



Henleaze Infant School

'Be kind, be curious, be you'

8th March 2024 Bulletin

Headteacher update:

World Book Day celebrations on Wednesday were the highlight of the week. The energising start of 'wake and shake', led by Mrs Wood outside in our sunny playground, was a great way for everyone to see all the costumes. Later in the morning, everyone (except me as I was at the junior School) met to celebrate again during an assembly with Mr Parr. He was very impressed with the children's listening and they enjoyed meeting a VIP visitor!

We took on the theme 'read your way' and used it to find out more about how children at our school enjoy reading. Many children say they use reading as a way to relax either curled up in bed, in a favourite chair in the house, or listening to an adult read to them. There is a new display in the library showing photos children brought in showing just what a love of reading our school has! I shared my reading buddy dog, Orla with each class and was really proud of the way the children engaged calmly and sensibly with her. You can see photos of some of the highlights of the day below as well as on class blogs and our social media.

Have a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,

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:

A red banner with white text. On the left is the National Literacy Trust logo, which includes the text "National Literacy Trust" and "Changing life stories" below it. In the center, the text reads "Tips for parents: how literacy can benefit your child's wellbeing". On the right is the Place 2Be logo, which features a sun icon and the text "Place 2Be".

It was so lovely to see such a great enthusiasm for reading as we celebrated World Book Day this week! Attached is some further supportive information about reading and well-being as you continue your reading journey with your child.

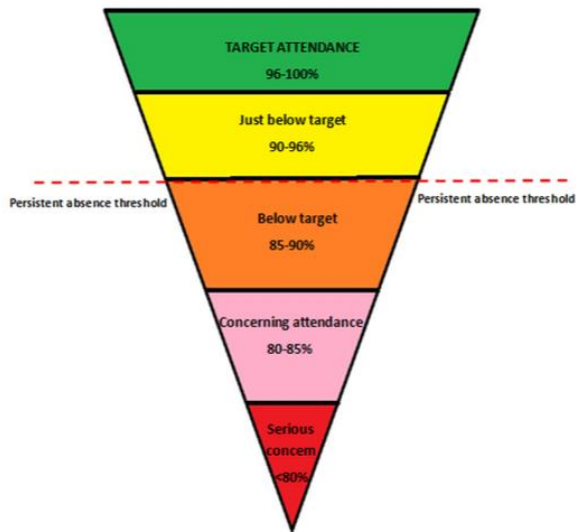
Mrs Hibbard (Phonics and Reading Lead)

Important Messages:

Attendance:

We are receiving a number of planned absence requests for term-time holidays that do not fall under 'exceptional circumstances'. Whilst we appreciate the value of important family time and understand there are cost implications associated with holidays out of term-time we strongly discourage you from taking your child out of school whenever avoidable. National and in-school data shows a strong link between 'persistent absence' and lower than average attainment. Persistent absence is anything below 90% which means just 3 missed days in a term (or 4 days in long terms) takes your child into the 'persistent absence category'. Due to the impact of missed learning, our school will issue Fixed Penalty Notices for unauthorised

absences beyond the 10 session (5 day) threshold. Please see the attached leaflet for information.



Coming up:

11th March-SENDCO Drop ins 15th March-Red Nose Day(wear red and bring a donation)

21st March-Year 1 Play performance

22nd March-Year 2 'Space Wow Day'



[Click below for the school calendar](#)



Buttercup Class: Esther
Daisy Class: Ceejay
Daffodil Class: Annabeth
Bluebell Class: Polina
Cherry Class: Absent
Maple Class: Josh T
Sycamore Class: Vincent

Class of the Week: Maple Class for impressive learning and behaviour throughout the week.



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

Congratulations everyone!



The Easter Team have two fantastic fundraising activities coming up soon!

Firstly - the FHIS Community 'Pattern Matching' Trail (£3; or 2 for £5): on your trail map, match nine colourful egg stickers to cheerful Easter posters hosted by members of our school community. A 1 mile trail around school.

Discover a sweet treat, gift or activity at every stop - magic painting, origami and more! And if that's not enough... post your slip at the end to enter the prize draw - toys, Goldfinch courses and a family trip to Jump all need to be won by some lucky children! Runs 28th March - 6th April.

And secondly - an egg decoration challenge (£1): decorate an Easter Egg sheet to be in with a chance of winning yourself a real Easter Egg! Enter by Whatsapp. A prize for a winner from each year group.

The team will be out selling after school on:

Wed 20th March
Thurs 21st March
Fri 22nd March
Tues 26th March
Wed 27th March

Cake, plants, and uniform also available!

Please get involved and help us raise some funds for FHIS!

Click [here](#) for more news on the FHIS webpage: