



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Tuesday 14 June New Pupils' Afternoon  
Thursday 16 June 9.15 Librarian visits Nursery  
Friday 17 June 2.00 T20 Cricket Trip Departs for Northampton

### Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28 June 2.00 Nursery Sports Day  
Wednesday 29 June 2.00 Sports Day  
3.00 Summer Fayre, Mini Produce Show & Art Exhibition  
Wednesday 6 July Summer Shows  
Thursday 7 July Summer Shows  
Friday 8 July Speech Day  
Saturday 9 July Trinity College Music Examinations  
Henstock Festival

### Message from the Headmaster



The Henstead Hike, reported in this newsletter, really summed up the spirit of The Old School - parents, friends, helpers, staff and pupils all combined to make the day a resounding success and raising significant funding for *East Anglian Air Ambulance* in the process. It is so important that our children have the opportunity for such service, for in serving, they gain every bit as much as those they help, building self-esteem and confidence. I am delighted to note how our Year Six led the event and am most grateful to the many parents who supported us on the day - it was a marvellous occasion and appropriately ushered in our theme of excellence for this final half term.

*Mr McKinney*

## Warming up for Sports Day





# Henstead Hike 2016.



One of the older age groups makes its way along the beach before meeting up with the youngest walkers.

In spite of meteorological maledictions from earlier in the week, we were blessed with perfect conditions for our annual challenge, this year in aid of *East Anglian Air Ambulance*. It was bright, but pleasantly fresh as we set off from school to our drop off point at Benacre. Years Six and Five were in high spirits and were soon joined at beach farm by the Year Four contingent. The was a brisk pace from the outset, ably assisted by the numerous canine companions who clearly regard the hike (long walk with owners, unlimited supply of children to throw stuff, vast amount of possible snacks) as a highlight of the dog diary. Mr Hunter and Mr Baxter's recce and planning were spot on and the beach was firm underfoot with the tide receding and a following breeze. Good progress was made as we headed south to Covehithe and the joining point for Year Three. A pause for a snack and we were off again, with the Southwold pier looming closer. The children were immaculately behaved as we went through the town and we were pleased to meet Years Two and One at our designated lunch venue - many thanks to Southwold RFC for the use of their splendid clubhouse. There was different landscape to enjoy as we set off across the heath, over the bridge at Walberswick and through woodland towards Dunwich. Our Receptioners joined us at Sole Bay House and Nursery completed the set as we approach Dunwich. Ice creams, balloons and a wonderful way to finish a successful and purposeful half term. Well done to everyone!



Walking from Benacre to Southwold.



One group takes a break in Southwold.



Along the sand dunes towards Southwold.



Crossing the bridge at Southwold harbour.



Heading to Dunwich.



Arriving at Dunwich.



One of the groups of pupils celebrating at the finishing line.

May we respectfully encourage families to submit their sponsorship funds as quickly as possible - either by cheques payable to *East Anglian Air Ambulance*, which can be handed in at the office, or online at: [www.virginmoneygiving.com/hensteadhike](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/hensteadhike)

# Next generation of palaeontologists?



This year Year One invited Year Six along to the land of the dinosaurs. Year Six pupils were there to develop further their responsibility and pastoral roles. Together, our mission was to identify as many dinosaurs as possible. Would we be up for the challenge? As we approached the Dinosaur Park, James spotted the diplodocus and our search for these prehistoric animals had begun.



After exploring the play park and tackling the enormous climb-a-saurus, we set off on our quest to track down more of these remarkable creatures. Amber, Caleb and Bertie leading the way, we were able to identify some of the dinosaurs, deciding if they were herbivores or carnivores by looking at their various features.



After collecting all the stamps, we visited the Animals Encounter Barn, where we found chicks, snakes, rats and various other live creatures. With lunch calling, we wandered along the Neanderthal Walk, looking and reading about the different periods of time and the variety of animals that had roamed the earth.

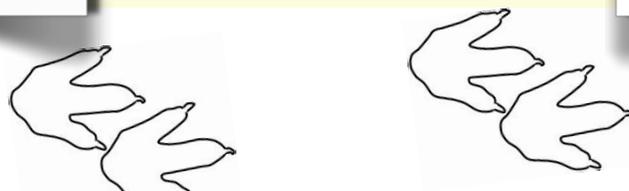


After eating lunch in the glorious sunshine, it was now time for some serious fun. The park has a new addition - the Splash Area. Being prepared, we all had our swimming costumes at the ready. Screams of delight were heard all over the park, as the children splashed about in the cold water.



We all had enormous fun and the Year Sixes were delightful company and took their responsibilities very seriously. So thank you all - you were complete stars!

*Ms Thomson, Mrs Dakin and Miss Syder*



# Nursery News.



## Growing Up

To start our new topic this term we are learning about growing up in preparation for starting school.

We are reading stories, playing in our School role play area and trying on lots of different types of uniform.



The Preschoolers have been designing their own uniforms. They are certainly very creative!



## Charitable Gift

Teddie had his hair cut recently and is donating the hair to the *Little Princess Trust*, which provides wigs to children who have lost their hair through cancer treatment. This is the second pupil in the school who has sacrificed hair to help other children. Well done Teddie and congratulations on your very smart new haircut.



*Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher*

# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Cricket & Trampolining



### CRICKET

Yesterday we welcomed Widford Lodge Preparatory School for a third consecutive year. Widford Lodge is one of the strongest Cricket teams in Essex, but our Henstead boys always play their best to make it a fantastic game.

Winning the toss, George put us in to bowl first. Some excellent bowling and some very brave fielding from all members of the Henstead team saw us unable to take any early wickets, but we kept our guests to a low score. Jasper and Savile in particular put their bodies on the line numerous times. For their last seven overs, Widford decided to start going for some big hits, which paid off with boundaries scored. They lost four wickets in quick succession, however, with Thomas claiming a wicket in his first over, then a brilliant run out by Lucas, followed up by a great catch from Jack. This really lifted the large crowd. George managed to claim a run out in the final two overs to reduce our opponents to 129 for 4.

A brief half time team talk and tactics fell to pieces inside 6 overs, facing some genuinely quick and

accurate bowling from a talented county player, backed up by two superb run outs (direct hits, if you please). This left us 5 down with 15 overs remaining. However Thomas and Theo settled the team - both staying in for a solid 10 over spell, stealing singles where possible.

A fantastic team performance saw everyone up their levels and put in a valiant effort against such a strong side.

Many thanks to the PTFA who assisted with fantastic match teas.

*Mr Hunter*

### TRAMPOLINING

We are delighted to report another trampolining success for Charlotte at the Barclaycard Arena during half term. She is now through to the British Gymnastics finals in Telford next month.





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# Summer Fayre

Wednesday 29 June 3.30-5.30pm following Sports Day

## Children's Art

**Exhibition** - theme "Summer" - with art on sale at the end of the day.

## Afternoon teas

**Mini Produce Show** - children's baking, crafts, miniature garden, home grown fruit & vegetables. Don't forget to enter!



Gunge the Headmaster  
Football Shoot Out  
Face Painting  
Plate Smashing  
Coconut Shy  
Welly Wanging  
Bottle Stall  
Frog in a Bog  
Lucky Dip  
Raffle  
Cakes  
Popcorn & Candy Floss  
and much, much more!





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# Mini Produce Show at the Summer Fayre

As part of our Summer Fayre, there will be a mini produce show, giving pupils the chance to show off their culinary, gardening or creative skills!

All entries should be home made or grown, and be the work of the entrants themselves.



Class 1 - Miniature Garden  
(children all ages)  
Maximum size 30cm x 30cm

Class 2 – Baking (age 7 and under)  
6 decorated home baked biscuits -  
theme - 'The Queen at 90'

Class 3 - Baking (age 8-11)  
6 decorated home baked cupcakes -  
theme - 'The Queen at 90'

Class 4 – Home Grown Produce  
(children all ages) Best group of home  
grown fruit or vegetables

Class 5 – Home Grown Produce  
(children all ages) Most unusual fruit or  
vegetable

Class 6 – Decorated Flower Pot  
(children all ages)



Winners will be announced at the end of the Summer Fayre. Unless otherwise requested by entrants, all entries will be sold or auctioned off at the end of the Summer Fayre, and any monies added to Summer Fayre funds.



**Submit your entries to the School Hall  
between 1.15 & 1.45pm on Wednesday 29 June**

# British Blues Awards 2016

Our very own drum teacher Craig Bacon has been nominated for best UK drummer in the *British Blues Awards 2016*. Previous award winners - and now in the Blues Greats category - include Bill Wyman and Paul Jones.

Craig began playing drums at age three! He performed his first gig aged 11 and never looked back, going on to study with some great private tutors and completing his diploma at Drumtech. He has worked with an impressive selection of artists - live, studio and on TV - including Gloria Gaynor, Avril Lavigne, Otis Taylor, Patrick Sweany, King King, Ben Poole, Nimmo Brothers, Robin Bibi, Sean Webster Band, Trafficker, Brothers Groove, Stevie Nimmo Trio and Jon Buck Project, to name but a few.



Let's support Craig's nomination and get voting on:

<http://www.britishbluesawards.co.uk/vote.htm>

Voting closes on 30 June.

## Mascot Awards



This week's mascot awards - for best demonstrating our last value of the year - Excellence - were awarded to:

- Reception - Amelie
- Year 1 - Johnny
- Year 2 - Immy
- Year 3 - Jack
- Year 4 - Polly
- Year 5 - Ruby
- Year 6 - George.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30  
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

## T20 Blast Cricket Trip



We are offering a fantastic opportunity to watch a T20 Blast Cricket match featuring the Northants Steelbacks, who play the Durham Jets at The County Ground, Northampton on Friday 17 June. We will leave school at 2:00pm, giving us plenty of time to take in the atmosphere of 20/20 Cricket before the match starts at 6.30pm. As we will not arrive back to school until 1.00am, we are offering pupils the option to sleep over at school, where they can be collected after breakfast at 9.00am on Saturday. The total cost of the trip will be £25 per child. Spaces will be allocated on a first come first served basis.

Mr Hunter

## Green Fingers



Pupils have been busy in the school garden during break times, harvesting some of the ripe organic vegetables. There is much excitement over the new polytunnel which is under construction, thanks to the generosity of our PTFA.

## PTFA

### News Extra

**Queen's 90th Birthday Tea Party Today! Friday 10 June 3.30-5pm**

**Summer Fayre, Mini Produce Show & Children's Art Exhibition Wednesday 29 June (Following Sports Day)**

**Henstock Festival Saturday 9 July Save the date!**



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