

# *'Be kind, be curious, be you'*

## 8th September Bulletin

### Headteacher update:

This week has been a truly wonderful start to the year. The children have all returned refreshed and eager to learn and play with their friends and are demonstrating fantastic behaviour and good manners across the school. They've clearly all had a great summer! I want to extend a warm welcome to the new families that have joined us in Reception and Year 1. We hope that you and your children are really happy here. The 'back to school' meetings on Tuesday afternoon next week will be a good opportunity for parents of children in Year 1 and 2 to meet others (and get on the essential WhatsApp group!).

This year we will continue our sharp focus on maintaining our high standards of behaviour as we all understand the importance of developing a happy, harmonious school community. We thank you all for supporting us in this by encouraging and rewarding behaviour that is expected in school before and after school too.

You've all been helpful in making sure the school day starts well by being punctual in the morning. We hope that opening our doors 5 minutes earlier has been helpful in reducing the bottle neck that can occur in the outside corridors. Thank you for the collective email sent to both schools with early feedback on morning drop off. In our weekly meeting, Mr Parr and I discussed how we can tweak things on our campus to reduce the rush between schools at 8:45 and make things as easy as possible for families in the morning to get children to both schools on time. In essence, the senior leaders at the Juniors will be out in the playground to supervise children from 8:40. t

Below is a summary of the Henleaze Junior School plan to reduce the rush for parents:

HJS are putting a series of signs displaying the Class numbers around the fence so that parents can tell their children where to go and stand until the gates open at 8:45am. If you are going to use this system, please make sure the children that are dropped off by the fence know that they must wait there and not run around, thank you. This will help us to make sure we keep all children safe.

**Please note that you should not drop children off before 8:40am as they will not be supervised.**

We hope that this will make mornings as calm for you outside the classroom as we are finding things inside the classroom!

I have been lucky enough to spend time in and out of all of the classes this week. Here is a sneak peak, but don't forget to look at blogs to find out what else has been happening.



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're really pleased to be celebrating the children who took on the library reading challenge this summer and kept up their reading skills over the summer.

Well done everyone!



### **Important Messages:**

#### **Messages to the school office regarding pick up and play dates:**

Please be aware that the school office is a busy space with many competing demands. If you need to leave a message about your child being collected by someone different, please do so within a reasonable time frame from the end of the day. This week there were several 3:00-3:20 messages some of which left on the answerphone that making it very difficult to communicate effectively.

Support Groups for parent of children with SEND

Bristol parent carer fluers attached

**Murmuration** – further details attached

Murmuration have a new round of nurture groups for parents carers/parents of neurodiverse or disabled children. No diagnosis necessary.

Nurture groups are eight-week courses supporting parent carers to find connection and strengthen their mental health. They run regular follow up activities and events so that beyond the course, parents stay plugged into a supportive community.

There are two general groups:

- Stoke Park Children's Centre (Tuesday afternoons) currently full but waitlist available
- Hartcliffe Children's Centre (Wednesday mornings)

And two targeted groups

- Somali parents (Barton Hill)

- LGBTQ+ parents (Fishponds)

They all start the week beginning 18th September.

For more details and to book, please go to the Murmuration website: <https://www.murmurationcommunitytherapy.com/nurture-groups>

SEND Survey request:

The Bristol Early Years Service is currently one of a group of Local Authorities working with Dingley's Promise [Dingley's Promise - Homepage - Dingley's Promise](#) to support the delivery of their Early Years Inclusion Programme in Bristol.

Dingley's Promise have asked us to send the below survey out to any parents of children with SEND in Bristol to gather their feedback on their experience of early years settings in Bristol These surveys are critical in terms of providing valuable insight for our work and in evidencing the changes our project is enabling.

Please can you support us by completing the survey which takes just a few minutes to complete and will remain open until the end of September.

Parents of children with SEND in settings: <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/MM3D5RG>

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

In Celebration Assembly this week we celebrated class achievements and behaviours in particular, thinking about our ELLI animal focus this term (Teamwork Bee) and our school values. some of the highlights were how well children had welcomed new friends to our school; working together to take care of their new class and resources; coming into school in the mornings and after breaktimes in a settled and calm way and overall treating each other with kindness and respect.