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I hope you had a lovely half-term and managed to get some quality family time together. This week in school we have continued our journey back to 'normality'. We have implemented the same start and end times to make it easier for those of you with children in different year groups. At lunchtime, the children have been moved into mixed aged lunch groups. It has been great to see our Year 2 children caring for our younger learners and helping them with their lunch trays. It has also led to a calmer lunch time.

There was a buzz around school yesterday as children celebrated books. Each year group studied a particular author and at the end of the day we held a mass book read with children listening to stories in different classes. Thank you to everyone who entered our Book Selfie Competition. The results will be announced in assembly on Monday. We are amazed at your creativity!

### **Star Corner!**

**This week's winners are:**

#### **\*\*Star Writer\*\***

Sealions	Lisa
Lobsters	Kebba
Seahorses	Jessica
Starfish	Antoni
Turtle & Dolphin	Penny
Octopus & Stingray	Charlie-James

#### **\*\*Star Problem Solver\*\***

Sealions	Archie
Lobsters	Roxton
Seahorses	Ben F
Starfish	Zofia
Turtle & Dolphin	Tyler
Octopus & Stingray	Nella



***Congratulations for some amazing work!***

The following children have been awarded the Silver Cup.

#### **\*\*Silver Cup\*\***

Sealions	Nickolas
Lobsters	Darcie
Seahorses	Harley S
Starfish	Ethan B
Turtle & Dolphin	Elis
Octopus & Stingray	Emily



## Changes

It is entirely possible that, after two very long years, this may be the last time I write to you in relation to COVID updates. (I think we all certainly hope so anyway!)

You will have no doubt heard the Prime Minister during half term laying out his plans in relation to 'Living with COVID-19'. Clearly this has implications in relation to how we will now be operating within our schools and I have waited for clarification from the DfE and unions before relaying this information to you all.

For simplicity, I have copied and pasted the relevant extracts in relation to the chronology of changes as they impact us in school below:

“From Monday 21st February, the Government is removing the guidance for staff and students in most education and childcare settings to undertake twice-weekly asymptomatic testing.”

“From Thursday 24th February, the Government will remove the legal requirement to self-isolate following a positive test. Adults and children who test positive will continue to be advised to stay at home and avoid contact with other people for at least 5 full days, and then continue to follow the guidance until they have received 2 negative test results on consecutive days.

In addition, the Government will:

- No longer ask fully vaccinated close contacts and those aged under 18 to test daily for 7 days, and remove the legal requirement for close contacts who are not fully vaccinated to self-isolate.
- End routine contact tracing. Contacts will no longer be required to self-isolate or advised to take daily tests. Staff, children and young people should attend their education settings as usual. This includes staff who have been in close contact within their household, unless they are able to work from home.
- End the legal obligation for individuals to tell their employers when they are required to self-isolate.”

“From Friday 1st April, the Government will:

- Remove the current guidance on voluntary COVID-status certification in domestic settings and no longer recommend that certain venues use the NHS COVID Pass.
- Update guidance setting out the ongoing steps that people with COVID-19 should take to minimise contact with other people. This will align with the changes to testing.
- No longer provide free to order universal symptomatic and asymptomatic testing for the general public in England.
- Consolidate guidance to the public and businesses, in line with public health advice.”

May I take this opportunity to thank you all for your continued support, patience and understanding as we have jointly navigated two very difficult years together.

**Family Information  
Service Newsletter**

Please find below a link to this week's Family Information Service Newsletter.

[https://mail.google.com/  
mail/u/0/?  
tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/  
FMfcgzGmvLNNWdSmhKGw  
JsbJsQvVnvrL](https://mail.google.com/mail/u/0/?tab=rm&ogbl#inbox/FMfcgzGmvLNNWdSmhKGwJsbJsQvVnvrL)

**Red Nose Day**

For Comic Relief on Friday 18th March we are having a Crazy Hair Day! Let's raise as much money as we can through donations to help some very worthwhile projects. Children are invited to come to school in their school uniform but can have as crazy hair as they like. The crazier the better!

Please make your donation through ParentMail.



**Computing Corner**

This week I would like to share the website ICT Games, it contains some fabulous games to consolidate many areas of learning in English and Maths. The games can be played on PCs/laptops or tablets. Our favourite one in Year One this week has been 'Shark Numbers' it has helped us to identify Tens and Ones in numbers.

[www.ictgames.com](http://www.ictgames.com)

Have Fun and Stay Safe Online,

Miss Bale





## Friends News!

We have lots of exciting plans for the coming months, if you would like to get involved with anything feel free to contact us on our Facebook page.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/friendsofHHIS>

### Next Meeting

Our next meeting hasn't been arranged yet but as soon as it has we will let you know, keep checking our Facebook page for updates.

### Volunteers needed

Now that things are starting to return to normal we are hoping to start arranging more fun activities for the children including a disco. However, in order to be able to do this we need some more parents to volunteer to help.

Our volunteers do all sorts of things, coming up with fundraising ideas, creating posters & Facebook posts, collecting/sorting & distributing uniform, sourcing prizes/donations from companies as well as volunteering at events.

The PTA is at risk of folding in September which would be a huge shame. The resources, play equipment and reading books just would not happen if the funds aren't raised through the PTA. As well as these we also fund things like the Panto at Christmas, Christmas gifts and the Year 2 leavers trip.

Anytime you can spare to support us would be greatly appreciated and we have a pretty good time while we're fundraising so you might even make some new Friends.

## Disco

We are really excited to invite all the children to a school disco on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

We will be holding the disco across 2 sessions to ensure each session isn't too busy.

You will be able to book a slot in which ever session you prefer on ParentMail. The cost will be £2.50.

There will be lots of music and a Craft table. Parents are welcome to stay if they would prefer but do not have to as there will be PTA volunteers and school staff at the event as well.

A snack & unlimited squash will be provided, if you would like more details regarding these please do not hesitate to contact us

Via our email address  
[friendsofhhis@gmail.com](mailto:friendsofhhis@gmail.com)



## Sunflower Seeds

Sunflower seed kits are now available to order on ParentMail.



### Friends of Henry Hinde Infant School Sunflower Challenge

Who can grow the Tallest? Do you have a magical red one?

Simply sow, grow and love your FREE seeds.

Post photo updates on our FaceBook page throughout the summer.

All HHIS children will receive FREE seeds

\*Kits include 2 seedling pots, 2 wooden labels, peat free compost, seeds, activities and a customisable challenge card for your friends/family.



**£2.50**

Seedling kits\* purchase as an upgrade to your free seeds or as a gift to hold your own Friends & Family challenge.

Who will you challenge? Will yours be taller than Gran, Dad, your siblings or perhaps a neighbour?

Available on Parent Mail til 10th March

Friends of Henry Hinde Infant school registered charity 1102932

## Paper plates

Thank you for all your amazing paper plate designs.

Treats have been delivered to school and will be handed out today.



## 2 Coins for Twosday

Thank you to everyone who donated some coins for Twosday.

We haven't been able to count them up yet but as soon as we do we will let you know the total raised.

### **2 COINS for Twosday challenge**

We are challenging child to earn or collect 2 coins (any denomination) on

**22.2.22**

Attach coins to back of card and return in bookbags w/c 28.02.22



Friends of HHIS are registered with Easyfundraising & Amazon Smile, so you can raise FREE donations for us when you do your everyday online shopping.



The graphic features the Easyfundraising logo (a stylized 'e' in a circle) with the tagline 'feel good shopping' and '£35M Raised'. The main text reads 'Help us raise FREE funds every time you shop online'. To the right is an illustration of a woman and a man on a smartphone screen, both holding shopping bags. Below the illustration is a yellow banner with the text '• You Shop • 5,000+ Retailers Donate • For Free'. At the bottom, it says 'EASYFUNDRAISING.ORG.UK' and 'You shop. Friends of Henry Hinde Infant School gets money. For free.'

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/friendsofhenryhinde/?invite=9LOUQK&referral-campaign=C2s>

All you have to do is find the retailer you want to shop with on the Easyfundraising website or App, shop as usual and the retailer will donate to us when you make a purchase – at no extra cost to you!

To use AmazonSmile, simply click on the link or activate AmazonSmile in the Amazon Shopping app on your iOS or Android phone within the Settings or Programmes & Features menu. On your web browser, you can add a bookmark to make it even easier.



<https://smile.amazon.co.uk/ch/1102932-0>

## Easy Photo Books

If you are making a photo book as a gift, please consider using Easy Photo Book.

It's so simple to support, just click the link below and create a beautiful A4 glossy perfect bound 30-50 page photo book for just £16.99 with no postage to pay and receive 50% of the proceeds to help us continue to raise much needed funds.

Make sure you use our unique donation code at the check out

<https://easyphotobook.uk/primaryschools>  
School Donation code -7amwup

Don't forget you buy your Rugby Lotto tickets and support Friends of HHIS. Play for £1 per week with 50p going directly to us.



There are weekly cash prizes up for grabs.

If you have already don't forget to set your monthly Direct Debit and never miss a chance of winning.

To buy your tickets simply go to [www.rugbylotto.org/](http://www.rugbylotto.org/) and search for Friends of Henry Hinde Infant School, all proceeds will go to supporting our children at our school so please share this with family and friends.