

FHIS NEWSLETTER

February 2021 - Term 3



Events Calendar

- ♦ 5 March - Online Quiz & Curry Night
- ♦ Mother's Day (Date TBC)
- ♦ March / April - Easter Egg Event (TBC)
- ♦ 7 May - Father's Day - Mug orders
- ♦ 28 May - Year 2 Leavers t-shirt orders
- ♦ June / July 2021 - Summer event

Hello 2021!!!

We hope this Newsletter finds you all well during lockdown. 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>

Thank you to everyone for their continuing support. Dress down donations on the last day of Term 2 exceeded £220 which was amazing. Since inception in September 2020, over £200 has been generated by the FHIS Buying & Selling page. Our first, fantastic virtual disco raised over £550. We hope everyone had as much fun as we did. Special mention goes to four parents, Jo & Rory Jackson-Dooley, Gary Sexton and Jo Williams employed by Lloyds, who each submitted match-funding applications thereby successfully generating £2,000 for FHIS. Thank you.



Term 3 Spending The above £3,000 has enabled us to continue to pledge to assist the school with the calm playground, the refurbishment of two classrooms and a whole-school arts & drama workshop with Travelling Light. This is an opportunity for all children to benefit from and express themselves at a time when they may be struggling with the many challenges posed by Covid-19.

We Need You! FHIS is a small but committed group of volunteers who collectively run the PTA. We are looking for someone to learn the ropes and take on the role as one of two Treasurers. Also, in July, the current Secretary and Chair will move on and the workload for the existing Committee will increase beyond their capacity resulting in the PTA being unable

to function or offer social gatherings / financial support to the school. **Can you help?** As well as looking for parents to take over these specific roles, we are also looking for parents to get involved and join event teams.

Without team leaders and members, events cannot and will not run. The biggest fundraising event in the FHIS calendar is the fireworks display (scheduled for Friday 5th November 2021). We are seeking volunteers from the families of existing school children, as well as families from the September 2021 intake of children, to get in touch regarding all events, but specifically fireworks and find out how they can help. For more information, please email FHIS.

To reiterate, without new Committee members, team leaders and event members the PTA will be unable to operate or run events. Please contact us by emailing FHISinfo@gmail.com to find out more and get involved.

Events Calendar Continuing Government Guidelines regarding Covid-19 and social distancing mean that we remain unable to bring traditional in-person FHIS events to you. We know that this will be disappointing to many of you as these events provide much needed opportunity for social interaction. We have provided an alternative social calendar of events and will continue to do so as the current situation and capacity of the Committee and event organisers allows. The current **Events Calendar** is detailed above but is subject to change.



Don't miss the **first FHIS Virtual Quiz** (not easy to say!) **which will take place on Friday 5th March, from 8.15pm** with one of our HIS Dad's compèring!!! We can't wait!!! See the attached flyer for details.

Due to Covid-19, we know that many of you will not be seeing your friends or family. We are therefore encouraging you to invite them to make up a team and join this event, making it a 'proper night out'. Why not go all out and order one of our **special chicken or vegetarian curries with rice**, (which you simply reheat) and have it **delivered to your door for £7.50 per person**. Sides include: Bombay potatoes or vegetable samosa's (x2) with dip £3.00 each or garlic naan £2.00.

Perhaps it's not your friends and family's thing? Don't miss out. We're a friendly bunch. We will simply assign you to an existing team.

As we have been unable to hold our usual events over the last 12 months, funds raised have fallen by over £15,000. For this reason, we have changed the pricing system for this event. **Tickets cost a minimum of £5.00pp** and we ask that if possible, you make a donation which will be used to fund ongoing school projects. To book your place, by the **deadline of 24th February**, use the QR code on the flyer or follow this link <https://bit.ly/2Nh01QQ> to complete the online form. Payment can be made at <https://bit.ly/3b9IMMz> using a PayPal account or debit/credit card. As we are restricted by numbers, having space for only 20 teams (or 120 electronic devices), do not delay in buying your tickets. If you cannot attend, why not make a direct donation to FHIS via this link <https://bit.ly/3b9IMMz> **For all quiz queries, please email fhisquiz21@gmail.com**



We will be offering everyone the chance to win a prize from our fabulous raffle. Prizes include a (Covid safe) session with an interior designer, designer sunglasses and a trip to Kaspas's Desserts. Raffle tickets will be available to purchase on the day at a cost of £2.50 per ticket.

FHIS Recipe Book - Due to competing priorities, we are unable to offer the FHIS Mother's Day recipe book this academic year. We hope it can be re-launched in 2022. Instead and to celebrate Mother's Day, we hope to offer a virtual wine tasting event on the evening of 12th/13th March, hosted by Skyboat's wine expert and sommelier Maddie Andrews. More details about how to book, the time and cost will follow after half-term. **Easter Event** - We hope to bring you details about our proposed Easter Event during Term 4. Watch this space for further details.

Raffle Prizes / Unwanted Gifts - Can you help? We are always extremely grateful to receive raffle prize donations. Perhaps you have received an unwanted gift that you don't know what to do with? Maybe, 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. If so, please get in contact with us at 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.

Clear Out? If you're having a clear out over half-term 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).

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

Enjoy the half-term break. FHIS



THIS VIRTUAL QUIZ & CURRY NIGHT

FRIDAY 5TH MARCH • 8:15PM

GATHER YOUR FRIENDS &
FAMILY FOR A FUN EVENING
OF QUIZZING!

- Tickets from £5 per person
- Curry & rice delivered to you for an additional £7.50 pp (meat & veg options)

1 Click to book your
ticket:
<https://bit.ly/2NhO1QQ>

2 Click to pay:
<https://bit.ly/3b9lMMz>

BOOKING DEADLINE: WEDNESDAY 24th FEB

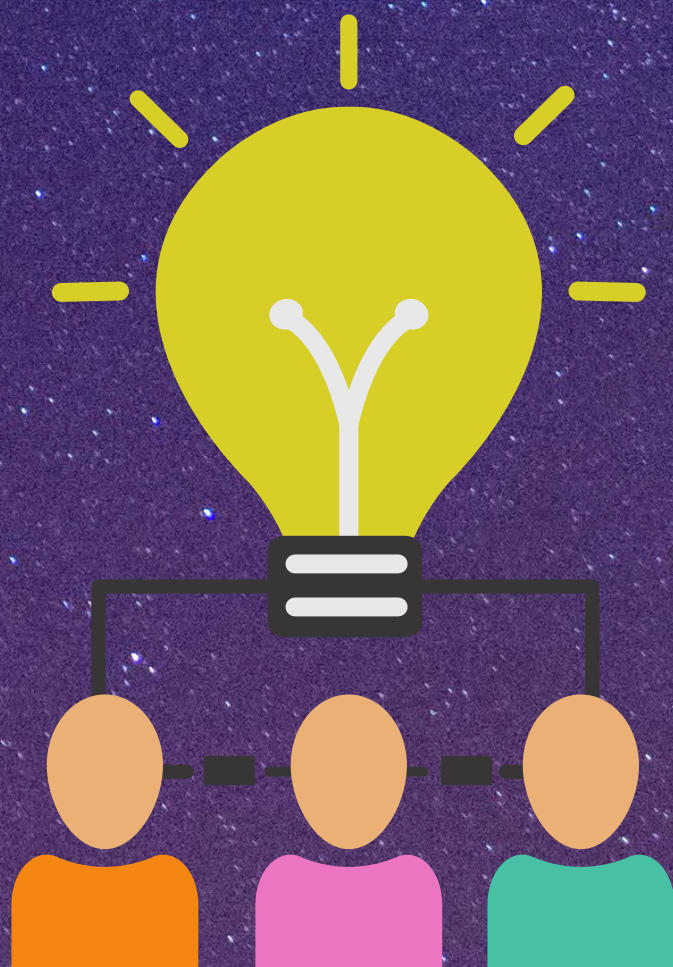
Please send any queries to fhisquiz21@gmail.com



*Raffle
tickets
£2.50**



*Available to
purchase on
the day





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.

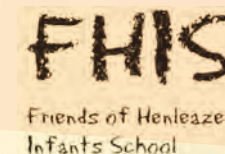
Only purchases made through the Amazon Smile website count, so please do add a link to your desktop to help you remember.

HOW TO HELP...



https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3MWTT1I5R37XS?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!!!