



Henbury View First School

Every Child Matters, Every Moment Counts

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Headteacher's Update

Thank you to everyone who has supported our events this half term, it certainly has been fully packed with parent shares, book shares and book week to name just a few. We are continuing to develop our enrichment curriculum, through providing experiences and opportunities to reflect on what they hear and see. We have been focussing on the British Values of Individual Liberty, Tolerance, Rule of Law, Mutual Respect and Democracy in our assemblies, the staff have been identifying these values within our school day. As we approach Easter, we are all very much looking forward to our Easter Service and Easter activities I do hope that many of you will be joining us.

Thank you to everyone who completed the parent survey, your views and feedback are so important to us, and we will ensure that the outcomes of survey will be shared with you in due course.

Best wishes,

Sally Wall.

The King's Coronation



The King's Coronation is on the 8th May we would like to mark this significant event in British History. The week beginning the 1st May we will spend the week learning about the Coronation, each class will have an opportunity to hold their own special tea party where they will invite a guest to attend.

Tuesday – Foundation

Wednesday - Years 1 and 2

Thursday - Years 3 and 4.

On the Friday, pupils may come to school in party clothes, and we will have a whole school picnic on the field and have fun playing a range of games together.

Further details to follow. We would welcome parent helpers and donations.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Parent shares.

Year 2-27th March

Year 3-18th May

Foundation-25th May

Book Looks.

Year 3 and Year 4-30th March

Year 1 & 2-24th May

This Term

27th March-Year 3 & 4 Easter Workshops

29th March-Easter Service

31st March-Easter Activities and Easter Hunt.

31st March-Last day of term.

Summer Term Dates.

17th April-First day of Summer Term.

21st of April- Friends Quiz Night

1st May-Bank Holiday Monday

8th May-Coronation Bank Holiday

11th May-Class photos

12th May-Friends School Disco

22nd May-Walk to School Week

26th May-Non-Uniform Hamwic Education Trust Funday

Trips and Trip Volunteers

Over the summer term some of the classes will be going on local visits and wider curriculum trips. To ensure that these trips run smoothly it is always helpful to have plenty of adults to support the children. If you have any time to spare and would be interested in becoming a trip volunteer, could you please email Mrs Harmon

c.harmon@henburyview.dorset.sch.uk.

The Friends of Henbury

The Friends of Henbury continue to support our school by raising invaluable funds to enrich the education of all our children. They are busy fund raising to enable us to buy cooking equipment and they are going to introduce the children to the equipment by cooking with each class. Please support their events and if you have a skill or contacts which will further enhance our curriculum offer, please do get in touch.

World Book Week.

Dear Parents,

We have been celebrating the wonderful world of books at Henbury and have lots of exciting news to share!

Our World Book Week celebrations were a huge success. The children enjoyed stories across the week with different members of staff around school, they also took home a lovely new book from our whole school book swap. Thank you very much for all your kind donations, the children really enjoyed this experience. Everyone was amazed with the fantastic costumes so thank you again for all your support with this. Last week we announced our bookmark competition winners in a whole school assembly and the lucky winners were able to choose a book prize from our Book Fair shelves.

The whole school read-a-thon was a HUGE success and the support from our wonderful school community has been astounding. We are very excited to share with you that YOU all raised £770 that will now be spent on new Read, Write Inc Book Bag Books. Our fantastic PTFA team are supporting us and topping up the total to ensure we can buy everything we need. We are looking to order these very soon, so look out for the new books in the summer term.



Finally, we want to say another huge thank you to everyone who came and enjoyed our Book Fair last week. It was great to see so many of you browsing the shelves, excited with your new purchases. The final total is just over £400 which means we will earn back £160 to spend on new books for our library!

***"Fill your house with stacks of books, in all the crannies and all the nooks."* – Dr. Seuss**

Year 3 Samba Performance.

On Tuesday 14th March, Year 3 had their Samba performance. They performed their piece of Music to their grown-ups, Year 2 and Year 4. They did an awesome job of sharing their groove with lots of different breaks. The audience even had to join in with clapping some of the patterns!

A huge thank you to all the adults who came to watch our performance, as well as Mr Whitmarsh from the Dorset Music Service for all of his support over the 10-week programme.

Well done Year 3!

RNLI Visit.

Last week we were fortunate to have an assembly led by the RNLI, living near the beach and close to large rivers it is so important that our children know how to keep safe near water. They were taught 4 key rules:

- Stop and Think
- Stay Together
- Float
- Call 999

They were reminded of the importance of swimming where there are lifeguards on duty, they were reminded not to use large inflatables when in the sea as they can easily drift out to sea. They were also encouraged to learn to float and to practice this regularly so that they are confident.

Year 4 Leeson House Visit.

Earlier this week, the Year 4 children went on their residential to Leeson House. The children were absolutely incredible throughout the whole visit, and were a credit to themselves, their families and the school. A huge thankyou also to all the staff who made this memorable experience for the children possible. Well done Year 4- we are so proud of you all!

Recount written by Year 4

We started at Corfe Castle and had a great tour and drama activities, discovering the history and significance of the place. We then had to walk back up a really steep hill and got extremely wet!!! Once we arrived at Leeson House, we unpacked and made our beds before having dinner. We then had time to play some board games and watch a film before going to bed. In the morning, we had to pack and clean our rooms before having breakfast. Luckily, the weather was better so we could go outside and do some pond dipping, minibeast hunting and play some team games. We all had a great time!



Pupil Voice.

Our Eco-Warriors have been busy thinking of ways to improve our environment through organising litter collections and to ensuring that we are correctly using our food waste bins. We have increased our recycling bin collections and reduced our landfill collections which is fabulous. Our children are increasingly becoming aware of our environment and recognise that everyone making small changes can help.

Our School Council continue to be very proactive within our school, sharing their ideas in a range of situations and it is wonderful to see how they have influenced our decisions. They have enrolled the help of a parent to point and re paint the ball wall, using their very own designs. The children ran their own stall at the Christmas Fayre to fund this project.

Our Peer Mentors have been introduced to the whole school during an assembly, their role is to encourage pupils to play together and to support children who might just need a listening ear. They continue to receive training, enabling them to be confident in their role.

Foundation learning.

In foundation we have been learning all about planting and how to take care of plants. We have been spending time at the allotment area, planting a range of vegetables that we will take care of them over the next couple of months.



Polite Reminders.

- Please can we remind parents and carers that no dogs are permitted on the school grounds.
- Please can parents/carers be considerate to our community and neighbours when parking for school drop-offs and collections for the safety of our children and our wider community.

Safeguarding/Child Protection Issues.

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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