



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 15 September	8.45 Year 2 visits Lydia Eva, Time & Tide Museum
	9.15 School Photos
Wednesday 16 September	9.15 School Photos
Thursday 17 September	9.00 Librarian visits Nursery (<i>Postponed until Thursday 24 September</i>)
Friday 18 September	2.00-8.00 Year 6 Leadership Training

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 23 September	9.05-11.10 Year 6 & Year 1 Open Classrooms
Friday 25 September	9.30 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Henstead followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning at School
Saturday 3 October	9.45 Open Morning



Message from the Headmaster

Long May She Reign!

This week, as well as all the excitement of the new term, new teachers, new classes and new shoes, we celebrated Queen Elizabeth becoming the longest serving monarch, overtaking Queen Victoria's reign of 63 years, seven months and two days.

We thought about what can we learn from her. Her calmness - no matter what the situation. Her sense of duty - she promised to carry out her tasks when she became Queen and has never failed to do so. Another one of our values in this school should perhaps be duty, given the wonderful opportunities we have to serve as teachers in this lovely school and the wonderful opportunities the boys and girls have to learn here. Her dedication and hard work to do what is best for this country and the Commonwealth, to put the needs of others before her own.

Her faith, as she expressed in a recent Christmas message "the teachings of Christ and my own personal accountability before God provide a framework...I know that the only way to live my life is to do what is right, to take the long view, to give of my best in all that the day brings, and to put my trust in God." It is a lesson for us all.

Mr McKinney

National Champion.

Congratulations to Charlotte, who won a gold medal in the National Trampoline Championships in Telford - on Speech Day! We commend your dedication to practice and for holding your nerve, competing with the best in the country.



Early Years News.



Off to a great start in Nursery.

Welcome back to a new year at Nursery! This week old friends have been reunited and new friends have been made. We would like to welcome Beatrice, Isabella, Jack, Raef, Mia and Jacob to our Nursery.

Our new Pre-school sessions have been a success and the children have thoroughly enjoyed their first week. We have all settled in straight away and immersed ourselves in our new transport topic. The children will be flying sky high next week, but can you guess which mode of transport they will be in?

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher



Reception News.

We have had a great start to the term learning all the daily routines of Reception life. We've had a tour around the school, met the teachers, painted ourselves in our smart new uniform and have even started to learn our letter sounds.

Here are a few photos of our busy week.

Miss Coxon





Pedagogical Ponderings

Recently I watched ITVI's social documentary entitled *School Swap: The Class Divide*. The 2-part series followed the Headmaster of Warminster School, Mark Mortimer, and the Head Teacher of The Bemrose School, Jo Ward, as well as a small posse of students from each establishment as they had a taste of each other's scholastic lives. The purpose of the documentary was to highlight and compare the differences in the education package that students get between state schools and independent schools. I was interested in Jo Ward's question in the second episode: 'How do I, as a Head Teacher without the connections to important or famous people, inspire my students to success?' That really interested me because, I think, you don't need connections to important or famous people in order to inspire success. What I think is really important to demonstrate to children is the importance of grit – hard work, day in, day out, getting to work on time

even when you don't feel like it. Sure, success stories from famous sportsmen or women, actors or singers are fantastic, and definitely are inspiring. But are the majority of the children in the United Kingdom going to become famous sportsmen or women, actors or singers? I see more sense in inspiring our children with 'real' people who have worked tirelessly and humbly for their success, no matter how small the success may be.

The last school I worked at was a large state school in New Zealand. We were very fortunate a few years back when the All Blacks visited to play a bit of rugby on the field with the children and talk about their sporting successes. If you've not met them, I can vouch for them – they are very down-to-earth. This year though, we celebrated ANZAC day in April and one of the guests we had was a sergeant from the New Zealand Army; just a humble, everyday kind of guy from up North.

I actually think that the children learned a greater lesson about grit, hard work, loyalty and sacrifice from him, purely because he was someone who had a job to do, was prepared to work hard, and was able to connect with the children. Don't get me wrong, the All Blacks are superb ambassadors for children, some of the best! But I just think that the every day touch that our visiting NCO had made a greater impact on the lives of our young ones.

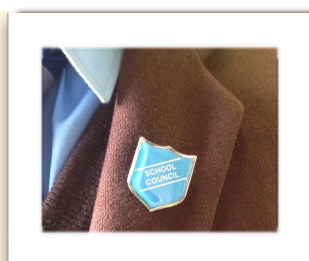
So what? What does that mean for us at Henstead? I think that it means that each of us: teachers, parents, caretakers, cooks, cleaners, anyone can be a role model. We don't need to invest extensive funds in order to inspire our students with someone famous; we just need...well...us.

Mr Jensen



New Menu Launch

We were delighted to launch our new hot lunch menu this week, coinciding with the arrival of our new cook, Mrs Guildea. Freshly prepared every day, the tasty new menus have been designed to provide great nutrition for active pupils and use quality fresh ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible, such as Blythburgh Pork and organic seasonal produce from the school garden. You may check the menus for this term on our website, via the following link:
<http://theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/lunch-menu/>



School Council Elections

The next School Council Election will be held on Monday 21 September, when two representatives from every year - from Years One to Year Six - will be elected to the School Council. Reception will elect representatives later in the year.

Pupils should start to consider whether they would like to represent their Year and start planning their campaign material, such as posters. Any pupil may put themselves forward for the election and should register their interest as soon as possible. So get your campaign thinking hats on, to represent your year and make a difference.

New Faces

Mr Jensen



As the newest teaching member of staff at The Old School Henstead, it seems only appropriate that I introduce myself. As well as being the Form Tutor for Year 5, I have the privilege of teaching Year 5 English, Mathematics and Science, as well as Year 6 English, and Year 1 and 2 ICT.

I was educated at Southwell Preparatory School in New Zealand, before moving on to St Paul's Collegiate School – both located in the city of Hamilton. After finishing school, I came to England and took up a position as Assistant Tutor at Oswestry School, Shropshire. After spending a year here, I returned to New Zealand and completed a Bachelor of Teaching Degree at the University of Waikato. I taught at two state primary schools in Hamilton, while holding the position of Assistant Housemaster of Clark House - a boy's boarding house of 74 young men aged between 13 and 18 for five and a half years. Currently, I am also partway through studying for a Masters degree in Education.

I am excited about returning to England. I feel very privileged to be working at The Old School Henstead, and even so early on, I am very impressed with both the quality of the teachers, and of the children. I look forward to having the chance to meet with many of you over the coming weeks.

Mrs Guildea



We are delighted to welcome our new Cook, Mrs Guildea. Sarah has been a catering professional for almost 25 years and has a real passion for food.

She held her first Head Chef's Role at only 20 and has amassed a wealth of experience since, from Area Managing catering contracts for Sodexo to running her own businesses at the *Black Olive Southwold* and the *White Horse Blakeney*.

Following a career break after the birth of her son who has just started school, Sarah has decided to return to work. Through her own experiences with a four year old boy, Sarah understands the important link between nutrition and education and is looking forward to the challenges ahead in delivering a varied and interesting menu to the pupils at The Old School Henstead.



Miss Syder



Miss Syder joins us as our Gap Year Assistant for the year.

Having successfully completed three A Levels at Langley School - English, Business and Geography, Lauren is keen to experience school life from the other side before going to University! She is interested in a career in education, but hasn't decided which specialism yet.

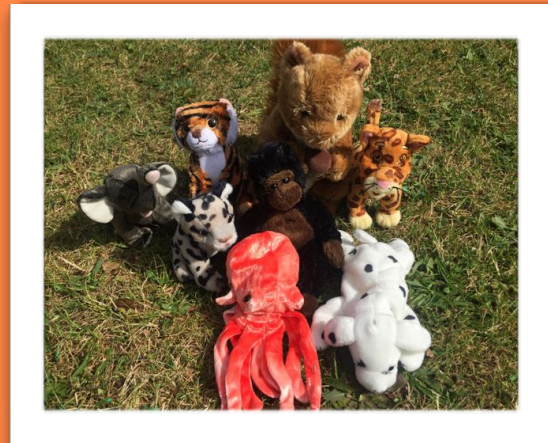
Her particular interest is in arts and performance and running musical theatre activity, having performed herself since age of two. She trained in ballet, modern, tap and disco dance as well as singing, and has performed in several prestigious venues including the Royal Albert Hall, London and Disneyland Paris!

Lauren helped with our recent Summer Shows and Summer School. Keen to see all aspects of school life throughout all year groups, Miss Syder is eager to embark on a new journey at The Old School Henstead and looking forward to an exciting and busy year ahead!

First mascot winners of the year.

In line with tradition we focus on a different school value for each half term: Confidence, Resilience, Empathy, Adventure, Teamwork and Excellence (C.R.E.A.T.E.) and every Friday the mascots are awarded to the pupil in each year who best demonstrates the particular value of our focus. This week's winners, for best demonstrating the value Confidence, are:

Reception	Lola (Stripe the tiger)
Year 1	James (Ella the elephant)
Year 2	Isabelle (Snowy the snow leopard)
Year 3	Ella (Ginger the jaguar)
Year 4	Freddy (Squirt the octopus)
Year 5	Jack (Cyril the squirrel)
Year 6	Isabelle (Congo the gorilla).



Next Open Morning



Kindly save the date for our next Open Morning on Saturday 3 October. As a result of the three Saturday Open Mornings over the course of the year we have been able to extend the length of our Autumn half term break. More details about the lessons and activities taking place on 3 October will be revealed soon. Parents, grandparents and friends are all welcome to spend the morning with us and it is an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join their children in school for the morning.

UNIFORM SHOP

**New Opening Times
(Term Time)**
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

Speed Alert



May we respectfully ask for your support in responding to the request for the 30 mph speed limit to be observed when driving through Henstead and Hulver en route to school. Many thanks.

Golf Day



The Old School Henstead Golf Day will take place on Saturday 19 September at Rookery Park Golf Club beginning at 2pm. Those interested may obtain details from Mr Hunter.

PTFA

News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting
Monday 14 September 7.30pm
in the Hall. New parents welcome! Come and find out more about getting involved with the PTFA.

PTFA AGM & Meeting
Monday 28 September 7.30pm



Year 2 pupils create woven seascapes in Art.



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