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Dear Parent/Carer,

For families celebrating this week Eid Mubarak! I hope that yesterday's celebrations were filled with happiness. Children in school spent time learning about or sharing their experiences of Eid al Fitr this week and reflecting on celebrations around the world.

This week's input from me will be brief as I am giving space for Mrs Gibson to share some updates from the curriculum area she leads. Her writing report will be the first of many over the coming terms to let our leaders share information about the developments in their subject areas.

I hope that you have heard from your child some of the learning activities that have taken place this week and that they have been inspired to tell and write poems and stories at home!

Alongside this newsletter, I have written an important pupil progress update for parents. Please take time to read it and contact us with any further questions via the school inbox.

In the messages section there is a link to a well-being resource. In our school, as well as across Bristol, we are noticing a change in children's behaviour in the past two weeks. This may be due to 'off-timetable' excitement this week, but there is some evidence that like many of us, although we are more or less getting back to normal school life, the effect of change and stresses associated with Covid has now reduced and we are in a 'decompression' state. We're aware that children are required to be in more contained groups at home and school which makes friendship niggles all the more likely; we're reminding children of our school values of respect and inclusion as well as the need to be

kind and if they are struggling with feelings to share them.

I hope that you all have a restful weekend and are able to begin to make plans with friends and family following the next phase of lockdown.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Gemma Fricker

Writing Report:

We have been so impressed with all of our children's writing in school over the past few weeks. Thank you for all your hard work over the lockdown period and for maintaining our drive to improve handwriting, presentation and correct formation. These are such important skills and early building blocks for the children to have to be able to use in their daily lives at home and school. All the classes use a working wall for their writing during the week which also includes a piece of 'Writing of the Week'. A chance for each class to celebrate a piece of writing from the week and talk about why it was chosen. Children are really proud of their progress.

We have had a whole school enrichment week this week, based all around the poem by Edward Lear, 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat'. A large focus was our shared writing and reading in our class bubbles, but it was very much a chance to bring in many aspects of the wider curriculum. It was a fabulous week and much fun was had by both children and staff alike! We are making displays in school and we are also putting together a small presentation for the children to share with you at home. We will post the link to this next week.

Celebration

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: **Thomas**

Class 2: **Rory**

Class 3: **Samuel**

Class 4: **Sophie**

Class 5: **Izzy**

Class 6: **Mabel**

Class 7: **Isabel**

Class 8: **Leo**

Class 9: **Jake**

Class of the week this week is: Class for Class 3 for maintaining excellent behaviour and attitudes during a busy and exciting week which enabled them to enjoy our enrichment week.

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

<https://youtu.be/lDcNvP2gYgl>

Messages

A thank you to our wonderful Governors:

Many thanks to our school Governors for the amazing cakes and fruit sent in this week for staff. It is much appreciated!

The school blog contains answers to FAQs

Class blogs contain important messages from teachers as well as the learning for the week

HappyMaps:

HappyMaps is a new website created by NHS doctors, to help parents, teachers, and others to support children and young people's mental health. For each section, the NHS have drawn together the best websites, helplines, books, Apps and videos so it's easy to find the right resources for each age-group. Topics range from pre-school behavioural issues to supporting mental health in young adults. There is also a self-help page for young people, a professional

section, a SEND section, and a section on mental health and COVID. HappyMaps is now a charity in its own right, with over 71,000 users all over the UK since launch.

website is www.happymaps.co.uk

Gardening volunteers:

Thank you to parents/carer who have volunteered their time to supporting in some planting work in school. We have compiled a list and once the children have done some planning, will be in contact with dates.

Breakfast Club bookings:

If you would like a place for your child at Breakfast Club, please email: breakfastclubhenleaze@bristol-schools.uk

School's Out Henleaze June ½ Term Holiday – open for bookings:

Our June ½ Term Holiday Club is open for bookings! Running weekdays from Tuesday 1st to Friday 4th April, we'll be based at Henleaze Infant School and are open to all children. 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. From den building to an outdoor disco, we'll keep the kids entertained.

For more info and to book visit www.schoolsouthenleaze.co.uk

Book [here](#)

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.

Contact: Jenny

email; manager@schoolsouthenleaze.co.uk

Celebrations from school:

Well done to Grace in class 8 who has donated her hair for a second time to The Little Princess Trust. She and her mum had joint haircuts on Saturday.

This amazing charity makes wigs for young patients undergoing chemotherapy whom have lost their hair (for more information see <https://www.littleprincesses.org.uk/>)

Grace's proud parents have set up the following fundraising page which gives any money raised directly to the charity to help with the cost of making the wigs:

https://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/joanne-harris35?utm_source=sms&utm_medium=fundraising&utm_content=joanne-harris35&utm_campaign=pfpsms&utm_term=d5ae1259dc764650a79d7ea6a048c04a

Grace is really keen to support the charity and hopes to raise enough money to fund one wig (approximately £550).

Pictures from school:

I don't want to spoil the surprise so I am leaving this week's activities to Mrs Gibson to share in her owl and the pussycat celebration presentation!

Dates for the diary

Tue 11 th May	Vision screening Reception and Yr 1
Tue 18 th May	Vision screening Reception and Yr 1
Fri 28 th May	End of Term 5 Deadline for ordering Yr 2 Leavers hoodies from FHIS
Mon 7 th Jun	Start of Term 6
w/c 5 th Jul	Parent learning share (more information to follow)
Thu 14 th Jul	School Reports sent home
Fri 16 th Jul	FHIS Summer event TBA
Wed 21 st Jul	End of Term 6
Thu 2 nd Sep	Inset day
Fri 3 rd Sep	Inset day

Mon 6 th Sep	Start of Term 1 for pupils
Fri 22 nd Oct	End of Term 1
Mon 1 st Nov	Start of Term 2
Fri 17 th Dec	End of Term 2
Mon 3 rd Jan	Inset day
Tue 4 th Jan	Start of Term 3 For pupils
Fri 18 th Feb	End of Term 3

Notice board



Henleaze Schools Parents' Prayer Group:

Your school has a parents' prayer group that meets once a term (inc. Parents/ Carers/ staff/ Grandparents) to pray for our amazing school – our wonderfully hardworking staff, children and parent community. If you are interested in getting the termly prayer email please email us on henleazeschprayergroup@hotmail.com or speak to our infant school parent reps Simon Collins or Emily Hinton.

Many thanks

Henleaze School parents' prayer group

News from FHIS

Father's Day Mugs - Orders have now been placed for the Father's Day Mugs. We

will let you know when they are available for collection from school.

FHIS Leavers T-Shirts - As the Year 2 children will shortly move on from the school, leavers t-shirts are now available to purchase by Year 2 parents. Please complete the Google Form [Henleaze Infants Leavers' T-Shirts \(google.com\)](#) or use the QR code below and make payment of £9.99 per t-shirt into the PayPal Pool <https://paypal.me/pools/c/8yZnhViNK> **before 28th May 2021.**



FHIS Summer Event, Friday 16th July - We still need one more person to join and complete the summer event team so that the event can run. If you can help, please sign up for this, and other events, at www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084dafab2aa3f94-fhis

**WITHOUT THIS LAST VOLUNTEER,
THE EVENT WILL BE CANCELLED.**

If you would like to join an event that is already showing as full, please email us at fhisinfo@gmail.com

Second-Hand Uniform - We will be asking those of you who have unwanted/outgrown uniform to drop them at school during the final week of this term. Watch this space for further details.

Thank you

FHIS