

The Old School Henstead Newsletter

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STOP PRESS... Please note the change of time for the choir performance for Children in Need today – now 2pm outside HSBC bank in Beccles - with PTFA cake stall from 1pm at the same place.

Calendar for next week

Monday 18 November

Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child collected

Non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need (for a contribution of £1)
- wear spots!

Wednesday 20 November

2pm U9 Girls' Hockey v Saint Felix (H)



Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3 December

3.30pm Parents' Seminar for Nursery and Reception Parents
(demonstrating the new 'Tapestry' online Learning Journal)

Saturday 7 December

12 noon Christmas Fayre

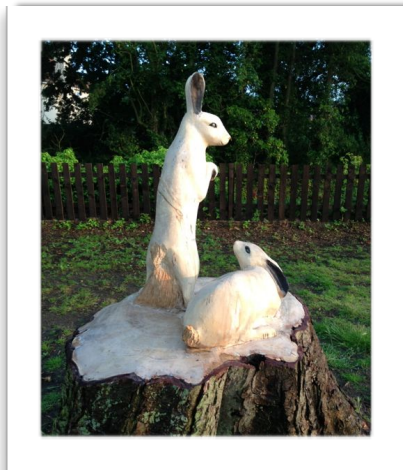
Monday 9 December

4.10pm Parents' Seminar - Helping with Homework

Tuesday 10 December

Music Examinations

Message from the Headmaster



Resilience – the determination to persevere when circumstances are difficult. The excellent evening at our fireworks party is a fine example. No sooner had Mr Baxter put the blowtorch to the hay than the rain descended in torrents. Undaunted, the bonfire blazed, illuminating the sparkling glow sticks; the craic was good, as was the provender. Congratulations to Michelle Narburgh and her team on a splendid occasion.

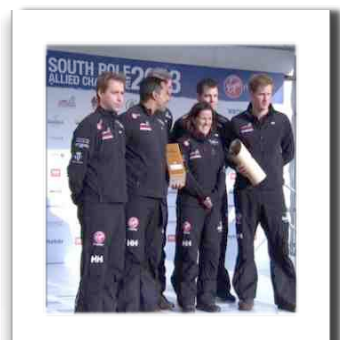
We think also of the resilience of our friends at *Walking with The Wounded*. It was good to see Fergus Williams, resplendent in London order, walking past the Cenotaph with the veterans on Remembrance Sunday and our thoughts are also with Duncan Slater as his team begin the race across Antarctica.

Mr McKinney



Walking with the Wounded - South Pole 2013

This week we tweeted about the official send off by Prince Harry for the South Pole Allied Challenge 2013 expedition, which was held in Trafalgar Square yesterday. The team includes our friend RAF veteran and double amputee Duncan Slater, who joined us on our school's sponsored walk in May. If you missed yesterday's event, you can watch it by clicking on this link http://www.youtube.com/watch?annotation_id=annotation_1814894621&feature=iv&src_vid=X2hTb-ugfU&v=Pv39yypq0V8 We will follow the team's progress and post updates via twitter. Follow us on @OldSchoolHstead or <https://twitter.com/OldSchoolHstead>.



We're going on a bear hunt.



"We're going on a bear hunt,
We're going to catch a big one,
What a beautiful day,
We're not scared!"
This was the theme for Year One's assembly today. The children retold this delightful story of a family determined to

find a real bear. They used actions along the way to describe the very long journey and the difficulties they all faced. With 'Resilience' being the school focus for this half term, the children demonstrated the importance of never giving up in trying times to achieve their goals.

The class enjoyed sharing all their hard work based around this story, including their detailed bear paintings and descriptive bear poetry.

A very well done to all the little Year One bear hunters!

Miss Coxon



Operation Christmas Child

This year, we will be supporting Operation Christmas Child - the world's largest children's Christmas project run by Samaritan's Purse - by filling shoe boxes full of gifts for those children not as fortunate as ours.

Leaflets went out in the book bags before half term explaining all, but in a nutshell...
- Please wrap an empty medium-sized shoe box and lid separately.
- Fill it with new gifts* (see ideas on leaflet)
- You may include a greetings card/ photo of you and your family (optional).
- Please do not seal the box, but use an elastic band to keep the lid and box together.
- Affix a label from the leaflet (to indicate the age range and if your box is intended for a boy or girl).

Each box also requires a **£3.00 shipping donation**. You can pay this by cash or cheque (using the envelope attached to the leaflet) and place it in your shoebox, or pay online at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk. If you do pay online, the website will automatically generate a barcode for you to print off and place inside your shoebox.

Paying online also means that the charity will send you an email to let you know exactly where your gift was sent.

Suggestions for gifts to include:

- a cuddly toy
- toothbrush, wrapped soap, flannel
- pencils, pens, pencil sharpener, crayons or felt pens
- note pad, drawing paper
- picture book
- a small ball
- puzzle (small jigsaw)
- hat, cap, gloves or scarf
- toy cars, trucks and planes for boys
- jewellery set, skipping rope & hair accessories for girls

Your shoeboxes should be brought to school **first thing on Monday 18 November**. Any queries, please do not hesitate to ask me. I hope you enjoy filling your gift boxes with Christmas cheer!

- Miss Kay

*No food, clothing (other than hats, gloves, caps or scarves), fragile items, liquids, sharp objects, anything of a political, racial or religious nature, medicines, books with many words or hand made or knitted stuffed toys.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Rugby & Hockey



U11 RUGBY v THE ABBEY

There are moments when a symbiotic relationship develops. Barbarians vs. The All Blacks, that try by Gareth Edwards and the late Cliff Morgan, deputising for the indisposed Bill McLaren, producing one of the most iconic pieces of sports commentary of the last century. British Lions Third test vs. South Africa 1974 and that dropped goal from JPR Williams. Another one from that English chap Wilkinson a decade ago to settle a final. Henstead's second half performance is in similar vein. After a sluggish first period that underlined the consequences of spectating as opposed to tackling ('After you, Claude' syndrome), the boys in Henstead blue were a changed side. If it moved, we tackled it – one visiting spectator put the family dog back in the car. We swarmed around the ball – not always pretty, but wonderfully effective. Consistent support play saw the ball go through at least six pairs of hands before the inevitable try was scored and duly converted. It was the most committed display of Rugby football that this correspondent had seen and the resilience (aha!) of the team deserves special mention. Well played!

Mr McKinney

HOCKEY

With the swimming gala already confined to the annals of history, the girls set their minds to hockey. The U11 and U9 teams were both in action against Taverham Hall. The U11 team were obviously out for a win at all costs and from the first ball it was one-way traffic towards our visitor's goal. It was a delight to see the improvement in the girls' pace and finesse on the ball. As the half time whistle blew, the girls led 5-0. At some point I felt sure the ordeals of the day would take their toll, but the non-stop attack never ceased. Goal after goal crossed the line and at the end of the 34 minutes and a final score of 10-1, Henstead were worthy victors.

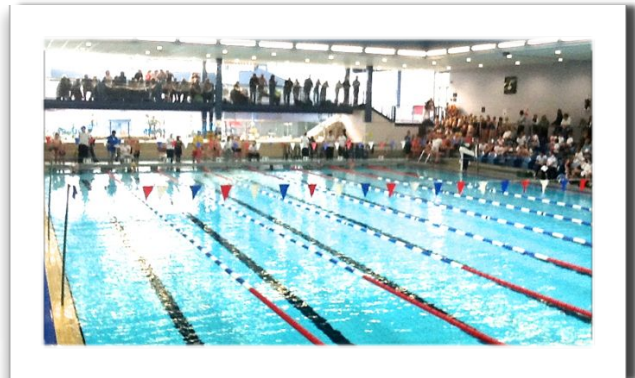
Over on the U9 pitch the girls were putting into practice all they had learned over the last few weeks. Excellent defending, wily attacking and determination, proved this was a team on the up. I hope we can start next season in a similar fashion.

Congratulations to all the girls involved in Wednesday's matches. You were, to a girl, magnificent! My many thanks as always to the parents - it just wouldn't be the same without your support and cheering.

Miss Goddard

SPORTS ROUND UP

Swimming



SWIMMING GALA

On Wednesday morning 24 of the Henstead seniors represented the school at the ISA Eastern Regional qualifiers. 18 schools participated in the event, with the winner of each race going forward to represent the region at the national competition in Coventry. The meet couldn't have started any better, as in the first race George Taylor swam a cracking 50m breast stroke and won the race, shortly followed by Toby Hillier who just missed out on the national event as he finished second. Sonny was the highlight of the back stroke events, as he finished a superb third in the competition. Then it was Toby's turn again, this time in the 50m freestyle he managed a third place finish, which was matched by Honey in the Year 5 girls' race. She was also a member of the Year 5 girls' relay team which finished an impressive third in their race. It was a fantastic morning with all the children giving their best in and out of the pool - they were an absolute credit to the school. A big thank you to the parents for the help with transport and for making us, though not the biggest school, certainly the loudest.

Miss Goddard & Mr Hunter

RESULTS

Year 4 boys - 3rd

Year 5 boys - 8th

Year 6 boys - 8th

Boys overall - 7th

Year 4 girls - 8th

Year 5 girls - 5th

Year 6 girls - 14th

Girls overall - 10th

Overall finish of 6th

Punching above our weight as usual!

Very proud!

Christmas Holiday Club

We will be running a Christmas Holiday Club for three days after the end of term, from Wednesday 18 December to Friday 20 December. This time the Holiday Club consist of a mix of different activities (eg arts and crafts) as well as sport. Parents may book their children to attend all three days or individual days. There will also be a half day option on Friday 20 December for members of the choir performing at the external event later that day. Full details with booking form coming soon. *Mr Hunter & Miss Goddard*



Fundraise while you shop online



Did you know that you can raise money for the school every time you shop online, without it costing you a penny more? The stores pay the money, not you! By first visiting the [easyfundraising](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk) website before clicking through to your store of choice to start shopping in the usual way, a percentage of your spend will go directly to The Old School Henstead! You do not pay any more than you would normally and you can shop at all the normal online outlets (over 2,000) like Amazon, Marks and

Spencer, John Lewis, Argos and Ebay to name just a few. So the school receives funds just by people doing their usual shopping! It's simple. Just visit www.easyfundraising.org.uk and search for The Old School Henstead. Fill in a short registration form the first time and start shopping!

Fireworks Party



A big thank you to the PTFA for hosting such a fantastic Fireworks Party last Friday and to everyone who contributed or bought tickets.

Remembrance



Thank you to everyone who joined us at our Remembrance Service at St Mary's Henstead last Friday. A collection total of £198.01 was divided equally between the Royal British Legion and St Mary's Church. Thank you.

Parents' Seminars



Save the date for our next Parents' Seminars: Tuesday 3 December at 3.30 for Nursery and Reception Parents (demonstrating the new 'Tapestry' online Learning Journal) and Monday 9 December at 4.10pm (for all parents) which will focus on Helping with Homework.

PTFA

News Extra

Monday 2 December 7pm
PTFA Meeting (NOTE TIME NOT AS PRINTED IN CALENDAR)



Mud, glorious mud!



Enjoying the bonfire



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