



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

### 8th November 2024 Bulletin

#### Headteacher update:

We had our first 'parent forum' meeting on the last day of term before the holidays during which we had some useful discussions leading to valuable insights. I was pleased to hear that the parent/carer community had not 'felt' any change to the school ethos or ways of working since our academisation as this demonstrates this choice was a good fit.

There was a discussion about parent perception of one of our school responses to particular behaviour incidents. I was asked to clarify what class 'evacuation' was. This strategy may be used on rare occasions when a child is overwhelmed. We make this decision when it is the most unobtrusive way to calm a situation. The children are often not particularly bothered as they are used to transitions to and from class to the library, hall etc. We always have a follow up discussion so that children understand what is happening and feel settled.

I was also able to gain parent view on snacks. School is finding that Year 1 and 2 are having afternoon fruit during their end of day storytime. This seems to not make much sense when children then either have a snack with after school club, at enrichment clubs or are given one by who ever picks them up. For this reason (and to save all the logistical headaches associated with lost pots and time to take them in and out of bags) from the start of next week, children in Year 1 and 2 will no longer need to bring in 'home fruit' as they can have the fruit provided by school in the morning. If your child has a particular sensory sensitivity to the fruits provided by school, you may still send in fruit, but this should be the exception rather than the rule. Reception children have an earlier lunch than KS1 and so have a mid-afternoon fruit break. Parents of

#### Coming up:

**11-15th Nov** Friendship week

**11th Nov 2:00** 3 yr old stay and play (must have booked)

**15th Nov** Odd Socks Day/CIN (uniform with odd socks)

**21st Nov 9-9:45** Parent information session-supporting writing at home

[Click below for the school calendar](#)



**Buttercup Class: Clemence**

**Daisy Class: Ezra**

**Daffodil Class: Samson**

**Cherry Class: Tom**

**Maple Class: Lucy**

**Sycamore Class: Reggie**

**Willow Class: Alba**

#### Class of the Week:

**Sycamore Class for impressing all the adults (especially Ms Hayward) with their learning behaviours this week**

children in Daisy and Buttercup should therefore still send in 'home fruit'.

The introduction of parent forum was in response to the 2023-24 parent/carer survey which showed that there are still some areas where our avenues of communication still aren't quite hitting the right spot. We hope that this forum gives a regular opportunity to share positive views and constructive criticism, adding a further avenue for two-way communication.

Other term 1 parent forum discussions were to clear up a few minor areas of confusion or logistics issues

- -why we ask children to change for PE-life skills
- -does tapestry online learning diary continue in year 1-no, we use the blog and children's exercise books and class floor book -to communicate learning
- -Breakfast Club fees are out of date on the website-this is now updated
- -Morning congestion through the narrow gaps alongside our buildings-School to discuss the option of opening the field gate onto the path alongside Golden Hill (TBC)
- Daffodil Class parent space to wait blocking the passage at pick up time-Pick up to move to be at the end of corridor door (this doesn't work for drop off as the teacher needs to be in the room to supervise)

The term 2 parent forum meeting will be held on Friday 13th December at 2:40. Please do get in contact with your class PF rep if you have something you would like them to raise.

Well done to Miloni, Archie and Adam whose firework pictures were chosen as winners of the prestigious prize of being 'firework starters' I hope that those of you attending the FHIS firework display on Saturday have a great time and that it goes off with a bang!

Kind Regards,



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

**Congratulations everyone!**



Tomorrow is the Henleaze Community Fireworks!

The remaining tickets will be sold in the local pubs, CJ Hole and Chandos Deli on Saturday morning & on the gate (if there are any!)

Thankyou to everyone who has volunteered and a massive thanks to the Fireworks Team who have worked so hard.

Please come along to school to help from 10am on Sunday to tidy the field, bring your children too & a pair of gloves! Any help would be appreciated & will make such a difference to the teams workload!

FHIS

Gemma Fricker

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

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: Computing



Purple Mash are holding a Festive Christmas Card Competition and we would love it if pupils from Henleaze Infant School could take part in this at home; we look forward to seeing your entries! Please click [this link](#) for full details on how to enter.

Please note: School staff don't get notified of entries and as they are on public display boards names are not added alongside them. Therefore, please could you additionally email a copy of their design to your child's class teacher so that we can celebrate these in class.

Miss Ross

For new parents and those that would like a refresher, please take a look at our Online safety page on the school website [here](#).

### Important Messages:

the Bristol parent carer Newsletter is linked [here](#)



November 2024 Newsletter

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



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