

Be kind, be curious, be you'

3rd November 2023 Bulletin

Headteacher update:

The first week back of term 2 has gone in a flash. Starting with some children celebrating Halloween at the end of October, having parents' evenings mid-week and ending in discussions Fireworks celebrations this week has further highlighted what a packed week it's been! Thank you all for making the time to come in to speak to class teachers about your child's progress and for the kind comments made to them in person and feedback to me to pass on to them for their efforts to give your children the best school experience possible.

In amongst this busy week, Miss Evan, myself and three governors spent time in Year 1 classes to review the impact of our decision to adapt the Year 1 curriculum this year; including the increase in independent learning provision inside and out and increase in focus on children independently deciding when they complete adult-directed tasks (the now famous 'Rainbow Challenges'). We all agreed that children are benefiting from the additional time to develop their social skills and emotional regulation through play as well as showing that they can be relied upon to make good choices about making sure they achieve the learning outcomes set. The children were all clear that they are really enjoying their time in year 1.

Miss Quinn, one of our teachers is leaving us for a while at the end of next week to prepare for the arrival of her baby who is due next month. We're really pleased that Miss Ross will be increasing her hours in school to be full-time teacher in Cherry Class and that Mrs Riley (who previously taught in our school) will be re-joining us to job-share with Mrs Gibson in Maple Class.

I have already seen a lot of preparation in school for tomorrow's firework extravaganza and hope to see many of you here tomorrow evening.

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](#))



Curriculum Update: Maths-supporting number fluency at home

At Henleaze Infant School, we use White Rose Schemes of Learning to plan our Maths curriculum. White Rose has a fantastic app called 1-MinuteMaths. 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.

Becci Simmons, Maths Lead

Important Messages:

Nuts, peanuts or any products containing nuts or peanuts are NOT allowed.



Allergy awareness:

We have noticed children bringing in snacks and packed lunches that contain foods with nuts. There are adults and children in our school with allergies to peanuts, sesame or tree nuts who could have severe reactions if exposed. Please do not include foods with nuts and ingredients in snacks or packed lunches for either school or after-school club. These include: Nutella chocolate spread, peanut butter or humous sandwiches, some bread products and cakes, some cereal bars.

Updated policies on our school website:

At the end of last term, governors approved an updated version of our school Child protection and Safeguarding Policy and our Relationships and Sex Education Policy. Both are available on our website under the [Policies and Reports](#) tab

SEND Parent Sessions this week:

Thurs 9th Nov SENDCo drop in sessions. Informal opportunity to meet and speak to Mrs Flook our interim SENDCO. Times according to child's year group: Reception: 9.30am - 10.30am Year 1: 11am - 12pm Year 2: 2.15pm - 3.15pm

Thurs 9th Nov SEND Parents coffee morning in our school hall 9-10:30-see attached flyer

Unsafe parking:

Some people are still failing to park safely at school drop off and pick up putting children at risk. Below are two cars spotted parked on double yellow lines this week:

Coming up:

Tues 7th Nov-Year 2 parent coffee morning at HJS

Thurs 9th- SENDCo drop in sessions (year gp times)

Thurs 9th-SEND Parent carers Coffee Morning 9:00 here

Friday 17th Nov-Children in need fundraising 'Be spotactular' theme. Children to wear spots and bring a donation

7th December 2pm @ St Peter's Church-School carol service



[Click below for the school calendar](#)



Buttercup Class:Edson

Daisy Class:Eric

Daffodil Class: Rosa

Bluebell Class: Joseph

Cherry Class: Frankie

Maple Class: Leon

Sycamore Class: Joey

Class of the Week: Cherry Class for super collaboration in their learning and play.



A great week of lots of children again achieving their bronze certificate for 'reading for the stars!'