



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Tuesday 17 January  
Friday 20 January  
Saturday 21 January

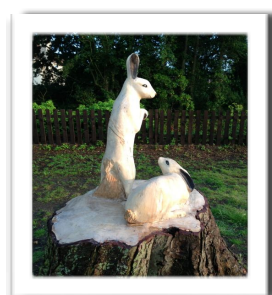
2.45 Linda Wise, Author, Children's Book of the Year, visits Year 6  
2.15 U10 Mixed Football v Hethersett Old Hall (H)  
ISA National Swimming Championships at the London Aquatics Centre, Olympic Park, Stratford

### Dates for your diary

Saturday 28 January

Open Morning (half day school)

### Message from the Headmaster



It has been such a joy to see the enthusiasm of our children as they return to school full of stories of holiday adventures, family and, of course, the gifts that the good Saint Nicholas brought. Not least amongst those gifts are the numerous (or so it seems) new arrivals in the Henstead community - we celebrate the safe arrival of these baby brothers and sisters and offer our congratulations to all the new mums and dads. The lists for Nursery and Reception places are filling up very fast! Empathy is our watchword for this half of term and we have considered the determination and wonder of the Magi as they sought the enlightenment that the Infant King would bring. Our Christmas stable appeal is looking very healthy too!

*Mr McKinney*

## Open Morning.



Our next Open Morning takes place on Saturday 28 January. Pupils' registration will take place at 9.45. We encourage family, friends and other visitors to arrive between 9.45 and 10.00 so that they may choose their options for the morning. We will end with a barbecue at 12 noon.

It is also an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join their children in school for the morning. We appreciate your support in spreading the word.



# Nursery News.



Sarah from Beccles Library came to visit Nursery on Thursday morning. To begin with she read us a couple of books centering around our topic 'cultures from around the world' and then we dived into the song bag. We each picked an item from the bag and sang a song associated with it. To end, we sang *Two Teddies on a Trampoline*, which we certainly love! Thank you Sarah!



We thought you might also like to see some of the photographs from the Nursery Nativity, performed on the last week of last term.

*Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher*



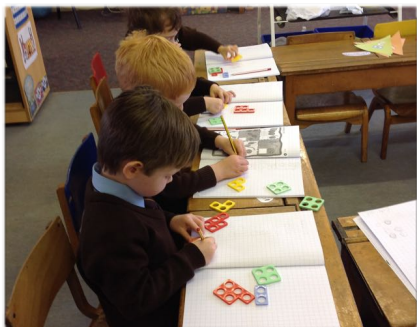
## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Chloé, who is becoming a confident member of Nursery and shows enthusiasm during activities. Well done Chloé! Have a fantastic weekend with Sparky.





# Reception Roundup.



Happy New Year! Reception children have all settled back into routine and are enjoying their second term so far.

The topic this term is “All Around The World” and we have started off by learning about the United Kingdom and our British values. Every week we will look at a different country and learn about their weather, food and cultural beliefs. To support our language, communication and confidence we are preparing an assembly for after half term that will demonstrate what we have learnt to our parents and the rest of the school.



During literacy this week we are continuing to learn new digraph sounds and having a go at putting together sounds to form simple words in a weekly spelling session. We are also practising our handwriting lots and starting to have a go at writing sentences.



In maths we have been practising our number recognition and starting to learn our number bonds to 5. We have enjoyed using the interactive whiteboard to play number games.



We all enjoyed our first visit to Waveney Gym and had fun exploring the equipment and meeting our instructors.

*Mrs Scriven and Mrs Dakin*





**Last call for donations to our Christmas appeal! So far we have raised £732.64.** We appreciate that it was a hectic time in the run up to Christmas, therefore we would ask that any further funds be brought into school next week or donated online via our specially set up fundraising page, though which money is transferred to *Christian Aid*:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/OldSchoolHenstead>

Our aim is to raise enough money to fill a stable with animals, that will help families who are living in poverty.

Pupils were invited to enter a colouring/ art competition, using the candle template provided by *Christian Aid*, and asked to fundraise as part of their entry.

Our hope is to purchase a number of animals for our stable. Our shopping wish list includes:

Cow £150

Basket of chicks £30

Piglets £25

Nanny goat £22

Can of worms £15

Sheep £10

Kid goat £9

Pair of chickens £8

Please help us to fill the stable!

See page 7 for the results of the colouring competition.







# New Reference Library.

## The School Council Reference Library

The School Council is delighted to announce the opening of the School Council Reference Library, located in the chalet and available for immediate use by staff and pupils.

A multitude of books has been sorted and boxed according to topic, for easy access and transportation to form rooms. Large cushions are available for those that wish to remain at base to peruse and enjoy these wonderful books.

The School Council hopes that the outcome of this initiative will be that all members of the school benefit from this excellent addition to our learning resources. The older members of School Council will be responsible for the weekly rotation of displayed books and general tidiness.

This is a super addition and one that we hope to expand upon as new books become available.

# Puppet Mastery.



## No-one is pulling our strings!

Pictured is Year Five displaying their recently completed 'rod puppets' - a mixed material project begun last half term.

Drawing on the ideas learned in our continuing work on portraits and people as subjects for art, this made demands on their needlework skills and practical problem solving.

Their resourceful efforts resulted in some iconic look-alikes - Taylor Swift, Robin of 'Batman' fame and at least one U.S. basketball player. Could it be Dennis RODman?

*Mr Butcher*





# Cooking up a storm.



The Junior Cookery After School Club got off to an impressive start yesterday, conjuring up delicious pizzas, topped with a creative composition of fresh ingredients and tasty flavours by each chef. The aroma wafting from the kitchen attracted the attention of other pupils passing by, curious to find out what was cooking!

Over the course of 10 weeks, the Club will compile a book of the recipes they create. The dishes will alternate between savoury and sweet week by week.

We hope the Mummies and Daddies managed to get a taste of their children's creations.

We wonder what is in store for our budding cooks next Thursday?

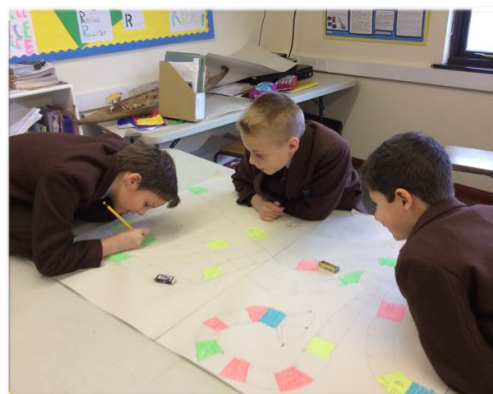
*Ms Thomson and Nanny Pat*



## Surviving Henry!

Being in the court of Henry VIII was no game, or was it? The Year Five Humanities class decided to find out by designing their own board game - 'Surviving Henry'. If you want to go back five spaces what do you do? (Protest against the closing of the monasteries) If you want an extra turn? Why, bear him a son and heir of course!

*Mr Butcher*





awards for

# Outstanding Good Manners.



We are pleased to report our first awards of this academic year for Outstanding Good Manners, based on the highest number of points accumulated for Good Manners last term. Certificates were awarded to:

Reception - Elliot & Robyn

Year 1 - Lola

Year 2- Caleb

Year 3 - Kitty

Year 4 - Daisy W

Year 5 - Tabatha

Year 6 - Savile

In addition, two Badges for Outstanding Good Manners were awarded for the term to:

Lower School: Kitty

Upper School: Daisy W

Congratulations to all. Keep up the excellent manners.

## New Form Teacher



My family and I returned to the UK last summer after four years in Hong Kong, and exchanged cramped, polluted city life for the vast, open, starlit skies and raw rural beauty of Suffolk and Norfolk.

Whilst in Hong Kong, I taught at *Discovery Bay International School* with a class of students from: Korea, China, Japan, Thailand, The Philippines, Malaysia, Germany, Spain, Holland, South Africa, Canada, Sweden, Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka, India, Ghana, Israel and Jersey. Prior to this I taught in both the private and state sectors in the UK, at junior and senior level.

I am delighted to join The Old School Henstead community and have been made to feel very welcome already by both warm and friendly staff, children and parents. My Year 2 pupils have been most helpful regarding school procedures and class information. I am looking forward to an exciting year of learning ahead.

Joan Loader

## New Prefect



We congratulate Savile on his appointment to the role of Prefect this week.

Savile has been thoughtful, polite and diligent in carrying out his duties. Well done!

## Winners



Congratulations to Samuel and Daisy - winners of the Junior and Senior categories of our *Christian Aid* Christmas colouring competition.

Thank you to everyone who submitted an entry. We were very impressed by the artistic quality and diversity of the entries. If you haven't contributed your fundraising monies yet, please do so next week, either to your form teachers or the office, or online at:

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/OldSchoolHenstead> so that we can forward the money to Christian Aid as soon as possible to purchase the animals for our stable and help people living in poverty.

## Burglar Bill



As you can tell from the photograph, Year 1 is enjoying their new book *Burglar Bill*.



# Mascot Awards.



This week's mascot winners, for best demonstrating the school's value Empathy, are:

Reception: Robyn for consistently showing empathy towards her classmates this week and last term.

- Year 1 Lucas, for looking out for other children
- Year 2 Marli, for always being kind and helpful to his friends
- Year 3 Brayden, for being thoughtful and honest with money he found
- Year 4 Addison, for relating to her English studies really well
- Year 5 Olivia, for looking out for younger children
- Year 6 Savile, for taking care of a classmate who was poorly.

## easyfundraising



While you are shopping online, why not help raise funds for our PTFA at no extra cost to you. Simply register with easyfundraising before proceeding to your usual online shops. After a simple registration the first time, you simply continue to go on to your usual sites via:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oldschoolhenstead/>

That way all your online purchases earn a commission for the school.

## UNIFORM SHOP

**Opening Times**  
**Tuesday 8.15-9.15**  
**Thursdays 3.15-4.15**

## Emergency Contact



In the unlikely event of the school having to close owing to extreme winter conditions, would parents kindly ensure that we hold your correct contact details, including any change of mobile phone numbers. If a decision is made to close the school on any given day we would endeavour to send parents a text at the earliest opportunity.

## PTFA News Extra

**Family Roller Skating**  
**Saturday 28th January**  
**3:30-5:30, ages 4 1/2 up.**  
**Limited places on a first come first served basis. £3.50 skaters (includes skates & chips!); £1 spectators (includes chips).**

**Family Bingo Friday 24 March 6:30pm**

## Roller Skating



Join our Family Roller Skating PTFA event on Saturday 28 January from 3:30-5:30pm at Sir John Leman High (Main Hall). Places are limited, therefore tickets will be on sale on a first come first served basis from the PTFA at the office from Monday drop off time. Tickets £3.50 for skaters, aged 4 1/2 and above (including skate hire and a portion of chips); £1 (also including chips) for spectators. It should be a great afternoon following our Open Morning.



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