



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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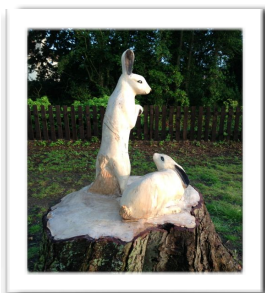
### Calendar for next week

Monday 19 September	School Council Election
Tuesday 20 September	9.00 Year 2 Visits Lydia Eva, Great Yarmouth
Wednesday 21 September	Year 6 Assembly
Friday 23 September	8.50 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Henstead, followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning at School

### Dates for your diary

Saturday 15 October	9.45 Open Morning (Half Day School)
Monday 24 - Friday 28 October	Holiday Club (booking forms will be available soon)
Friday 11 November	8.50 Remembrance Service at St Mary's Church, Henstead

### Message from the Headmaster



It has certainly been a confident start to term. The children have returned ready to share their many and varied experiences of the holidays, but I have been struck by the way in which learning has got underway immediately - I have already been able to award an AI for excellent work! The mascots have arrived and will be introduced and awarded for the first time at the end of this week. There has been so much to celebrate already. I am pleased to welcome all the new members of The Old School family and have enjoyed getting to know them.

*Mr McKinney*



## Open Morning.

Kindly save the date for our next Open Morning on Saturday 15 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. 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. Please consider who to invite to our Open Morning. Children are always keen to show what they achieve at school. Please encourage guests to arrive between 9.45 and 10am, so that they may choose the options most suited to their interests. (Pupils should arrive for registration at 9.45 - wearing blazers as usual.)

# Year Two to the Rescue!



## Year 2 Visits the Coastguard

On Monday morning, Year Two started this term's Seaside topic with a visit to the Coastguard. The children were delighted to see both Mrs Mills and Mrs Hall on arrival, but then were soon side-tracked by flashing lights, loud sirens and gadgets galore! Mrs Mills and Mrs Hall told the children all about Her Majesty's Coastguard service and the type of emergencies they are called out to deal with, not only covering our coastline from Lowestoft down to Dunwich, but all the waterways and rivers from here to Norwich too.



The children has a great time trying on all the equipment – helmets and life jackets – and especially enjoyed throwing the floating throw rope to rescue Wayne (an orange, wooden cut-out in distress) but most importantly now know that the Coastguard is the fourth emergency service and how to keep safe on the beach.



Thank you so much Mrs Mills and Mrs Hall for taking the time to show us around and for all the hard work you do voluntarily to keep us safe on the water.

*Miss Kay and Miss Clifton*





# Early Years News.



## Nursery.

Welcome to a new school year in Nursery. We welcome back returning children and say hello to our new faces - Yvie, Violette, Isla and Emily!

We began our new topic - Fairytales - and started with *Jack and the Beanstalk*. Some beanstalks have been planted in Nursery. Let us know if you see the giant coming down from his castle to visit us!

Sarah from Beccles library came to visit Nursery on Thursday afternoon. She began with *Little Red Riding Hood* which she acted out with puppets and then read us *The Enormous Turnip* which we enjoyed acting out. We all picked a toy from the song bag to sing and we ended with our favourite - *Two Teddies on a Trampoline* of course!

*Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher*



## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Raef, who has returned after the summer as one of the older boys. He has been helping the new children settle in by being a kind and helpful friend. Well done Raef, have a fantastic time with Sparky!

# Reception off to a great start.



We had such a busy week in Reception, learning all the new routines and making lots of new friends.

Our Traditional Tales topic is well under way. Maths has fitted in very well with the *Jack and the Beanstalk* story: we have counted beans, sorted beans and even had a go at growing our own.

In this week's art lesson we created our very own beanstalk.

We are very pleased with the way the children are already showing such confidence and the fantastic start they have all made on learning their sounds and displaying great enthusiasm when sharing their reading books with us. We are looking forward to a wonderful year ahead.

*Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin*



# New School Officers.

## Head of School



The Old School Henstead has appointed Tilly as Head of School. Such is the importance of the role that a job description is attached to it. For those aspiring to follow in Tilly's footsteps, the criteria are stringent.

### *Expectation of Personal Qualities:*

Leadership · Work well in a team · Time-management and very good organisational skills · Ability to talk confidently and appropriately to parents and staff · Ability to talk confidently and appropriately to other pupils · Willingness to get to know the pupils in the lower years · Politeness · Maturity · Clear judgement · Reliability.

### *Main Duties:*

- To support the ethos of The Old School Henstead
- To be a positive role model for peers and younger pupils
- To be a listening and helping friend to all pupils
- To represent the school
- To meet with the School Leadership Team every half term
- To take responsibility for the supervision of duties carried out by other prefects and assistant prefects and to lead by example
- To lead the school in Assembly, Church services and other main school events
- To perform duties of rank and consequence among her peers.

Congratulations to Tilly.

## House Captains & Vice Captains



The House System is central to our core values and we rely heavily on the quality of our House Captains and Vice Captains to lead from the front. The four houses have elected their leaders and the following have bravely stepped forward to face the challenge.

### **Deben House**

Captain Jack McT  
Vice-Captain Alex H

### **Waveney House**

Captain Bethany  
Vice-Captain Beth

### **Yare House**

Captain Savile  
Vice-Captain Sophia

### **Orwell House**

Captain Tilly  
Vice-Captains Lily & Daisy McD



We look forward to their guidance and encouragement as they take on the demands of the position as outlined below:

- To be a role model in terms of attitude, work ethic, manners and appearance to younger members of the house, providing inspiration and motivation to all pupils in their house.
- To help organise and plan competitions and events throughout the year, selecting teams or individuals for these and ensure that all pupils have an opportunity to compete.
- To help supervise house activities and competitions.
- To ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all, irrespective of ability.
- To take responsibility for house assemblies on a weekly basis and organise meaningful activities for these assemblies.
- To report back results or news to the house.
- To receive trophies at end of term assemblies.

We believe that these roles will develop invaluable leadership, organisational and decision-making skills. We wish all the appointees a successful year in post.

## School Calendar



The School Calendar, giving day-by-day details of key school events, trips, sports fixtures, musical and social events, is viewable on our website, via the following link:

<http://www.theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/calendar/>

It is kept up to date, with additional events and fixtures added from time to time during the course of each term.

## Lunch Menus



You may view the menus for this half term on our website, via the following link:

<http://theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/lunch-menu/>

The menus operate on a four week cycle and will change again after half term to a delicious winter menu.

Freshly prepared every day by our wonderful Cook, Mrs Guilda, the tasty 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.

## Emergency



### Emergency Closure Procedures

In the event of the school being closed owing to bad weather (or any other cause, for that matter) the following procedure will be followed:

The Headmaster or his representative will contact staff and parents as soon as possible (ideally before 7.30 a.m.)

This procedure will operate on each and every day the school is closed.

## Nut-Free Policy



May we remind parents that we operate a nut-free policy at the school, therefore please ensure no nut-based snacks or packed lunch items or cake donations for school events contain nuts.

We thank you for your continued support.

## Macmillan Coffee Morning



Bake a cake and help those suffering with cancer.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event. Every penny raised will help Macmillan nurses to give medical, emotional and practical help to someone living with cancer.

We will be holding our annual event on **Friday 23 September** in the school hall after the Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church. Please join us and help us support this vital work.

We would appreciate any donations of cakes and baked goods - nut-free please - which may be brought into the office at end of day Thursday, or on Friday morning. If you are not a baker, we hope you will come along and perhaps buy a coffee or slice of cake for the cause. Also, if any parents are free to help with this event, especially decorating the hall or setting out the cakes or serving teas and coffees, please see Miss Sindall.

We do appreciate your support as we fundraise for the wonderful work of *Macmillan Cancer Support*.

# New Faces

**Mr Hunt**



We are delighted to welcome Mr Mathew Hunt to our teaching team. Mr Hunt holds a BA Honours Degree in Philosophy in addition to his teaching qualification. He has also taught in the maintained sector.

Outside teaching he spends his time travelling, reading and studying, as well as playing chess - interests which he notices are shared by many of the pupils!

"I am delighted to join The Old School Henstead at such an exciting time! I thank the colleagues, parents and children of the school for warmly receiving me into the team."

**Mrs Scriven**



Mrs Alex Scriven has worked in primary education for the past 12 years. Her last post was Inclusion Manager on the senior leadership team of a school. This included working as a class teacher, family support practitioner and support teacher for children with additional and behavioural needs. Mrs Scriven holds a BA Honours Degree in Inclusive Practice and an Early Years professional qualification.

Outside work her hobbies have included a role as a Coastguard Officer, working towards a black belt in Kuk Sool Won, travelling, walking and reading as well as raising three boys. "Thank you for the lovely warm welcome to The Old School."

**Baby Enya-Rose**



We are delighted to welcome baby Enya-Rose into The Old School Henstead family. She arrived over the summer holidays.

We eagerly await another visit from her and Mummy Coxon so that the boys and girls may be introduced.



## Pedagogical Ponderings

Having had a chance to think over the holidays and reflect on the year that was, I've been able to critically examine the curriculum that we deliver to the children at The Old School Henstead. One of the fundamental questions that we as teachers are constantly asking ourselves is, "is the teaching and learning that I am delivering in my classroom the very best for the children in my care?"

With this important question in mind, we have developed, and are continuing to develop, our practice. This year, Year 3 pupils are going to be combining their science classes with outdoor education. The purpose of this is to enhance the cross-curricular nature of the Year 3 science programme, therefore creating a more meaningful and life-enhancing experience for the pupils.

Equally important, we as a staff are committed to continually developing our practice to best meet the needs of our pupils and the demands of being an educator in the 21st Century. As a part of this, we are developing a Professional Learning Community (PLC). Through working together as a PLC, we collaboratively share our best practices and develop each other's teaching. Recently, during the INSET days last week, Mr Butcher took a lead role in sharing with us his marking practice in an effort to raise awareness around the importance of effective marking.

What has been so warming for me personally in my new role as Director of Studies is having seen such commitment from each of the teachers we have in our school. I continue to maintain that the education that is delivered at The Old School Henstead is of the highest possible standard. *Mr Jensen*

# Meet the Mascots.

Before the start of every academic year each year group decides on an animal they wish to choose as their mascot. Every week the mascots are awarded to the pupils who best demonstrate the school's values: **Confidence, Resilience, Empathy, Adventure, Teamwork and Excellence (C.R.E.A.T.E.)**. Each half term we focus on one particular value. This half term we are focussing on Confidence. On Speech Day at the end of the year the mascots are awarded to the pupils who have best demonstrated all the values over the course of the year, and the pupils get to keep them and take them home - permanently.

This year's mascots are:

Nursery: Sparky the Dragon

Reception: Turbo the Snail

Year One: Bob the Koala

Year Two: Fergus the Buffalo

Year Three: Waffle the Wombat

Year Four: Salty the Pig

Year Five: Prickles the Porcupine

Year Six: Skipper the Dog.

Every week the recipients write a diary about what the mascots have been up to over the weekend at home.

We look forward to reading all about their adventures!





# School Council

The School Council provides a platform for the Pupil's Voice, with representatives spanning the age range from Year One to Year Six, with Reception joining from the Summer Term. Members have the opportunity not only to voice their own opinion but that of the whole school, contributing to the continuous planning and development benefitting all.

The Head of the School Council is Jack McTavish.

The School Council Election will take place on Monday 19 September for two representatives in each year. Year Six will supervise the polling station and

ballot papers. Already we have seen campaign posters around the school. The results will be reported in next week's newsletter.

Miss Clifton



## Mascot Awards



The mascot winners, for best demonstrating Confidence this week, are as follows:

Reception	Jackson
Year One	Oliver J
Year Two	Charlotte
Year Three	Darcey
Year Four	Charlie
Year Five	Freddy
Year Six	Beth

## Norwich Mascot



Congratulations to Tom R who was selected as mascot for Norwich City at Carrow Road last Saturday.

## Twitter



To keep up with school news, events and sports results between newsletters, do follow us on twitter: <https://twitter.com/OldSchoolHstead>

Reluctant twitterers need only open a (free) twitter account and follow us, without posting any of their own tweets.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
(term time)  
Tuesdays 8.15-9.15  
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

**PTFA**  
News Extra

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**Cheese & Wine Evening followed by PTFA AGM**  
Monday 10 October 7-9pm in the school hall. Everyone welcome. Please come along and support the PTFA, share ideas and make new friends.

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**Bonfire Night & Fireworks**  
Friday 11 November. Watch this space for more information and ticket details.

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