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Friday 21 May 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

It has been a dramatic week! Not only because the weather kept us on our toes, but due to the final rehearsals and recording of the Year 1 play. From what I have seen, we are in for a real treat. I am impressed with the commitment of the Year 1 children in the scenery making as well as learning of songs and lines. Great work!

Teachers have also been stopping me to share their pride in some wonderful writing this week. Reception have been retelling Jack and the Beanstalk; showing Stickability Tortoise skills to write their first story. In Year 2 children have been using their senses to help evoke descriptive language in their retelling of the Tin Forest. We have been flabbergasted by the sophisticated vocabulary used.

Looking ahead to our final week of term and heading to the Bank Holiday break, I would like to remind parents that we are following our school and local; authority attendance policy now that the school is fully open and will not be able to authorise any term-time holidays.

After the break, we look forward to being able to reduce some of our Covid measures (government advice dependent) and will start to introduce some outside mixing at playtime and lunchtime. We feel that this will enable our children to prepare for the transition back in September where we anticipate having less restriction in place, as well as giving them an opportunity to make wider relationships within the school. Reception children will be particularly keen to spread into the main playground as this is a rite of passage!

Looking even further ahead, we will be having some staff changes in September due to the retirement of Mrs Browne, Mrs Keefe and Mrs Ashcroft. All have been with Henleaze Infant School for an extraordinary length of time (nearly 70 years between them!) and have contributed to the lives of hundreds of children and families. They will be greatly missed, but leave their teams in a great place

to welcome new staff. Both internal and external recruitment has been taking place throughout this term and we are excited about the next chapter to come. In Term 6 I will update children and parents about teachers and teaching assistants for next year. We have lots of plans to put in place first, so please be patient and bear with us.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Gemma Fricker

Celebration

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: **Evie**

Class 2: **Freya**

Class 3: **Amara**

Class 4: **Eva**

Class 5: **Edward**

Class 6: **Inigo**

Class 7: **Isabelle**

Class 8: **Emme**

Class 9: **Penelope**

Class of the week this week is: Class 3

Not only have I been 'blown away' by their writing this week, each time I pop in, they have been working beautifully together like Teamwork Bees.

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

<https://youtu.be/9Lavk4vrncQ>

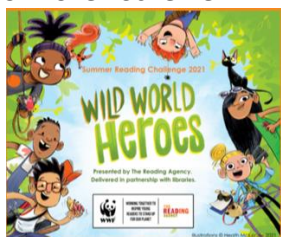
Messages

The school blog contains answers to FAQs

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

See flyers sent out with this newsletter on Wellbeing Webinars for parents/carers and a virtual coffee morning.

National Book Token Scheme:



The National Book Token prize draw supporting school libraries is back. Please nominate the school to give us a chance to fill the library with new books! The top prize is £5,000 of National Book Tokens. To nominate the school and to find out more information please go to

<https://www.nationalbooktokens.com/schools?fbclid=IwAR13jkbewrzwEaVUCAHWaccxolyTMcp8ipbDDWykmtzkq0xcZcDECh6Qw4>

We hope to have a virtual launch assembly in school from the library team in Term 6.

The closing date is Saturday 31st July 2021, and the winner will be announced in the autumn term. Thank you!

Health and safety:

A black and white cat that is often in our playground at the start of the day does not like being ‘petted’. This week it bit a child at our school, so I would like parents to remind children that it is best to ask owners if it is safe to go near a pet.

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 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.

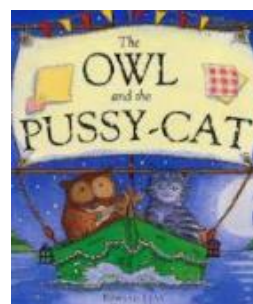
For more info and to book visit www.schoolsouthernleaze.co.uk
Book [here](#)

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@schoolsouthernleaze.co.uk

Celebrations from School:

Click [here](#) for The Owl and The Pussy Cat Enrichment Week Video



Dates for the diary

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
Fri 25 th Jun	Colorfoto - Class photos
w/c 5 th Jul	Parent learning share (more information to follow)
Thu 14 th Jul	School Reports sent home
Sun 18 th Jul	FHIS Summer event timing 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:

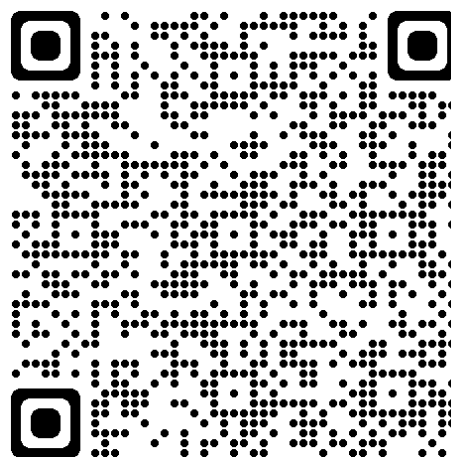
Your school has a parents' prayer group that meets once a term (inc. Parents/ Carers/ staff/ Grandparents) to pray for our amazing school – our wonderfully hardworking staff, children and parent community. If you are interested in getting the termly prayer email please email us on henleazeschprayergroup@hotmail.com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

Many thanks

Henleaze School parents' prayer group

News from FHIS

FHIS Leavers T-Shirts - There is just one week left to order your fabulous Year 2 leavers t-shirt. 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/8yZnhViNKV> **before midday on Friday 28th May 2021.**



FHIS Summer Event

For various reasons, we have moved the summer event from the evening of Friday 16th July to Sunday 18th July 2021 (timing to be confirmed). We hope that you can still join us as it's going to be the first and only in-person event of this academic year for current children and new starters! It's a great opportunity to participate in this community event and raise much needed funds for the school.

In addition to the DJ, extensive food selection, snacks, bouncy castle, rides, a licensed bar, we will be also be having an exciting range of stalls selling items including toys, dressing-up clothes, games & books, themed hamper raffle, children's raffle, a tattoo station, our special 'photographic experience' and a second hand uniform stall. **If you have an idea for something else, or can help, we'd love to hear from you. Please get in touch with us at fhisinfo@gmail.com**

All of next week, 24th-28th May - We invite you to drop off any good quality, clean, used toys, dressing up clothes, games, books (children & adult) or school uniform that you no longer need in the black bins labelled with the posters below and situated around the school.

Perhaps you have some unused gifts that you know you don't need and won't use? Whatever they are, pop them in the labelled bins and our volunteers will arrange collection. We will be offering further opportunities for the drop-off of donations between now and the summer event so if you're having a clear-out, please get in touch or we'll let you know the next date for on-site school-drop offs.

FHIS DONATION BIN >

SECONDHAND
UNIFORM
AND FANCY
DRESS

HELP RAISE
FUNDS FOR FHIS

Collections all week
Mon 24th - Fri 28th May

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Infants School





PLEASE DO NOT USE THESE LABELLED BINS FOR RUBBISH! WE HAD A NEAR MISS INCIDENT WITH SPOILED HAMPER ITEMS AT CHRISTMAS DUE TO LIQUID FILLED COFFEE CUPS BEING PLACED IN THE BINS. THANK YOU.

If you're a local business person, or know someone who would like to have a stall at the event, please get in touch with us at fhisinfo@gmail.com and help to make this a fun, friendly, community event.

FHIS Needs You! You will have seen from previous FHIS communications that many of the event leaders will be moving on at this end of this academic year resulting in the complete disbandment of many existing event teams. Since earlier shout-outs, we have filled some of the immediate event positions, however the **2021 FIREWORKS EVENT REMAINS AT RISK OF CANCELLATION DUE TO A LACK OF VOLUNTEERS.**

We are specifically looking for five more volunteers to join a new fireworks event team. Fireworks is the biggest event in the FHIS event calendar and raised almost £8,000 in 2019! If you can help run this event, please get in contact with us at fhisinfo@gmail.com

WITHOUT A FULL EVENT TEAM, WE WILL BE UNABLE TO RUN THIS EVENT AND IT WILL BE CANCELLED.

For those of you who fear signing your life away, joining an event team is separate from joining the FHIS Committee; you are signing up specifically for an event and not joining the Committee. To find out more about an event and what being on a team involves, email us at fhisinfo@gmail.com

If you can help with an event, please click on the link below to sign-up:

www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084dafab2aa3f94-fhis

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

Thank you

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