrate the joy of home cooking, it will also promote healthy eating and support the school's PSHE aims. So, get involved!

Whether it's your Great-Granny's Christmas cake, your fail-safe 'feel better soon' soup, an authentic recipe for Lamingtons from your cousin in Australia, or your famous Friday night fajita fiesta, *we'd love to hear from you!*

Simply use the following template to provide an electronic version of your recipe. Start by saving it to your computer, edit with your recipe details, upload a photo / picture (optional), and email it back to us at FHISrecipe@gmail.com The recipe book will be available to purchase in time for Mother's Day 2021, with 100% of profits coming back to FHIS to fund exciting activities and equipment for our school.

Whilst it may not be possible to include all submitted recipes in the book, all entrants will have the chance to win afternoon tea for two at Skyboat's Mother's Day event in March!

For the chance to see your recipe in print, alongside Skyboat's beautiful design and one or two of their most exclusive recipes, please return your completed electronic form by **Friday 22nd January 2021**.

Thank you so much in advance for your time, effort and support. We look forward to seeing the results of your cooking and baking.

With love
FHIS & Skyboat



Information about Skyboat Café

Skyboat was born from a desire to create a space that was equally about the kids and the grown-ups. A place where you would want to go for coffee and meet with friends and where you know that your kids can play and have a great time.

Skyboat is run by two local Mums, Lara and Stef, who have six children aged seven and under between them (!) Lara studied at the Royal College of Art has used her background to create a design-led environment to where little one's imaginations can run wild.

Lara met Stef, at a children's birthday party and quickly realised they shared the same creative vision. Stef has brought her experience of the catering industry and her background working Michelin starred restaurants to deliver a top cafe experience, where parents and carers can enjoy delicious food, beautiful coffee and teas, in a relaxed and informal setting.

Skyboat Café is a community hub for young families in Redland and surrounding areas; a place for parents and kids to meet people and make friends and a support network for new mums. Skyboat Café is proud to be part of a fiercely independent local high street on Coldharbour Road and has a collaborative relationship with local businesses.



Recipe Title:

Where or who is your recipe from? Why is it special to you?

Ingredients: (please list below)

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Method: (please list in numbered steps below)

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- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.
- 6.
- 7.
- 8.

Feel free to attach a photo of your finished recipe or your child in cooking mode or even a relevant picture they have drawn to accompany your chosen recipe.

Disclaimer:

By submitting recipes, photos & / or artwork, you agree that said work can be used for fundraising purposes and commercial sale, in perpetuity, and that recipes, photos & / or artwork may be included in the FHIS/Skyboat Mother's Day Recipe Book.



FHIS now have an Amazon Smile account, so you can help raise even more funds for the school, for free, when you shop with Amazon and purchase eligible items!

Simply follow the link:

<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1073055-0>

and follow the instructions to set up, then shop as usual and Amazon will donate a small percentage of every purchase price to FHIS.

Only purchases made through the Amazon Smile website count, so please do add a link to your desktop to help you remember.

HOW TO HELP...



https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3MWTTI15R37XS?ref_=wl_share

FHIS have an evolving 'Wishlist' of items that they are always very grateful to receive parental help with purchasing. Simply add your items to your basket in Amazon and check-out through Amazon Smile to maximise possible donation opportunities.



DOES YOUR EMPLOYER OFFER MATCH FUNDING?

In the last two years FHIS has generated an additional £4,624 from funding given by corporations with schemes to support PTA's of employees.

Most of these funds have come via match funding, whereby the company pledges a donation to match the funds raised by an employee at one of our events. Many corporations offer match funding or similar schemes, does your employer offer match funding?

In many cases these schemes are simple to tap into, but the benefits can be significant.

Please check with your employer as all donations have an important impact on your child's experience at school.

DONATIONS

The FHIS Committee are often asked if there are other ways that you can support the school outside of everything listed here and FHIS events. The most common question is we cannot attend an event but want to donate something. How do we do that?

Donations are always gratefully received and can be made via the **FHIS bank account**:

Sort code: 30-99-38

Account number: 01331945



Did you know that you can help raise funds for the school for FREE just by doing your online shopping through easyfundraising?

Simply follow the link below or use the app and the shops that have signed up will donate a percentage of the purchase price to FHIS, at no extra cost to you.

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/henleazeinfantschool/?invite=vgt73v&referral-campaign=s2s&utm_source=adobecampaign&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=referral-2019&utm_content=supporter_engagement_ref_101119&origin=R1878

Sign up to support FHIS and you can raise free donations for them every time you shop online. Over 4,000 retailers have signed up including John Lewis, M&S, Sports Direct, Curry's PC World, Great Little Trading Company, Sainsbury's and many more. You can also raise money by booking holidays and car hire!

These donations really make a difference and it only takes a moment to get started.

If you have an idea for an event, fundraiser or anything else, please speak with your Class Rep or contact FHIS at FHISinfo@gmail.com

FINALLY, IF YOU'RE UNSURE ABOUT ANYTHING IN THIS DOCUMENT
PLEASE COME AND SPEAK TO US.

MOST OF ALL THANK YOU!!!