Henbury View First School



Spring Term 2022. Newsletter 3

Headteacher's Update

The children have quickly settled into this half term and it is lovely that we are enabling the children to attend whole school assemblies and playtimes together which they are really enjoying. We will continue to monitor the Covid Cases and when needed may introduce 'bubbles', in the short term. I hope that you had a good half term but like everyone we have all been impacted by the news in the Ukraine. In school, staff are responding sensitively to the questions from the pupils as they arise. If we become unduly concerned by what a child is saying we will make direct contact with individual parents. We have also added some helpful information for parents on the school website under the Wellbeing Tab.

Parking

Parking around our school continues to raise concerns. There are cars parking on street corners, opposite junctions and inside the hatch markings. We all lead very busy lives, however we would all be devastated if one of school community was hurt due to careless parking. The roads around school are busy so maybe park a little further away and walk the lost part of the journey to reduce congestion around our school.

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Transition

We understand how important transition is to our pupils. At this point in the year we are unable to share the staffing structure for September. Please rest assured that we will share this with you when we can and will ensure that transition is smooth for all children.

Improving our IT equipment

We are pleased to share that we have three new interactive white boards in years 1, 2 and 3 which are already having a significant impact on our curriculum delivery. We have a new board for year 4 which we are hoping to be set up in the coming weeks. We continue to look at ways in which we can share our learning with families and we have been fortunate enough to receive an iPad for each class. Please ensure that you have returned your photo permission form.

Playtimes.

It is so lovely to see our children playing together at breaktimes. We are aware that some of our children are finding this a little more difficult than others. Through our PSHE and assemblies we are sharing positive strategies of what they can do if they do not want to play with another child. We are also talking about games they can play. It is important that we all provide our children with the same message that if they do not like something that they must say and that they can see a trusted adult.

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 3rdJune

INSET DAYS

Friday 8th April 2022 Monday 6th June 2022

Future dates for the Spring term

17th March- Year 4 Leeson House parents meeting

18th March—Red Nose Day

31st March—Year 1 phonics meeting for parents

4th April - Year 4 timetables meeting for parents

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

World Book Day

Henbury had a fantastic day celebrating World Book Day last week and we were amazed by all of the wonderful costumes. We began the day as a school community and had the chance to show off our costumes together! Each class then took part in a whole day packed full of fun and exciting activities. We explored the 'Author and Illustrator Academy' on the World Book Day website and completed workshops delivered by some of our favourite authors. Competition time! Every class has entered a stunning front cover design into a whole school competition, the winners will be announced this week and the winning children will receive a beautiful new book to take home and treasure. The highlight of the day has to be the opportunity for each class to visit the library. The teachers have been working very hard to refurbish and redesign the library to make it a beautiful and inviting space to visit. Each class will now visit the library once a week and bring home a 'Love to read' book of their choice to share at home with you. Thank you to everyone who has also taken part in our Read-a-thon as part of the World Book Day celebrations. We will be totaling all money raised and be spending every penny on new books for our school, for both the library and over time, classroom reading corners. Look out for the total raised, coming soon!







Jigsaw PSHE

This term we will all be exploring what it means to be 'Healthy Me' as part of our Jigsaw journey. This will incorporate keeping our bodies healthy on a day-to-day basis through diet, exercise, personal hygiene and sleep. We will also think carefully about keeping ourselves safe through discussing the appropriate and supervised use of medicines, road safety, keeping ourselves safe online and making healthy and safe choices. Each class will take part in weekly mindfulness, circle time activities, whole class and smaller group discussion to allow all children to access and develop understanding of these key issues.

Safeguarding/Child Protection

Henbury View First School is committed to the safeguarding and welfare of children and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment.

<u>If you have any concerns</u>, please contact the following people through the school office: The designated child protection/safeguarding officer is: Mrs Sally Wall, Headteacher.

