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Dear Parent/Carer,

We are proud to see how well children are continuing to settle back into routines in school. The excitement levels are still quite high, and we are working to channel this into some high engagement in learning. Around the school this week I have been impressed with the engineering skills, teamwork and discussion amongst Reception children who have been using the large construction outside; and by Year 1 who used maths problem solving skills, requiring them to learn like Linking Spider to solve missing number problems. Year 2 have used incredibly persuasive writing skills in their speeches as the astronaut Mary Jackson and were Curious Cats in the micro-habitat hunt around school grounds.



Children are finding lunchtime routines and behaviours more of a challenge to adjust to. In school this week we have spent time reinforcing expectations for good table manners as well as showing respect to the adults who prepare and serve meals or support lunch sittings and playtimes. We would be very grateful if this message to show good manners and be respectful could be followed up at home. Having a calm lunchtime is incredibly important in ensuring children feel settled and are ready for afternoon learning.

Using the observations and assessment made during these first weeks back, teaching staff are starting to plan ahead to next term. Using our 'recovery curriculum' strategy, we are

identifying the pivotal learning required to ensure maximum progress as well as protecting time for important aspects of social and emotional development. We know that many important aspects of the school calendar have been missed this year, so will work to include as many enrichment events as possible in the summer terms. Mrs Gibson has re-booked a day of drama workshops with Travelling Light that FHIS have agreed to fund and Year 2 are already planning leaver's events. We end the term with a short week when we will engage in another exciting whole-school themed week, then start with fresh topics after Easter. Look out for 'wow' day information in blogs.

As well as new themes for learning, there will be some new business operations structures in school after Easter tying in with the new financial year.

Following 11 and 27 years respectively, Beverly Stevens and Amanda Binley our Bursar and Finance Assistant will be leaving our school at the end of Term 4, as will Hannah Walker who has been a great support in her role as Finance Administrator over the past year. We are incredibly grateful for their dedication and commitment to improving outcomes for our children and wish them all every success and happiness in their next venture. Parents who would like to extend their gratitude by donating to their leaving gifts, should do so by sending donations in an envelope to the office via Rachel Bateson.

Mrs Bishop who has been shielding this term, begins her maternity leave after Easter. We are excitedly waiting the new arrival to the Bishop family and thank Mrs Bishop for her important contributing to the Class 7 and Year 2 team this year. Class 7 will be taught by Mrs Mortimer

from Wednesday afternoon to Friday during terms 5 and 6. The children will be introduced to their new teacher in the last week of term and teachers will work together to ensure a smooth transition.

We also say an official farewell to Mrs Hale who is moving away from Bristol with her family at the end of her maternity leave, so will not be re-joining us after Easter.

Lastly, we say farewell to Hunter in Class 6 who is moving back to New Zealand next week. We have loved having you as part of our school and look forward to keeping in contact through emails and perhaps a Google Meet.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Gemma Fricker

Celebration

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: **Harrison**

Class 2: **Emmie**

Class 3: **Mabel**

Class 4: **Esta**

Class 5: **Jacob**

Class 6: **Hunter**

Class 7: **Naina**

Class 8: **Luke**

Class 9: **Finnley**

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/Tk2WTsLj2MU>

Messages

Keeping our school site safe:

The improvement in weather has led to an increase in families arriving earlier than needed

for drop off and staying to socialise at the end of the day. We are really sad that we can't encourage this, but ask that you work with us to ensure you are in school grounds for the minimum amount of time necessary in order to support our Covid risk assessment.

Breakfast Club bookings for Term 5:

Breakfast Club bookings for Term 5 are open. As an LA school we are unable to furlough staff, so to support us in maintaining this provision we are asking for a £2 per session retainer for sessions that are not currently required to enable us to hold those places for future terms.

Please email

breakfastclubhenleaze@bristol-schools.uk

School's Out Henleaze Easter Holiday – open for bookings:

Our Easter Holiday Club is open for bookings! Running weekdays from Tuesday 6th to Friday 16th April, we'll be based at Henleaze Infant School and are open to all children attending Henleaze Infant or Junior School only. We will be following the latest government guidelines and grouping children in year group pods, as well as making the most of our outside space with a great range of sports, crafts and games.

For more info and to book visit www.schoolsouthenleaze.co.uk or contact Jenny, Manager, on 07847 479 626. The club costs just £26 for a full day (8.15am – 5.30pm). You can sign up to just one day, multiple days or the full programme.

Dates for the diary

Wed 31 st March	End of Term 4
Thu 1 st April	Inset Day
Mon 19 th April	Start of Term 5
Mon 3 rd May	Bank Holiday
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Fri 28 th May	End of Term 5
Mon 7 th June	Start of Term 6
Wed 21 st July	End of Term 6

News from FHIS

FHIS Community Easter Egg Trail - Thursday 1st - Sunday 18th April 2021

As at today (19/03/21) the Government's Roadmap out of Lockdown is set to change from 29th March 2021. This change will allow either 6 people or 2 families to meet outside.

With the clocks set to change, better weather surely around the corner, the school holidays and Easter, we invite you to take part in this year's **FHIS Community Easter Egg Trail** which will run from **Thursday 1st - Sunday 18th April 2021, costing £2 per child.**

Navigate the trail and solve the riddle to be in with a chance to win an Easter themed prize.

Monies raised will be split between FHIS & Feeding Bristol who will be working hard these holidays to feed local families facing hunger. Donations are gratefully received as always.

After payment,
<https://paypal.me/pools/c/8xK4pAQJeS>,
please email fhiseaster@gmail.com by the **deadline of 24th March** to register for a map & treat. (Chocolate treats will be nut & gluten free. If you require a non-dairy treat, please advise at the time of emailing.)

To reduce workload, we will acknowledge all orders from 25th March and confirm your local treat collection point.

Have fun, good luck and remember hands, face & space whilst in the community.

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