



Henleaze Infant School

9th September 2022 Bulletin

Headteacher update:



Welcome back to this new term and new year. We want to extend an extra warm greeting to our new families joining us this year. We are excited to be welcoming children to each year group from near and far. Our school community has a particularly friendly parent/carer group who I am sure will support you to quickly feel part of Henleaze Infant School.

As an opportunity to meet, I'd like to invite new and existing parents to come into school for a drink and biscuit to meet other parents/cares (and me) at this Term's Head's Tea. To support as many families as possible this will be straight after drop off in the morning of Thursday 22nd September and younger siblings will be welcome.

I am pleased to say that children have settled in exceptionally well this week with Year 1 and 2 children looking like they've been in their new class groups and classrooms for ages already; taking to new learning and expectations really well. Reception children have had their first two settling days and are proving to be adventurous and ready to make friends and learn-true to our school spirit!

Alongside the welcomes this week, we are saying farewell to Mrs Bateson in our school office. Mrs Bateson has been a big part of our school team for 15 years and has seen many changes in that

Coming up:

14.9.22 Y2 Back to School Meeting 3:00

15.9.22 Back to School Meeting 3:00

22.9.22 Head's Tea 8:55

26.9.22 INSET

27.9.22 Reception Parents' Reading Meeting 3:10

5.10.22 Reception Curriculum meeting 6:00

[Click below for the school calendar](#)



We are really proud of the children who took part in the library challenge and everybody who took time to read and enjoy stories during the summer.

Well done everyone!

time. We are very grateful for her commitment to our staff and families and wish her well.

The Death of Queen Elizabeth II:

Yesterday's news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II will be considered by school in an appropriate manner. At this time the DfE are expecting schools to close on the day of the funeral. This will be confirmed as soon as we receive notification. As with any major event in public awareness, we will consider the best way to explore this with the children in school. We recognise that this news will be felt and addressed by families in different ways and will endeavour to respect this. [Minded](#) is a recommended source of information to support children to manage death and loss.

Setting Expectations:



I have been talking to children in assembly this week about starting this new year with our Teamwork Bee [Elli learning skills](#) to work together to keep our school rules and expectations that enable everybody to learn and play successfully. Classes are



Welcome back to school from the Friends of Henleaze Infant School team (FHIS)! Our first meeting is on Tuesday 27th September at 7.30 held at Henleaze Infant School hall where we can hear about all the exciting events planned this term and ways to get involved that will suit you!

Click here for more news on the FHIS webpage:

settling out their class charters and all staff are committed to supporting your children to meeting our shared aims. We rely on parents to support us in these aims and to ensure they help their children to uphold our rules and expectations before and after school so that children receive a shared message. Our Behaviour Policy overview for parents can be viewed [here](#).

Communication:

We all recognise how busy family life is and equally know you want to support your child's best interests as well as you possibly can, so our aim is to streamline our communication channels. We will do this through the information we share on our website and through this weekly bulletin. We know too much information can be overwhelming so, ask that you commit to checking the class blog for the start of each week so that you can prepare your child for events coming up as well as the learning taking place. It is also very important that you read this weekly communication which signposts essential dates and school business and will contain important messages.

In your communication with us, please bear in mind that in a school consisting of over 250 adults and children, responding to emails cannot always take priority. We want to be able to prioritise time to respond to communication regarding children's welfare, so ask that you think about the most appropriate way to find/share non-essential messages. Teachers in particular are in front of classes throughout the day and have planned meetings before and after school, so need to use their remaining time to plan for the children rather than answer email requests for information that could be found elsewhere. Our website has pages detailing specifics about the curriculum, policies, booking wrap around care, reporting absence, safeguarding etc and we ask that you use this before contacting teachers or the school office.

Staff are in the playground or at classroom doors at the start and end of each day and are always happy to hear messages. Any message relating to that day (e.g. a playdate or change in pick up

arrangements) should be shared verbally as a teacher is unlikely to read emails until the school day ends. The school office is understanding of working parents who cannot pass messages on face-to-face, so will verbally pass on essential messages received via email.

Myself or other members of the Senior Leadership Team are here to welcome you in the playground each morning so do introduce yourselves and let us know if we can help.

We look forward to working in partnership with you again this year in some exciting learning and events.

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](#))



Curriculum Update: Reading



It was wonderful to see so many proud smiles from children who had participated in the libraries summer reading challenge and were celebrated in this week's assembly.

Reading continues to be the cornerstone of all learning and we have put together some clear messages and expectations around supporting reading at home. These are in the front of the new reading logs and will be shared at the 'back to school' and 'new to Reception' meetings.

I am pleased to announce that our successful 'Read for the Stars' incentive is up and running again. All children will start with a new bookmark for the year. The first certificate that can be achieved for 44 daily reads is the bronze award.

This year we have opportunities for new Reading Rangers. If you would like to find out more then please come along to our friendly information session on **Wednesday 21st September 3-3.30pm in the hall**. We welcome support from parents, carers, family members and anyone who is willing to regularly support reading at our fantastic school!

Mrs Hibbard (Phonics and Reading Lead)

Important Messages:

INSET Day September 26th

School will be closed to children for this day due to staff training. Schools out Henleaze are running Holiday Club

Parking:

We have sadly already received a complaint from one of our neighbours about unsafe and inconsiderate parking. Please park and walk rather than risking children's safety

Coats:

Autumn weather is unpredictable so please ensure your child has a waterproof coat in school every day. we go outside to play in wet weather so children need to be appropriately dressed.

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

