

# NEWSLETTER

## March - May 2021 - Terms 4 & 5



## 2020/21 Events Calendar

- ◆ 28 May - Year 2 Leavers t-Shirt Orders
- ◆ 25 June, 2 & 9 July - Ice Cream Friday 's
- ◆ 18 July 2021 - Summer Event

## The Penultimate Term is Drawing to a Close

We hope that this Newsletter finds you all well during what we hope are the latter stages of the last lockdown. If you missed the last Newsletter, it can be found [here](#):

[https://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page\\_id=263](https://www.henleaze-inf.bristol.sch.uk/?page_id=263)

## New Parent's

The School is currently conducting tours for new parents. Please ask any new prospective parents' to contact the office for more information. We're looking forward to seeing the parents' of new Reception starter's at events next month.

**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>

**Everyone Welcome** - The next FHIS Open Meeting is scheduled to take place on **Wednesday 30th June, 8pm.**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/78541635903?pwd=emZWcDBWMjdIckw2MVorQ3lBcFhQUT09>

Meeting ID: 785 4163 5903. Passcode: s87WY5

**Thank you** to Skyboat Café who hosted our first Mother's Day Wine Tasting Event.

for FHIS raising £400. The FHIS Community Easter Egg Trail raised £140 for FHIS. A

further £140 raised was donated to Feeding Bristol providing lunches for 85 children

over the Easter holidays. More recently, 299 orders of Father's Day Mugs are set to

raise over £550. A huge thanks go to Karen, Emily, Andrea, Lorna, Amanda & Vilma

for their help. **Collectively, you have helped to raise over £10,500 so far this**

**academic year** which is an outstanding achievement in view of lockdown and the

inability to hold in-person events such as the 2020 Fireworks display or the 2021 May Fair. **A big thank you to everyone for your support.** We would be grateful for your continuing support as we move into the final term.

**Dress Down day is this Friday, 28th May.** If you can, please donate a minimum of £1 for ongoing school projects.



**Spending Update & Term 4 & 5 Spending** We are pleased to hear that the new blocks and associated trolleys have finally arrived! It is anticipated that the new library furniture will be in situ by July. At the FHIS Open Meeting on 28th April, attendees voted and FHIS agreed to support the school with the following items; a **multi-purpose roleplay house** (£1,000), **ELLI eBook** to support all children with life long learning skills (£500), **Resources Budget** (£2,500), split between Guided Reading resources (£1,000), Science & Geography resource (£600) and a £100 resource budget

per class. You may have seen the circle of tree stumps that have appeared on the Infant field (running parallel with Park Grove) following Forest School's recent re-location from the Junior School field. This will be our new **Forest School Conservation Area**. A new gated fence, posts for hammocks and storage will provide resources for children & wildlife alike, alongside a mud kitchen and planting area (£1,200). Related to this, we have also pledged to support **School Council's** request for £1,000 for **planters and plants**. FHIS will also provide cooling **lollies** for the children this Sport's Day, 12th July.

As the children enjoyed their day of enrichment when Travelling Light hosted their whole school drama workshop earlier this month, FHS have also pledged to support the school with funds of up to £1,700 for a similar drama workshop in 2021/22; £2,000 for the refurbishment of two classrooms summer (2022) & a financial agreement of £1,500 for forest school sessions for new Reception starters. **This is only possible with your support.**

**Thank you in what we know have been challenging times.**



children communication committee  
**fundraising**  
pupils **PTA** school  
staff parents

**We Need You!** We are pleased to welcome Alice Nani-Scott as dual Treasurer and Louise Walton as Secretary from September 2021. **Welcome.** The PTA are looking for parents, like you, to fill the role of Co-Chair, Comms, Amazon Smile and Easy Fundraising. **If these roles are not filled, the PTA cannot operate from September.** To find out more, please contact us at [fhisinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fhisinfo@gmail.com)



**Events Calendar** - There's still time for our Year 2 parents' to order one of our lovely **FHIS Leavers t-shirts**, celebrating the children's time at the school. Please email us at [fhisinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fhisinfo@gmail.com) for order/ payment details.

**Ice-Cream Friday's** - With the planned relaxation of Government Guidelines regarding Covid-19 & social distancing from 21st June, we hope to offer the sale of ice creams and lollies on 25th June, 2nd & July.

Our amazing **Summer Event** will take place on **Sunday 18th July, time TBC**, when we will be hosting a DJ, bouncy castle, rides, food, a licensed bar & snacks, stalls selling second hand school uniform, toys, dressing-up clothes, games & books, a themed hamper raffle, tattoo station & 'photographic experience'.

As part of the event, we are also inviting children to get creative and make **tombola jars** containing sweets, craft items and/or small toys. **See overleaf for more details.**

**Look out for containers, with these flyers, popping up around school as we invite you to "Drop & Donate."**

Further 'Drop & Donate' dates will be added after half term, with the next scheduled for **Tuesday 15th-Friday 18th June.**

**If you are a local business and would like to have a stall at the event, please contact us at [fhisinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fhisinfo@gmail.com)**

**Events 2021/22** - You will have seen from previous FHIS communications that many of the event leaders will move on at the 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, thank you, however the 2021 **FIREWORKS EVENT**, which is the biggest event in the FHIS calendar (raising almost £8,000 in 2019) **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. If you would like more information about what being on an event team involves, before you sign up, please email us at [fhisinfo@gmail.com](mailto:fhisinfo@gmail.com)

**If you can help run this event, or any other event, please click on: [www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084dafab2aa3f94-fhis](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084dafab2aa3f94-fhis)**

**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. If so, please get in contact with us at [fhisinfo@gmail.com](mailto: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 match funding, EasyFundraising & Amazon Smile. Don't forget to check out the evolving list of items on the school's Amazon Wishlist. As we have been unable to hold our usual events over the last 15 months, fund raising have fallen by over £20,000. If you can't attend our summer event, we are always grateful to receive direct donations. Thank you.

**Clear Out?** If you're having a clear out over half-term and items aren't suitable for the Summer Event, or 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](mailto:fhisinfo@gmail.com)**

**Enjoy the half-term break  
FHIS**



# GET CREATIVE FOR THE JAM JAR TOMBOLA!



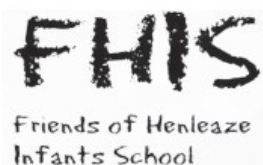
This half term, can you help FHIS by making tombola Jam Jars to sell at the Summer Event?

It's a great fun activity: you just need to get your kids to fill empty jam-jars with sweets, craft items or small toys. Get your kids flexing their creative muscles decorating the jars.

We'll be awarding prizes for creative decoration, and to the class who makes the most Jars!

Details will follow about where to drop off jars.





## FHIS Events Calendar

# 2020 - 2021

### Term 1

- 16th September 2020 - FHIS online Zoom meeting
- October 2020 - Halloween Colouring Competition

### Term 2

- 11th November 2020 – FHIS Christmas Apron order deadline
- 11th December 2020 – Christmas Jumper Day & FHIS Christmas Raffle

### Term 3

- 6th February 2021 - New! Online Winter Disco

### Term 4

- 5th March 2021 - First Virtual Quiz & Curry Night
- 13th March 2021 - Mother's Day Wine Tasting Event with Skyboat Cafe
- 1st - 18th April 2021 - Community Easter Egg Trail

### Term 5

- 28th April 2021 - FHIS online Zoom meeting
- 7th May 2021 – Deadline for ordering mugs for Father's Day (20.06.21)
- 28th May 2021 - Year 2 Leavers T-shirt order deadline

### Term 6

- 25th June, 2nd & 9th July - Ice cream sales on a Friday afternoon
- 30th June 2021 - FHIS online Zoom meeting
- Sunday 18th July 2021 - Summer Event

Please contact us at: [FHISinfo@gmail.com](mailto:FHISinfo@gmail.com)

# HOW TO HELP...



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.



[https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3MWTT1I5R37XS?ref=wl\\_share](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



## FHIS Buying & Selling

Having a clear out? Why not sell on the FHIS Buying & Selling private FB page where buyers make payment to the FHIS bank account detailed above.

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



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](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](mailto:FHISinfo@gmail.com)

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

**MOST OF ALL THANK YOU!!!**