

# 'Be kind, be curious, be you'

## 12th January 2024 Bulletin

### Headteacher update:

We were so please to see that so many parents made it to the writing meeting this morning. This year we have changed the way we share some of our curriculum information with you, moving away from the traditional 'whole curriculum' evening session in Autumn which we think was probably quite overwhelming, to deliver some more bite-sized chunks throughout the year; through the phonics learn along, the online safety information evening and videos as well as this morning's session today with Mrs Gibson to focus on writing. From the attendance today, we feel that we are hitting the right note and hope that you are getting what you need. The huge turnout was a happy surprise, so apologise that the space was rather tight! A presentation with a summary of the information is linked below in the curriculum section.

As a school, we are always reflective and aim to respond to your valued feedback. The annual parent/carer survey is a really useful way to capture your views and below is a summary of how staff and governors have responded to the survey from last summer.

### Summary:

The survey received 102 responses, for context, the school counted 224 pupils at the time of the survey.

According to the survey, HIS children still feel **happy** (only 3% disagreed), **safe** (only 2% disagreed) and **well cared for** (none disagreed). **97% would recommend our school to another parent.**

**Staff's excellent work** is clearly appreciated with teachers being celebrated numerous times and a few by name. More detail is shared around issues with **communication** (particularly around events)and some suggestions were made.

You said  
1.Parents knowing what their child is learning at school (only 83% agree or strongly agree they know)

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Coming up:  
**Thurs 25th Jan:** School Nurse parent coffee morning: managing behaviour 9-10:30 in the Sunflower Room

[Click below for the school calendar](#)



Stars of the Week

**Buttercup Class:**  
**Georgie Daisy Class:**  
**Zhanna Daffodil Class:**  
**Alex Bluebell Class:**  
**Zoe Cherry Class:**  
**Alistair Maple Class:**  
**Jack Sycamore Class:**  
**Anna**

2. Communication (only 73.5% agree or strongly agree it is good)

- Getting further information from parents
- Updating the curriculum in line with the latest information
- Continuing to improve the quality of the work in the classroom
- Making a communication plan for the year ahead.
- Creating an interactive website for parents
- Streamlining the office, with a weekly newsletter

3. Parents agreeing that the school understands their child's individual needs and looks to build on strengths and remove barriers (78% agree or strongly agree)  
 All the parents of a "child on the school's SEN register", who responded to the survey, agreed that they had effective communication regarding their child's needs with the class teacher/s  
 There was also feedback that Pupil Passports/Outcome Plans work well.

- This aspect of the school's provision for children with SEN is a strength.
- Employed administrative staff to support families, as well as the class teacher.
- With the Junior School, parents are invited to meet at least once a term.
- Created a memory box for the SEND register and can communicate with parents.

We hope that these changes improve the areas identified and help us in our partnership with you to support your child's education.

Please take a look at the 'important messages' below as there are some key things we are sharing via this communication channel this week.

Have a good weekend.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Fricker

**Class of the Week: Buttercup Class for impressing all adults including our Shine Coaches with their great listening skills.**



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

**Congratulations everyone!**



**FHIS Meeting**

Please come along on Monday 15th Jan

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 Updates:**

#### **Writing**

To access the presentation for the writing information meeting please click [here](#).

#### **Computing:**

The second tranche of online safety information with accompanying video and links is attached to this bulletin. This video focuses on how you might judge the risks involved in online activity.

### **Important Messages:**

#### **School Applications:**

Applications to the Local Authority for Reception school places for September 2024 must be submitted online to the LA by Monday 15th January

#### **Tesco token voting:**

Our school is lucky to have been chosen as one of the causes for Tesco to support via their community grants initiative. The grant will go towards the development of our sensory room that we hope to resource with music, light, and art resources as well as equipment to meet physical sensory needs. This room will be used by whole classes, groups and individuals and offer an alternative learning space to help support children's mental health and well being. Participating stores include, Golden Hill, Henleaze Rd Tesco Express, Westbury on Tyrm Tesco Express, Bradley Stoke and Bishopston.

#### **Use of the school bathrooms:**

This term we are focusing on what it means to show respect. An area that we need families to support at home is in use of the shared bathrooms/toilets. A number of children are either unable to independently use toilet paper, or mis-using it and we are finding toilets regularly blocked by excessive use or used toilet paper on the floor. It is also notable that the majority of children do not flush the toilet after use making it unpleasant for the next person. We are going to do some teaching on this topic at school, but this are of self-care and respect is something that would be more effectively taught at home and we would be grateful for your support.

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### FREE family support for fussy eating

Fussy eating affects 1 in 4 school age children, so we know this is a big deal for many of your pupils and families. We are BeeZee Bodies, and our family nutritionists deliver FREE healthy lifestyles programmes to hundreds of families across Bristol.

This is Parent Mail. It's a FREE resource (attached to this email) that we'll share with you twice a term to tackle the biggest challenges families face in making healthy choices. Please share it with parents! Please share the attachment with parents via email / regular newsletters.

We also have FREE healthy lifestyle support beginning in JANUARY to support families to build healthy habits around food and physical activity. Alternatively, they can start their journey now with our online programmes too. [Visit our website for more details](#). If you have any questions, we'd love to hear from you.

### Big ambition survey: Message from Dame Rachel De Souza, Children's Commissioner

'The Big Ambition' which will be **closing on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January**.

I have been overwhelmed by the response the survey has received so far. More than 300,000 children, young people, parents and carers have participated, making it one of the largest surveys of its kind, but I want to give even more people the chance to have their say.

This is the final push before the survey closes, so please do share it as widely as possible to help make sure that every child in England has an opportunity to share their views with policy makers ahead of the General Election.

By sharing my survey with your pupils and parents or carers, you can make sure that the children and young people of Bristol are fairly represented in the results.

Children and parents or carers can complete the survey here: [www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition)

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

#### Breakfast Club

Weekdays 8.00am – 8.45am



School's Out Henleaze

DJ Kool Kid on the dance floor for dancing, games and fun! Chase away the winter blues with face paints, tattoos, games, snacks and drinks. There's a licensed bar for adults, as well as raffle for hampers. **\*\*NEW this year-quiet room\*\***

**FHIS Quiz 2024 – Sales open!**

Tickets are now on sale for the FHIS Quiz and Curry Night on Friday March 15th. Just £20 a ticket includes a great night of entertainment plus a



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