



Henleaze Infant School

30th September Bulletin

Headteacher update:

As the weather turned to feel really autumnal this week we have started to plan ahead to next term. Term 2 is always busy and exciting with a range of festivals and celebrations in the calendar. Alongside this, we are also planning our annual enrichment week-A week where we move away from the typical timetable to focus as a whole school on one stimulus to encourage arts and literacy development. This year we are all going out of school to the theatre (instead of a company coming in) and have booked to see Belle and Sebastien at Bristol Old Vic on Wednesday 14th December. We feel that visiting the recently renovated theatre will be a really memorable visit for our children, many of whom have missed out on similar experiences due to Covid restrictions. More information will follow nearer the time.

I hope that you enjoy the weather and seasonal changes this weekend whatever you are planning to do. I am sure you will want to join me in sending a message of 'good luck' to Bluebell Class teacher Miss Evans who is running in the London marathon today. Her race number is 17765 for anyone who wants to track her progress across London.

Best Wishes

Gemma Fricker

Photos and information about what has been happening in classes, the learning plans as well as important messages from teachers are all found in the class blogs ([click below](#))



Coming up:

Weds 5th October: Reception Parents' Curriculum meeting 6:00 in Daisy Class (please arrive via the Reception Patio)



[Click below for the school calendar](#)



Bluebell Class: Hannah

Cherry Class: Etta

Maple Class: Ola

Sycamore Class: (absent)

Magnolia Class: Theo

Class of the Week: Bluebell Class who have impressed the adults in Bluebell Class and me each day this week.

Congratulations everyone!



A spooktacular date for your diary ??

Join us for a fang-tastic afternoon at the **Halloween Treasure Hunt at Henleaze Infant School on Sunday 16 October 2022** from 2-

Curriculum Update: Supporting Maths at home



At Henleaze Infant School, we use **White Rose Schemes of Learning** to plan our Maths curriculum. White Rose, have a fantastic **app called 1-Minute Maths**. It has been designed by experts to help children learn number confidence and fluency using a method they can enjoy. With easy-to-follow tasks delivered in engaging, bite-sized chunks, it is simple for children to use independently at home. Each task gives children engaging and targeted practice in basic number. The app covers a range of topics on arithmetic and subitising, and generates questions randomly so your child never sees the same ones in a sequence, meaning they learn the concept and not a series of answers. The app is totally free and it's available for use on [Apple](#), [Android](#) and [Kindle](#) devices. The app has been designed for infant aged children. There are games for Reception, Year 1 and 2.

Reception children: We suggest Reception children begin with tasks about subitising. It's one of the most critical number skills a young child develops, recognising number groups without counting, making it a perfect place for Reception children to start.

Year 1 children: If your child has mastered subitising, we recommend moving onto tasks focused on adding or subtracting number bonds to 10.

Year 2 children: For these children, we suggest trying tasks focused on adding or subtracting number bonds to 20. Again, as a teacher, parent or carer, we recommend you first check your child's ability with number bonds to 10 before starting these tasks to 20.

If you're not sure where to start, please speak to your child's teacher about their current level of ability. They will know how to help you get going with the app starting from the right place for your child.

Due to the success of this app, both in school and at home, we have decided not to renew our subscription to NumberGym.

Important Messages:

Parents of children with autism support groups:

Please find a list of Bristol Autism Support Calendar dates that may be helpful to you:

Weekly Support meetings

we have moved our weekly support group for parents and carers of autistic children to the Imperial Sports Ground on Thursday mornings at 10am -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/weekly-in-person-support-group-tickets-375090585037>

4pm. £2.50 per child (prize included). All weather games & activities, tea, coffee & cake stall, uniform sale, fancy dress stall & more. Fancy dress optional. Cake donations gratefully received (on the day) for the cake sale. Fireworks Night tickets will be sold at the event too! Hope to see you there! ?

Toy donations please!! The Halloween Team would gladly welcome small-medium sized **toy donations** for the (eco) lucky dip and **fancy dress donations** on two upcoming **Fridays: 7th & 14th October** at school pick up 3:15-3:30pm in the playground. Thank you!

Also to look forward to.....



[Click here for more news on the FHIS webpage:](#)

Once a month we have a sensory play support group at Super Sense at the Imperial Sports Ground for parents to come to with their children -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/bas-sensory-play-support-group-tickets-383656245157>

Once a month we also have an introductory All About Autism Session - <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/all-about-autism-tickets-272856299537>

We have a number of coffee mornings planned in where people can just show up and the coffee is on us –

Monday 10th October, 10-11am: Boston Tea Party, 293 Gloucester Road Bishopston BS7 8PE

Friday 14th October, 10-11am: Easton Community, Centre Kilburn St, Easton, Bristol BS5 6AW

Monday 17th October, 10-11am: Morrisons Café, Peterson Avenue, Hartcliffe, Bristol BS13 0BE

Monday 14th November, 10-11am: Boston Tea Party, 293 Gloucester Road Bishopston BS7 8PE

Monday 21st November. 10-11am: Grounded, 66-68 Bedminster Parade, Bristol BS3 4HL

Monday 5th December, 10-11am: Boston Tea Party, 293 Gloucester Road Bishopston BS7 8PE

We have support group / courses running each term, the next round will include a sensory group, new to autism and masking and anxiety -

<https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/support-blocks/>

Information sessions this month include –

In person DLA workshop 26TH September -

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/applying-for-disability-living-allowance-dla-tickets-414530230077>

27TH September -SEND Law and EHCPS

- <https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/whats-on/#event=73563089;instance=20220927123000?popup=1>

Don't forget you can refer parents anytime to our helpline

- <https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/helpline/> and

Bristol parents Facebook group (now over 3,000 members) <https://www.facebook.com/groups/bristolautismsupport>

As and when details are finalised more sessions will be added to the BAS calendar:

<https://www.bristolautismsupport.org/whats-on/>

Autumn Vaccination programmes

We are anticipating flu and covid to be co-circulating this winter and are strongly urging all eligible to access their vaccinations when offered. This will help to protect against severe illness and support business continuity

Flu

The 2022/23 NHS flu programme has now been launched offering free flu vaccination to a wide range of people through their GP practice or pharmacy.

- all children aged 2 or 3 years on 31 August 2022
- all primary school aged children (from Reception to Year 6)
- secondary school-aged children (focusing on Years 7, 8 and 9 following the primary school vaccination visits with any remaining vaccine being offered to Years 10 and 11, subject to vaccine availability later in the season)
- **those aged 6 months to under 65 years in clinical risk groups***
- all pregnant women (including those women who become pregnant during the influenza season)
- those aged 65 years and over
- those aged 50 to 64 years old not in clinical risk groups (including those who turn 50 by 31 March 2023). (Providers are asked not to start vaccinating this age group until mid-October 2022 to enable prioritisation of those with clinical risks and in the older age groups)
- those living in long-stay residential care homes or other long-stay care facilities
- carers
- close contacts of immunocompromised individuals
- frontline staff employed by social care providers without employer led occupational health schemes

*Those aged 6 months to 64 years old in a clinical risk group includes health conditions such as chronic asthma, diabetes, kidney disease, heart disease, a BMI of 40+.
If you are not eligible for the free vaccination it can be bought via a chemist for approx. £15

COVID-19 Autumn Boosters

This programme has been launched and can be booked via the national booking service, [Book or manage a coronavirus \(COVID-19\) vaccination - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk/booking/)

The groups currently being prioritised are

- aged 65 or over
- pregnant
- aged 5 and over and at high risk due to a health condition
- aged 5 and over and at high risk because of a weakened immune system
- aged 5 and over and lives with someone who has a weakened immune system
- aged 16 and over and is a carer
- a frontline health and social care worker

The appointment dates you'll be offered will start from 3 months (91 days) after your previous dose.

People aged 50 years - 64 years who are not in the high risk groups will be invited to book in the coming weeks

To book breakfast club, after school club or sports enrichment click below. To see more enrichment opportunities visit our [extra-curricular clubs page](#).