

23rd March 2023 Bulletin

Headteacher update:



The toy swap this afternoon was a great success and caused a lot of discussion about donation as well as time to reminisce about toys that were once favourites but are now outgrown. Being able to have enough toys to spare and pass on enabled us to talk about how lucky we are and the importance of showing gratitude for what we have. This 'teachable moment' is a good way in a discussion about the importance of looking after their own and other's property. We have noticed that children across the school are not looking after their own or school property in the way we would hope, so we would like support from home to encourage independence and responsibility. This includes: keeping track of their belongings, putting bookbags in their drawer tray, hanging up bags and coats on pegs (avoiding bringing unneeded rucksacks helps as these don't fit on pegs), and treating reading books carefully. We teach these skills as part of school rule 'Take

Coming up:

Friday 31st March-
End of Term 4

Mon 17th April-Start
of Term 5

Friday 28th April-
INSET Day (school
closed)

1st & 8th May-Bank
Holidays

[Click below for the school](#)



[calendar](#)



Daffodil Class:

Everyone!

Buttercup Class:

Lilibet

Daisy Class: Alba

Bluebell Class:

Sienna R

Cherry Class: Oliver

Maple Class:

Reuben E-B

Sycamore Class:

Mabel

Magnolia Class:

Tiya

Class of the

Week: Bluebell Class
who have impressed
all adults this week
with their learning and
behaviour.

care of our school' and children are really capable of meeting these expectations, but need reminding regularly. In the feature section below is a sample of the lost property. Please take a look as we'd really like to be able to send things home with their owners.

Another school rule that we would like parental support on is to play safely in our grounds. As the weather improves, we are happy to see children being able to play for a little while outside until after school club come out, but need parents/carers to ensure the play is within school rules. Staff have been really concerned to see children from both the Infant and Junior schools climbing some high and unstable trees after school. We teach the children that the only places that are permitted for climbing are the log climber and trim trails, so for consistency in expectation, please can you ensure children stay out of tress and off walls before and after school as this sort of play is not safe in school.

Included in this bulletin and through both School's Out and Shine Sports there are lots of outdoor activities to enjoy over the next holidays. If you know of any other good holiday activities that you think others would like to hear about, please email details to the school office and I will include them in next week's communication.

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards

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](#))



Feature:



Another great week of children 'reading for the stars!'



Well done to all children who received prizes for taking part in this week's Walk and Wheel initiative.

Congratulations everyone!



EASTER EVENT ??

FHIS has two fantastic Easter events for you this year: an Easter themed children's trail, to complete over the holiday - with stickers, Easter treats and the chance to win some great prizes from Totally Toys and Playful toy shop...

...and we haven't forgotten the grown-ups - if you'd like to win a family day out at Avon Valley Adventure & Wildlife Park; a whole chocolate guinness cake from FED or a family ticket for Aerospace Bristol

The lost property bins are overflowing again. This is just 1 month's worth of unclaimed items. Please come to look through them in the school entrance lobby.



(amongst many other wonderful prizes) - make sure you get your hands on some raffle tickets!

Children's trail maps and grown-up's raffle tickets will be available to buy every day after school next week in the infant's playground.

Children's trail maps
£2

Grown-ups raffle tickets £1



Congratulations to 'Golden Hill Gin & Tonics' for winning



Lost property will be **cleared at the end of term** with unclaimed and unnamed items going to charity/second hand uniform

Important Messages:

ASD Pathway FAQs

The School nurse services (SIRONA) have produced some FAQs following the changes to the assessment pathways announced earlier this month. Click the link

last Friday's fantastic FHIS Quiz & Curry night!

The event was a sell out and has raised £2129 with at least £500 more expected from matched giving. Thank you to the event sponsor Richard Harding, and to Nepali Nosh for a delicious curry.

The quiz team are looking for volunteers to help shadow the 2024 Quiz event with a view to running the show going forward. So if you had a great time and think you can help support please get in touch via fhisquiz21@gmail.com

Click here for more news on the FHIS webpage:

above to access these, or go to the SEND page on our school website.

Easter Activities:

See the FHIS section for the easter extravaganza taking place at school

Holiday Hub

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As we approach the Easter school holidays, we would like to remind you that the Your Holiday Hub (YHH) programme in Bristol will be running from 1 April until 16 April 2023. The YHH programme provides a range of free activities, food workshops and hot meals for children and young people from Reception to Year 11 who receive benefits-related free school meals.

The activities are carefully designed to be fun and educational, helping your child to learn new skills and make new friends during the holidays. Activities range from arts and crafts, to sports, to forest school. Alongside each four-hour activity, your child will also receive a hot meal. We strongly encourage all eligible families to take advantage of this fantastic opportunity.

All available activities for the Easter school holidays can be found on the YHH

website www.yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk and can be filtered by age group, activity, location and date. Activities can be booked directly with the provider. All this information can be found on the YHH website. A list of all the providers who have received HAF funding can also be found on the Your Holiday Hub website.

If you have any questions regarding the programme or eligibility, please use the 'get in touch' page on the Your Holiday Hub website www.yourholidayhubbristol.co.uk/get-in-touch.

Thank you for your attention, we hope to see your child at one of the Your Holiday Hub activities this Easter.

Kind Regards,

Reena Bhogal-Welsh
Director Education and Skills

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