



Henleaze Infant School

6th January 2023 Bulletin

Headteacher update:

Happy new year!

It was good to see everyone back looking rested and rid of the December germs that were circulating in December. This has been a short, but jam-packed week where each year group. Reception have jumped feet-first into their new curriculum topic, having already had visits from those who work and help us in our community as part of their 'Where I live' theme. Year 1 have been learning about what it means to strive for a goal or set a resolution, thinking beyond themselves to the wider world as part of the launch to their 'Our World' topic. Year 2 looked amazing in their space-themed costumes for their 'Wow' day today and this week have begun sharing a stunning new text. They are currently writing the burning questions they have about what might happen in the story, excited to find out more next week. I have been really impressed with the children for settling back into the expected learning attitudes after Christmas and pleased to hear the bubble of excitement as children begin these new topics.

Have a good weekend.

Best wishes

Gemma Fricker



Attendance:

Our school attendance for the Autumn term was lower than in typical years. Much of this can be attributed to the range of virus' circulating, but there were also some avoidable absences.

Our [Attendance Policy](#) is very clear in its aims to maximise the time every child is in school so that they meet their entitlement to a full-time education and expect all parents to adhere to this. Good attendance is deemed to be 95% and above.

Particular concerns:

Term-Time holidays-school cannot authorise term time holidays (including increased cost during holidays, parent work patterns, length of travel or Covid travel restriction). Absences could be subject to fines in the form of Fixed penalty Notices.

Routine appointments e.g. dentist, optician and non-emergency doctors should be made outside school hours or in holiday periods wherever possible.

Punctuality is vital as learning starts from the minute the school day begins. This is at 8:50.



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:



We are very excited to inform you of the 'official' launch date for our active travel initiative for 2023. As a school, we want to be really mindful of how we travel to and from school-protecting our environment through reduced vehicle emissions and increasing physical activity to further benefit health. As we are sure you will have seen, we have been lucky enough to secure new bike and scooter storage in two locations - one location being outside the front of the school next to the car park (in addition to the existing bike stands) and one location being next to the pedestrian entrance to the school playground (off Henleaze Park).

Our official launch date is **Friday 13th January 2023**. On this day we would **LOVE** to see as many children as possible walk, scoot or cycle to school, come rain or shine! Miss Aviss, the eco-committee and some of the other adults from school will be waiting for you **from 8.35am** by the school gates to cheer you on as you walk, scoot or cycle into school that morning. If you live further away, please feel free to park at least 5 minutes away and walk, scoot or cycle the remainder of your journey. Any child who participates in our active travel launch will receive a badge on the day!

We would love for you to continue your start to an active 2023 by trying to travel to school in an active fashion for the entirety of the **week beginning 16th January 2023 for our Active Travel Week**. The children will receive a sticker for each day that they participate in our active travel week and if they manage to collect 5 stickers, they will receive a certificate in our celebration assembly on **Friday 20th January**.

We are really looking forward to seeing lots of you using our lovely new bike and scooter storage!

If you have any questions, please get in contact with Miss Aviss via the Office.

Warm wishes,

Beth Aviss, Zoe Lane and the Eco-Committee!

Important Messages:

UKSHA updates on managing outbreaks in schools:

Many schools are seeing higher than usual numbers of cases of virus' including D&V, Covid, flu and Strep A (including Scarlett Fever). Please follow the attached guidance to keep your child at home if they are ill with temperature or any of the associated symptoms.

In school we will continue with increased hand hygiene procedures and ensure good ventilation of spaces.

Reception Admissions for September 2023

The deadline for applications via BCC admissions in 15th January.

Information on this process can be found [here](#).

Survey for parents of children with SEND:

Bristol City Council have asked schools to share the following links to invite parents to give views on their experiences to support them in developing their work with parents. The first link is for all parents, the second is aimed specifically at BAME families:

[Parent carer survey](#)

<https://forms.office.com/e/eJxPmC24dm>

The deadline for completion of either survey is 31st January.

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