

Henbury View First School



Spring Term 2022. Newsletter 4

Headteacher's Update

We have had an incredibly busy half term. The pupils of Henbury make us proud everyday with their resilience to learning. The staff continue to offer the children a range of opportunities that builds excitement around the school which is infectious. We cannot thank all the parents enough for your support during this term with ensuring that the children have what they need for school each day and with engaging with fund raising to improve our school resources. We were blown away with the £1,538.71 which was raised through our Read-a-thon, this will certainly improve the reading books within our school. As a school we are looking at new high quality texts which will excite our children as readers and challenge them. At the end of this term we say good bye to Mrs Cox and Mrs Curtis, we would like to thank them for their time at Henbury and wish them all the best for the future and we hope to see them soon. We hope that you all have a wonderful Easter Break and look forward to seeing all the children when we return on the 25th April.

Sports Day

Change of date, we are so sorry we need to change our reserve date. Since arranging this event we discovered that it coincides with transition day to middle school. We would hope that we wouldn't need a reserve date but let's be honest we cannot rely on the British weather! Our new reserve date is the 5th July.



Polite reminder- jumpers

Please can we ask that all jumpers and cardigans are clearly named. As the warmer weather is coming our children do tend to abandon their jumpers during breaktimes. It is so much easier to return them to their rightful owners if they are clearly named. Thank you

Jubilee Day

Please remember that we will not be in school on Tuesday 3rd May. Schools are able to select an additional day, as the Diamond Jubilee falls during the Summer Half Term. We have chosen to take the day after the May Bank Holiday.

Multi sports

We have been fortunate enough to send two teams to compete in multi-sports events during the last couple of weeks at St. Aldhelms. We are so proud of all the children who took part, our year 3 and 4 pupils were the overall winners of the event—I think the whole of Corfe Mullen heard the cheers when the results were sent to us. Our year 1 and 2 pupils were outstanding competitors who invited a pupil from another school to join our team when they realised they were not in a team. They showed the true Henbury spirit and made the child feel so welcome and included.

Badminton

We really enjoyed it because everyone was really respectful of each other. All the other competitors were really friendly and supported each other. We tried lots of different events and we tried different games to develop our skills.

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Important Dates

2021-2022 Dates

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

Monday 6th June 2022

Future dates for the

Summer term

3rd May—Platinum Jubilee
Bank Holiday

9th/10th May— Year 4
Leeson House

12th May— Class photo-
graphs

24th June— Henbury View
Summer Fair

29th June— Henbury Sports
day

30th June—Year 4 Bikeabil-
ity

1st July— Transition day

5th July—reserve Sports
Day

13th July— Leavers assem-
bly

20th July— Leavers activity
day

22nd July— School finishes
for the summer

Sharing our learning

We are really looking forward to sharing more of our learning with our families and friends next term. Through our Teams learning platform we will post class photos of our learning each week, this might be an example of outstanding learning, shared learning experiences or examples of current learning. We will also be reintroducing our parent share for EYFS to Year 3, with Year 4 having their Leavers performance later in the summer term. This will be an opportunity for each class to invite parents into school to share their current learning. Teachers inform you of these dates at the start of next term.

School Council Newsletter

Due to Covid restrictions we have not had the pleasure of meeting for the last two years, but we now are overjoyed to be back up and running. We wanted to take this chance to let you all know what we have been up to.

During the Autumn term, all children were given the chance to talk to their class about themselves and to ask for their vote. After a lot of sweating and waiting for the voting, we were lucky to be picked to represent our class. We have been very busy during our meetings and talking with our classes.

We have been discussing lots of topics and issues. Perhaps our most important job so far was to interview the candidates for the Head Teacher. We asked lots of tough questions and really liked listening to all the answers.

This term we have been able to help the lunchtime supervisors solve the lunch hall noise crisis. We have started a chart in the hall to monitor the noise levels. If the chart is full of stickers by Friday lunchtime the whole school get ten minutes extra playtime (hurray). Jessica, our sticker chart leader, is happy to report we have made it through every week so far.

We have also been discussing the playground and the need to improve the play equipment. Each class has given us their views and ideas and we are now planning to meet Mrs Davis and Mrs Wall to talk about the budget (fingers crossed).

It has been great getting the School Council going again. If you have questions or need any help in school, please contact us.

Gymnastics

Last week all the pupils had an opportunity to have a gymnastics lesson with Premier Education which the children thoroughly enjoyed. Premier Education will be offering a gymnastics after school club which will start after Easter.



School Website

We are continuing to update our school website to ensure that it is update with all information that you may need during the coming term.

Family Support

At Henbury View every child matters and collectively we work to meet the needs of all pupils through high quality inclusive practice, e.g. Jigsaw, Circle Times, our SEND policy and developing staff emotional literacy skills. At times there are a minority of pupils who are not thriving and they need a different intervention to help them to get 'back on track'. As a school we are fortunate to have a trained Trauma Informed Practitioner, a Mental Health First Aider and ELSA's. As a school within Hamwic Education Trust all the staff have access to whole staff training on mental health.

We are really fortunate to have Sharon Saunders to work collaboratively with staff to meet the emotional and learning needs of pupils. Her role is to support teaching staff in meeting the emotional needs of children within the classroom. This will include providing training and suggesting strategies to implement within the class. She will work with identified groups and individuals. She will also provide support to families through providing a listening ear and then signposting families to agencies which can provide more bespoke support.

Pupils whose emotional needs are not being met through universal school practice and could benefit from pastoral support work, should be referred to the Family Support Worker or SENCo. The purpose of the referral form is to state the cause of concern and the desired outcome.

When pupils are identified as needing more bespoke support with the Family Support worker:

- They are referred to as an active case (usually 6 weeks)
- Following initial piece of work they have weekly 15 minute check ins (usually 3 weeks)
- Holding - open access (usually 6 weeks)
- Then discharged - if a child requires further support in the future this will require a new referral.

Further information can be found on our school website.

Coffee mornings

We would like to invite families and carers to a monthly coffee morning which will be held on the first Thursday of each month in the school hall from 9 am until 10am. This will provide a great opportunity to network with other families. A member staff will be available at each of the coffee mornings should you have any informal questions about school which could be addressed through this forum. We hope this will be a really beneficial opportunity for our community.

The coffee mornings for the rest of this school year are:

- 5th May 2022
- 9th June 2022
- 7th July 2022



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.

If you have any concerns, please contact the following people through the school office:
The designated child protection/safeguarding officer is: Mrs Sally Wall, Headteacher.
Our Family Support Worker is: Mrs Sharon Saunders.