

# Henbury View First School



## Spring Term 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to the Spring term.

It is wonderful to be back, the children are full of energy and we have some exciting learning planned. I would like to thank you for your kind words and generosity at Christmas and throughout the autumn term to all the staff, it is really appreciated. This term our focus is on the following topics:

**Foundation :** Dinosaurs—exploring both fiction and non fiction texts.

**Year 1:** Woodlands and Plants—understanding our natural environment and its features.

**Year 2:** World changes—leading with innovation and invention.

**Year 3:** Robots—how we can design robots to support our lives.

**Year 4 :** City lights—comparing New York to London with a focus on the design of lighting to reduce light pollution.

If anybody has ideas or skills to further enhance any of these topics, you would be very welcome to share with us. We are always looking for ways to bring our community together and utilise the plethora of talents that we have.

We had a very successful training day on the 6<sup>th</sup> January where we looked at how to further enhance opportunities for creativity in the foundation subjects as well offer our children learning opportunities that develop their higher order thinking skills and reflect our core values of resilience, responsibility, respect and reciprocity.

### 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.

### Attendance

Our current school attendance is 96.8%.

If you require a leave of absence from school during the school term, please come and see Mrs Elms for the relevant paperwork to complete before the period of absence.

### Children's Absences

Please telephone /email the school as soon as you can (before 9.30 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.

#### Thursday 16th January

Friends meeting 7pm -all welcome

#### Friday 17th January

Friends coffee morning -from 9am in the hall- all welcome

#### Tuesday 21st January

Year 4 dance opportunity- Carter Community school tbc

**Thursday 30th January** School Nurse Drop in - 8:30am

#### Friday 31st January

Year 1/2 multi skills event

#### Monday 3rd February

Year 4 badminton tournament tbc

#### Friday 7th February

Non -uniform day—Cover Mrs Ward in pennies—Fund raising for the London Marathon (in aid of Leukaemia care)

#### Tuesday 11th February

Year 3 Parent Share - 2:45pm

#### Wednesday 12th February

Foundation Parent Share - 2:30pm

#### Thursday 13th February

Year 2 Parent Share - 2:15pm

#### Friday 14th February

Valentine's bake sale -3pm school hall Fund raising for the London Marathon

#### Monday 17th - Friday 21st Feb

Half Term

#### Friday 28th February

Year 4 Leeson House meeting 2.40pm

#### Friday 28th February

Friends Movie Night for the children -more details to follow

#### Monday 2nd/Tuesday 3rd March

Parent Consultations

#### Thursday 12th March

Year 4 cross country castle court.

#### Thursday 12th March

Quiz night at Cobhams—run by Mrs ward and Mrs Mole . More details to follow

#### Monday 23rd March

9.10am Year 3 samba performance

#### Friday 27th March

Bangers and Bingo from 6pm

#### Tuesday 31st March

Henbury View easter egg hunt

#### Monday 6th—Friday 17th April

Easter Holidays

#### Monday 20th April

Children back to school

### **After School Clubs for this term**

Monday - Football for F, Yr1 and Yr2 with Danny 07778871428

Tuesday - Athletics and Running Club for Yr1 Yr2, Yr3 and Yr4 with Mr Ward and Choir for Yr1 - Yr4

Wednesday - Tennis for F - Yr4 with Steve 07870496284 and Art Club with Mrs Lucas

Thursday - Football for Yr3 and Yr4 with Danny 07778871428

Friday - Multi-Skills and Invasion games for Yr1—Yr4 with Mr Ward

### **School Nurse Drop-in**

A member of the school health team, Kerry-Anne Mawhinney will be available at Henbury from 8:30am on Thursday 30th January. They will be available for you to drop in and speak to about any concerns you may have with your child's health or wellbeing. If you are unable to make the 'Drop In' please feel free to ring your school nursing team on 01929 556422 and we can arrange a more suitable date and time for you.

### **Family support worker**

Mrs Saunders is available from 8.45-9.30am every morning if you have any questions or concerns regarding the well-being of your child. Please see your child's class teacher or make an appointment at the school office to meet with Mrs Saunders.

### **The London Marathon 2020**

We have two members of the school community running this year for the Leukaemia care charity. Mrs Ward, Year 2, and Mrs Mole (Daisy and Max's mum) will be at the starting line ready for the challenge. The schools Year 4 charity leaders have agreed that they will help Mrs Ward with her fund raising, and have some exciting and creative ideas to help. We have included these on the dates to remember and look forward to wishing them well.

### **Conversion to academy status**

We are still working towards a deadline of February 1st 2020.

I want to reassure you once again that we do not anticipate anything changing for our learning community . Staffing stays the same as does the school's name . We are committed to our ethos and values and these will remain at the heart of our practice.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me or pop in.

Kind regards,

Mrs Clarke .

### **Future dates for the Summer term.**

April 22nd	Foundation/Year 1 arts day
April 23rd/24th	Year 4 Leeson House
April 30th	Tag rugby event
May 12th	Class photographs
June 9th	Year 4 Bikeability
June 10th	Foundation to Moors Valley
June 12th	Henbury View Summer Fair
June 25th	Henbury Sports day
July 2nd	Reserve Sports day
July 3rd	Transfer day
July 15th	Art club's day of celebration
July 17th	School finishes for the summer at 1pm

