

# Henleaze Infant and



# Junior School Bulletin



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## Headteacher update:

In school we have deliberately increased the profile of individual subject disciplines-ensuring children know the subject they are learning and the skills those subjects require, as opposed to what might previously be thought of as an area within 'topic'. Sometimes we can doubt decisions to add more to an already busy curriculum. This week, the children gave some important validation of the impact of this decision. I was teaching a Year 4 geography lesson which included some really ambitious content about lines of latitude and longitude. One child asked why the diagram showed the Earth at an angle which made the equator look as though it ran on a diagonal. Another child responded by explaining that Earth's axis is on a 23.6° angle. When asked how they knew this, they responded by saying "I want to be a geographer when I am older". At the Infant School I overheard children discussing their design for a puppet as they left school. One explained that they were so good at designing they were going to work in the theatre! It is heartening to know that we may be able to introduce or even ignite children's interests in specific subjects and that they may then go on to do great things in their field.

On a similar theme-later in this bulletin is a request for help with talks or work experience to help children set or achieve their ambitions. Please get in contact if you are able to help.

Have a great weekend.

Kind Regards,

Gemma Fricker



### **Class of the Week:**

Daisy Class for enthusiasm in their baking and following the school rules so that everyone has a good time in school

Class 10 for consistently upholding behaviour expectations so that their learning could continue as planned with supply teachers when Miss Lawton was unwell.

### **Community Shout Out: supporting ambition**

**EYFS finding out about important jobs that take place in our community. They are having a series of short talks from a range of people from our parent community to understand what these jobs entail. One gap we have is a dentist/dental nurse. If you are able to help, please get in contact via the Infant school Office.**

As schools with 17 classes we are lucky that we can accommodate a number of young adults who are interested in working with children or going into teaching. As a parent, it is really hard to help set up work experience in some field; in particular medicine.

We have an LSA with a really ambitious young adult who wants to study medicine but doesn't have any local connections to draw on.

If you are able to help in any way with the offer of some work experience in the field, please get in contact via the Junior School office.

## **Coming up:**

### **Both Schools:**

Friday 30th Jan-INSET (Schools Closed)

### **Infant School:**

Monday 19th Jan FHIS Meeting @ The Eastfield 7:30

### **Junior School:**

Monday 9-February HENSA AGM @ Gloucester Old Spot 7:30

### **Use of school grounds after school**

We love that families choose to gather at the end of the day in the grounds to catch up whilst children play. We do ask that you make sure you are supervising your children and that they follow in-school expectations for safety and respect of the school environment. Children should not play on the steps or by either of the school kitchen entrances.

# Community spotlights



## Upcoming events and dates for your diary!

 Please come and join FHIS at our first meeting of the 2026. All are welcome to attend and any input with regards to future events and fundraising is always welcome. The meeting will be held at The Gloucester Old Spot on **Monday 19th at 7:30pm**. We look forward to seeing some of you there 

 FHIS warmly invite you to the annual Infant School Winter Disco 

 Save the date! **Friday 6th February**

 6.15-7.45pm

 £3 school children, £1.50 pre-schoolers

 All tickets sold on the door only

 DJ Party Peeps, games, raffle, adult bar, drinks and snacks

 With thanks to event sponsors: Bristol Chiropractic Sports and Family Clinic offering '10% off initial consultation and first treatment for children and parents'

<https://www.bristol-chiropractic.co.uk>

 ? **FHIS Quiz 2026 – Save the date** ? 

Save the date! Reminder of the return of the renowned FHIS **Quiz and Curry Night on Friday 13th March**. Tickets will go on sale end of January. You can join as team (max 8 players) or you can be allocated to one. Last year it was a sellout event, so don't miss out!



**HENSA annual general meeting (AGM)**

Monday 9-February 7.30 pm at the Gloucester Old Spot

Do you have any new ideas for fundraising or want to hear more about how the money raised is spent? Then please join us at our AGM 9-Feb. Everyone is welcome.



Bristol Parent Carer Forum January booklet linked [here](#)

Inside the newsletter you will find information on Sirona's Sensory Workshops, the Right to Choose pathway and sports activities for children with SEND.

Please click the link here for the Newsletter:

<https://midd.me/qJwP>



Budding footballers ...Shine are on the look out!

## Breakfast Club

Weekdays 7:45am – 8:45am £6.50 per session.



Find out more and how to book [here](#)

After School Club Weekdays, INSET and Holidays

[Book here](#)

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