

# Henbury View First School



## Spring Term 2022

### Headteacher's Update

Welcome to the Spring term.

It is wonderful to be back and seeing the wonderful learning that is taking place in every class. The children are always keen to share their learning with me which shows that they have a love of learning.

This week we have begun to reintroduce assemblies in small groups, this is a wonderful opportunity for us to connect as a learning community. Each week we will be having a Jigsaw assembly. The theme for this half term is Dreams and Goals, the staff will be looking for individual pupils who have demonstrated the key characteristic of the particular weekly theme. We will also be reintroducing a weekly assembly where we come together to celebrate our learning. We are beginning to plan our spring and summer term and putting provisional dates in the calendar. It is so important to all of us that the children receive the best educational opportunities as possible which includes visitors to school and off site visits to enhance our curriculum offer. We hope to be able to offer this in the not too distant future.

### School Council

Mr Guppy will be establishing our School Council in the coming weeks, this is a wonderful opportunity for pupils to have their views, wishes and experience of school listened to. I look forward to meeting our counsellors and hearing what they have to say.

### Looking ahead

Please be aware that the access routes to Henbury can become very dangerous if there is ice or snow on the ground. We ask that you only come to school if you feel the route is safe. After the challenges of previous winters the grit bins are now in place on the roads adjacent to us. If the school is closed, please see the school website and / parent mail for updated reports.

### Children's Absences

Please telephone /email the school as soon as you can (before 9.00 am is helpful) if your child is not well enough to come to school. If your child has been unwell, he/she should be kept away from school until he/she is well and has been eating for 24 hours.

In cases of sickness/diarrhoea, please keep your child at home until he/she is free from symptoms for 48 hours.

### Device Donations—Business2Schools

We have been very fortunate to receive a donation of laptops and computers from EXL under the Business2Schools initiative who were upgrading their equipment. We are so incredibly grateful for the 20 laptops and 15 computers as this will enhance our provision in school.

### Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday

The Department of Education have laid regulations to reduce the school year from 195 to 194 days to enable everyone to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen on 3 June 2022. As this date falls during half term, to ensure that staff and pupils also benefit from the additional Bank Holiday, we will be having Tuesday 3rd May as our additional day.

### Important Dates

#### 2021-2022 Dates

##### Spring Term 2022

Tuesday 4th January to Friday 8th April

##### Half Term

21st to 25th February

##### Easter Holiday

Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April

##### Summer Term

Monday 25th April to Friday 22nd July

##### Half Term

30th May to 3rd June

#### INSET Days

Friday 8th April 2022

Monday 7th June 2022

#### Future dates for the

##### Spring term

4th Feb—NSPCC number day  
(see separate letter)

3rd March— World Book Day  
(further details to come soon)

18th March—Red Nose Day

#### Future dates for the

##### Summer term

3rd May—Platinum Jubilee  
Bank Holiday

9th/10th May- Year 4  
Leeson House

12th May- Class photographs

24th June- Henbury View  
Summer Fair

29th June- Henbury Sports  
day

1st July- Reserve Sports  
day

22nd July- School finishes  
for the summer

### Dogs on site

We would like to kindly remind all members of our community that dogs should not come onto the school site. Thankyou for your understanding.

### What has been going on in school this week?

Foundation: have been experimenting with ice and how it melts

Year 1: have innovated their 'Where the Wild Things Are' story, using some great adjectives

Year 2: have learnt about the lives of Florence Nightingale and Mary Seacole and have made comparisons between them both

Year 3: have had an awesome time learning a dance to the song 'Uptown Funk'

Year 4: have discovered how New York has changed over time

I hope you all have a lovely weekend.

Mrs Wall

