

FHIS NEWSLETTER

July 2021 - Term 6



2021/22 Events Calendar

- ♦ 29th September - FHIS AGM, Eastfield Inn, 8.15pm
- ♦ 9th / 10th Autumnal / Halloween Event
- ♦ 5th November - Fireworks
- ♦ 10th November - Christmas bags order deadline
- ♦ 10th December - Christmas Jumper Day

We Made It!

The end of this academic year is here and we made it. Well done everyone! Breaktime!

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 first meeting of the year will take place on **Wednesday 29th September, at the Eastfield Inn, 8.15pm**. We hope you can attend and hear more about what FHIS does, have your say and hear how you can get involved.

So Many Thank You's HUGE thanks to the FHIS Committee for their work and commitment over the last year. **Special thanks and goodbyes** to Ruth Berrington-Martin Lyndsay Wheble, Rich Lukes and Andrea Summers for their work, support and contributions to FHIS over the years. **Hello** to Alice Scott who will take over as Continuity Manager until new Co-Chairs are found alongside learning the role of Treasurer.

Welcome Louise Walton who will become Secretary and **Welcome** to David Chute who will Champion fundraising via Amazon Smile and EasyFundraising. We know you will all do a great job.

Thanks must also go to the Year 2 Leavers t-shirt team (Andrea, Alice & Jo) who helped to raise over £350. You can see two of the Year 2 children proudly wearing their t-shirts here. **Thanks** also to the FHIS Summer Event team (Shreya, Nigel, Alex, Shelley & Mark) for running the first and only in-person event this year! The event has already raised almost £1,200 thanks to pre-sales of raffle ticket and sponsorship from Kings Lawn

Tennis Club and Maggs & Allen. Please show your support and attend the FHIS Summer Event if you can. See overleaf.

We estimate that funds raised this year will be in the order of £14,000 which is an amazing achievement.

The school invites everyone to dress down on the last day of term, and if they can, donate a minimum of £1 towards ongoing projects. The 2021/22 School Wishlist (see below) has a minimum target of £10,000.

Finally, a very big thank you to EVERYONE for your support. We can't do it without you!

We Need You! You may have seen our **email of 12th July 2021** advising that the PTA are looking for parents, like you, to fill the role of 2 x Co-Chairs, Comms and Sponsorship.

If you think you can help, even in a small way, please get in touch by email at fhisinfo@gmail.com Alternatively, if you provide us with your phone number one of the current FHIS parents will call you back. Want to chat to us in person? One of us is always at drop off or pick up. Ruth (Wilf's mum) will be at the FHIS Summer Event all evening on 20th July, manning the Tombola Stall (glasses and curly brown hair!). **You can also sign up to a Committee role here at www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084dafab2aa3f94-fhis**



Spending Update Term 6 & 2021/22 Wishlist At the 30th June FHIS Open Meeting, Committee voted to support the school's additional Wishlist of items for 2021/22 totaling just under £9,000 including; a **£1,000** contribution to art/music/DT and wider curriculum enrichment resources; **£7,500** for an imaginative/active space - large playground structure and planting in main playground. This project will either replace or redevelop the existing gazebo area,

plus refurbishment/replacement of the train in the little playground. **£350** towards Christmas gifts for children from Father Christmas and £100 to provide ice lollies for sports day. Here is a snap of children at this year's sports day enjoying a well deserved treat. You may have seen that the new gated fence for the **Forest School Conservation Area** is now in place and will make an excellent, safe area for the children to learn about the environment whilst having fun.



Year 2 Leavers Event - The Year 2 children were treated to a day of fun, courtesy of FHIS, when a team from the Explorer Dome came & gave a fun & interactive talk about the environment which the kids loved! The children were able to let off steam in the afternoon with a disco & snacks. **Good luck Year 2 as you move on from Henleaze Infant School.**



Events Calendar - The FHIS Summer Event, Tuesday 20th July, 6.15pm - 8.15pm will be the first and only in-person event to be held this academic year. As well as providing a much needed opportunity to meet with friends and relax, we hope that it will generate essential funds to improve the school's facilities and meet the minimum £10,000 target required for the 2021/22 Wishlist. Just as a reminder, you can expect food/snacks/ice cream, a licensed bar, second hand uniform, a second hand toys/games/book stall, Tombola Jars, themed hamper raffle and the return of Disco Steve at our outside disco!

Class Rep's have done a sterling job (thank you) gathering items for the nine themed hampers. The average value of these hampers is £50+. We also have (three) hampers from Waitrose, Chandos Deli and Tesco to win which are in excess of £30 each.



FHIS Events 2021/22 - We are looking for one lovely parent to join and complete the Autumnal/Halloween event team. **Could it be you?** The 2022 Easter Egg Hunt, Ice Cream Friday's and Summer Event also still need volunteers. If you can help, please sign up here www.signupgenius.com/go/70a084dafab2aa3f94-fhis **Without volunteers for all events, they cannot run.** If you would like more information about what being on an event team involves, before you sign up, come and talk to us at the FHIS Summer Event, or email us at fhisinfo@gmail.com **We can always arrange a chat.**



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

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. Donations from companies such as Lloyds have generated over £2,500 this year through volunteers, like you, helping at events and applying for matched-funds. For more information email our Treasurers at fhisinfo@gmail.com Don't forget to check out the evolving list of items on the school's Amazon Wishlist/Class Blog.

As we have been unable to hold our usual events over the last 18 months, fund raising has fallen by £20,000+. **If you can't attend our summer event, we are always grateful to receive direct donations into the FHIS bank account.** Thank you.



Second-Hand School Uniform - The 'drop & donate' second hand uniform containers will return **Monday 19th - Wednesday 21st July**. Laundered items can still be donated after this date by contacting fhisuniform@gmail.com

Clear Out? If you're having a clear out and items aren't suitable to sell on the FHIS Buying & Selling page

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

please 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 at: fhisinfo@gmail.com

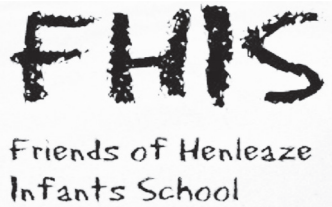
Enjoy the summer holidays

We look forward to meeting new parents and welcoming existing parents back in September

Thank you

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FHIS Events Calendar

2021 - 2022

Term 1

- 9th/10th October 2021- Halloween Event

Term 2

- 5th November 2021 – Fireworks Event
- 10th November 2021 – FHIS Christmas Bag Deadline
- 10th December 2021 – Christmas Jumper Day

Term 3

- 4th February 2022 - Winter Disco

Term 4

- TBC March 2022 - Quiz & Curry Night
- TBC March 2022 - Mother's Day (27.3.22) Fundraiser
- 2nd/3rd April 2022 - Easter Event

Term 5

- TBC May 2022 - Father's Day (19.6.22) Fundraiser
- 26th May 2022 - Year 2 Leavers T-shirt order deadline

Term 6

- TBC June 2022 - Ice cream sales on a Friday afternoon
- TBC June/July 2022 - Summer Event

Please contact us at: FHISinfo@gmail.com



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.

HOW TO HELP...



https://www.amazon.co.uk/hz/wishlist/ls/3MWTTI15R37XS?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



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

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

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

MOST OF ALL THANK YOU!!!