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Dear Parent/Carer,

This week across the school, all children have been able to demonstrate the culmination of their efforts to make their handwriting as neat as they can when they wrote cards to special people in their lives (I won't give the secret away!). Correct letter formation and fluent handwriting has been a whole school focus throughout the year with parents and carers supporting this drive throughout lockdown. Correct letter formation is a huge challenge for children as it involves not only cognitive capacity to recall the shapes and the correct starting position and directional flow, but also the physical capacity to use a pencil; all whilst thinking about what to write and how to spell it! Our expectations for handwriting are not driven by a desire for 'neatness', but from an understanding of the core purpose of writing-to communicate. If writing is not legible, then your child's important efforts are lost. We are really proud of the progress children have made and will continue to work with you to build on this.

On other learning, as promised, below is an update from Miss Simmons our Maths Lead on last week's Maths Day:

Our whole school Maths Day was a success. The children loved showing their class what they had brought in from home to represent number or 150. Year 1 and 2 enjoyed taking part in an investigation to find out how 150 could be grouped. Year 1 wrote some amazing repeated addition number sentences (e.g. $50+50+50=150$) and Year 2 wrote some wonderful multiplication and division number sentences (e.g. $3 \times 50=150$).

This fun filled day raised the profile of maths throughout our school and enabled us to gather some 'child voice' through a whole class questionnaire. You'll be pleased to know that 91% of children said they are proud of the work they produce during maths lessons and they knew what to do if they got stuck during a maths lesson. Responses included; using the working walls, asking a friend, using the resources or drawing pictures, as

well as work like the Stickability Tortoise. As I walked around school, I could hear children talking about maths and numbers before I even got close to the classroom doors. There was a real buzz about maths throughout the school on Friday 11th June. After such a successful day, it would be great to continue to build children's confidence and enthusiasm about Maths at home and in school. Families can support this by identifying all the fun maths that happens in everyday life. For example, using coins and money to buy items, weighing during cooking, noticing patterns, spotting 2D and 3D shapes in the environment, counting as you walk up steps, sharing food etc. Thank you for your support for preparing the children for this day. Please see a photo of the 'Whole School Maths Day' display in the celebration section.

I hope that you all received the update earlier this week regarding the change in government timeline for 'unlocking' and the impact on Term 6 planned events. We desperately want to invite you back to share the achievements of this last year and hope that you are able to make the most of the different opportunities we can safely offer over the next few weeks.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes,

Gemma Fricker

Celebration

Stars of the Week:

Class 1: **Roman**

Class 2: **Ted**

Class 3: **Kofi**

Class 4: **Nafeesa**

Class 5: **Sam**

Class 6: **Martha**

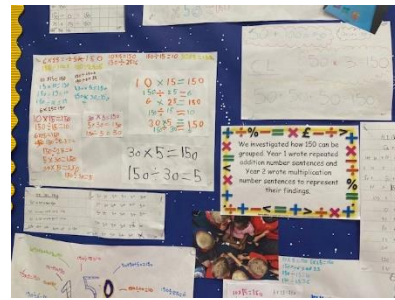
Class 7: Saskia

Class 8: Olly

Class 9: Rory

Class of the week this week is: Class 2 who have really impressed everyone with the way they have been challenging themselves with their learning.

Well done everyone!



Messages

The school blog contains answers to FAQs

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

Lost property:

Please can you take any items belonging to your child/ren next week. Remaining unnamed and unclaimed uniform will be donated to FHIS at the end of the week. Thank you!

Head lice:

There have been a number of cases reported this week. Please can you check your child over the weekend and treat if necessary.

Schools Out Summer Holiday Club – Bookings Now Open!

We are running weekdays based at Henleaze Infant School, from Thursday 22nd July - Wednesday 1st September and are open to all children (Henleaze Infant/Juniors as well as other local schools). Full day (8.15-17.30) or half day (08.15-13.00/13.00-17.30) sessions are available and you can choose how many days you want to attend. We will follow government guidance regarding pods.

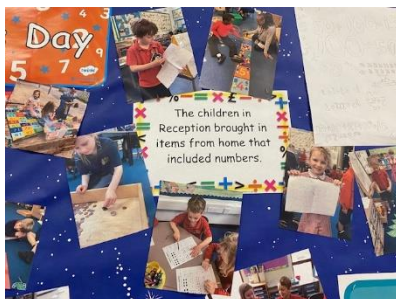
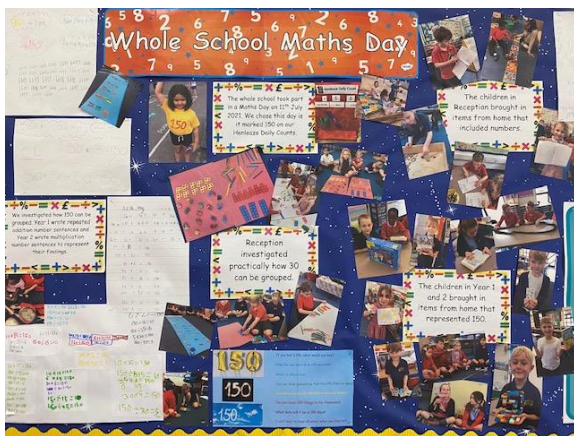
We'll be making the most of all the outside space and fresh air and alongside the activities below, our Playworkers will be running lots of sporting activities throughout the day, including football, cricket, rounders, hockey, tennis etc for the children to join in with if they wish to. We also have a drawing and making table, construction equipment, quiet area, den building, pool table, table football, table tennis, Wii and lots of other toys, books and equipment for the children to play with, as well as our amazing team of Playworkers! We have a staff / child ratio of 1:8 and welcome children between the ages of 4 and 12 (pre-school 4-year-olds may attend during the summer holidays only).

Breakfast Club bookings:

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

<https://youtu.be/GHwedEeeCHO>

Our Maths Day Display:



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

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=IwAR13jkbserwzEaVUCAHWaccxolyTMcp8ipbDDWykmtzkq0xcZcD_ECh6Qw4

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!

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breakfastclubhenleazei@bristol-schools.uk

Dates for the diary

Fri 25 th Jun	Colorfoto - Class photos
w/c 5 th Jul	Parent learning share (more information to follow)
Mon 12 th Jul	Year Group Sports Day
Thu 14 th Jul	School Reports sent home
Tue 20 th Jul	FHIS Summer Event 6.15-8.15pm
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 Summer Event, Tuesday 20th July 2021, 6.15pm - 8.15pm

Due to the government announcing on Monday that Covid restrictions will remain in place until Monday 19th July (unless restrictions can be lifted earlier), we have moved the **FHIS Summer Event to Tuesday 20th July, between 6.15pm - 8.15pm**. The event will still include an outside disco, food/snacks/ice cream, a licensed bar, second hand uniform & toys/games/books stalls, Tombola Jars and themed hamper raffle but will not include rides / bouncy castle. Our amazing sponsors for the event are

Henleaze Lawn Tennis Club, a local, friendly tennis club and property consultants **Maggs & Allen**. We hope you can still make it to celebrate the work of our children over the last 12 months. Further information will follow shortly including the Sign-up Genius link asking for volunteers to help on the evening.

Without volunteers like you, we cannot run events so thank you in advance for your help.

Tombola Jam Jars - We are still busily making Tombola Jam Jars for the Summer Event. **Have you made one with your child yet?** You just need to get the kids to fill a clean, empty jam jar with wrapped sweets, small toys or craft items. Kids then decorate the Tombola Jars with stickers and bright lids, ready for the stall. The teachers are going to help us award prizes for the most creatively decorated AND to the class who can make the most jars!

The deadline to get your jars back to school is Monday 5th July - your child can take them into class with them.



Second-hand school uniform- The 'drop & donate' containers have been out this week for your uniform donations. They will return Monday 12th - Friday 16th July and then again between Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st July. If you have donations after this date, please email fhisuniform@gmail.com

Toys/games/books etc. - Thanks for all of your games/toys and book donations so far. We will let you know after 5th July if we can accept more donations.

FHIS Committee & Events 2021/22

FHIS Needs You! There are a number of Committee positions still to be filled for 2021/22 including Co-Chair (x2), Comms & Sponsorship. If you are interested in any of these roles, or would simply like to join FHIS Committee, please contact us more information at fhisinfo@gmail.com

You will have seen from previous FHIS communications that many of the event teams and 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 four 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 THE FIREWORKS EVENT AND IT WILL BE CANCELLED.

If you can help with an event or would like to join FHIS Committee, 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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