

The Old School Henstead Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 16 September

3.30pm PTFA New Parents' Tea

4.10pm PTFA meeting

Friday 20 September

2.30pm U11 Girls' hockey training at The Abbey

Dates for your diary

Friday 27 September

9.15am Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Henstead

10.30am Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support - in the School Hall

Thursday 3 October

9.30am - 12 noon Grandparents' Morning (details coming soon)

Monday 21 October

4.10pm & 6pm Parents' Seminar - Assessment for Learning

Wednesday 23 October

10am Open Morning

Message from the Headmaster



It has been an exciting start to the term and I have been very pleased to see how eagerly the children have returned to their studies. One of the great strengths of children at The Old School is the way in which they embrace new challenges, new circumstances and new routines with openness and enthusiasm. Long may they keep this remarkable ability! We have been looking at the importance of confidence in our learning and this is already reflected in much of the work being done.

May I respectfully remind parents that fees for this term are due immediately. Thank you.

Mr McKinney

One more step...



We are delighted to see just how quickly our new Reception class is settling in at Henstead. There is always something new to explore - new sounds to learn, new friendships and games to play. The boys and girls are certainly looking super smart in their new uniforms and games kit.



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TECHNOLOGICAL DEVELOPMENTS AT THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD



The start of a new academic year has brought with it the introduction of some wonderful new resources. Our new acquisition of Chromebook laptops has been up and running this week, with activities so far ranging from interactive ant farming to shared creative writing and research on world religions. These state-of-the-art laptops will not only be central to the delivery of our enhanced Science and Technology curriculum, but will add a cutting edge dimension to a wide range of other lessons.

The installation of additional interactive whiteboards and new wireless Apple TV projection

solutions have added further to the learning experience across the school. Pupils - from Reception to Year 6 - have taken to the new technology with real enthusiasm. Toby Hillier sums it up: *"The Chromebooks are great! They are really useful in lessons and we just love them!"*

And behind the scenes over the summer holidays a sophisticated new management information system has been installed, for more advanced tracking of pupils' progress across all areas of their development and learning.

Mr Tiley-Nunn



Mr Nick Tiley-Nunn, our new Deputy Head, was educated at Woodbridge and Canterbury Christ Church University, where he qualified in primary education with a specialism in Science. He has been a Form Teacher and Head of ICT at The Abbey and most recently Assistant Head of Pastoral Care and Special Educational Needs Coordinator at Radnor House, Twickenham. Mr Tiley-Nunn is a keen sportsman, who plays and coaches a variety of sports. He has played hockey to National League level and coached several county hockey teams.

New Faces



Mrs Claire Hall is our new Cook. She has worked in catering in the local area and is really excited about feeding our children healthy and nutritious food to support them during their school day. She is a mum of three and is looking forward to becoming a grandmother in December! Mrs Hall loves baking cakes and would like to use any produce that the children grow at school. In her spare time Mrs Hall is a Coastguard.

World's Biggest Coffee Morning

It's Macmillan's biggest fundraising event, raising money to make sure everyone has a Macmillan team in their corner; from diagnosis, through treatment, and afterwards. That way, no one will have to face cancer alone. On Friday 27 September we'll be holding a coffee morning in the Hall at 10.30am, after returning from our Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church. Please join us in helping to make a difference.

P.S. We would welcome baking contributions on the day to sell at the event. Please ensure all items are nut-free, in line with our school policy. Thank you.



Music Lessons



May I remind parents that we require half a term's notice in writing if your child is going to stop receiving music tuition. Thank you.

Let's Grow Vouchers

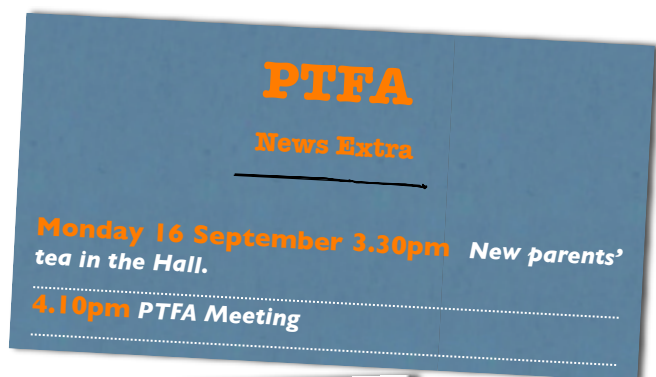


We are collecting *Morrisons Let's Grow* vouchers, which help to provide for the school's gardening needs. The collection box is located in the office.

Grandparents' Morning



We will be hosting a Grandparents' Morning on Thursday 3 October, from 9.30am to 12 noon. Details coming soon.



Year Four linguists prepare their new French folders. Bonne chance Année Quatre!



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