



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Thursday 23 June
Friday 24 June

10.30 Swimming Gala starts
Beebops Visit Nursery
Nursery End of Year Outing
Senior Inter-House Rounders

Dates for your diary

Tuesday 28 June
Wednesday 29 June

2.00 Nursery Sports Day
2.00 Sports Day
3.00 Summer Fayre, Mini Produce Show & Art Exhibition
Summer Shows
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Speech Day
Trinity College Music Examinations
Henstock Festival

Wednesday 6 July
Thursday 7 July
Friday 8 July
Saturday 9 July

Message from the Headmaster



We are blessed here at The Old School, in the we give our children the opportunity to enjoy the precious gift of childhood. I am privileged to see this every day around the school - older pupils looking after the younger ones in an unaffected, supportive manner during our New Pupils' Afternoon this week was one such example. We must continue to protect this, not at the expense of academic rigour or development of character, but realising that it is all too fleeting and that the pressures of the modern world are all around our boys and girls. We must continue to give them the opportunities to distinguish between right and wrong, to take sensible risks and be mindful of the needs of others as they grow.

Mr McKinney

Practising for the Swimming Gala



Fantastic Gymnastics.



Reception and Year One have started off this half term with great enthusiasm at the Waveney Gymnastics Club. They have been practising their balancing skills on the beam where some of the children completed a forward roll independently. They have also been testing their strength on the rings to then land safely in the very popular foam pit!



The children were able to listen carefully and follow instructions from the coaches. Keep up the great work.

Mrs Dakin and Mrs Scoggins





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Summer Fayre

Wednesday 29 June 3.30-5.30pm following Sports Day

Children's Art

Exhibition - theme "Summer" - with art on sale at the end of the day.

Afternoon teas

Mini Produce Show - children's baking, crafts, miniature garden, home grown fruit & vegetables. Don't forget to enter!



Gunge the Headmaster

Football Shoot Out

Face Painting

Plate Smashing

Coconut Shy

Welly Wanging

Bottle Stall

Frog in a Bog

Lucky Dip

Raffle

Cakes

Popcorn & Candy Floss

and much, much more!





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Mini Produce Show

at the Summer Fayre

As part of our Summer Fayre, there will be a mini produce show, giving pupils the chance to show off their culinary, gardening or creative skills!

All entries should be home made or grown, and be the work of the entrants themselves.



Class 1 - Miniature Garden
(children all ages)
Maximum size 30cm x 30cm

Class 2 – Baking (age 7 and under)
6 decorated home baked biscuits -
theme - 'The Queen at 90'

Class 3 - Baking (age 8-11)
6 decorated home baked cupcakes -
theme - 'The Queen at 90'

Class 4 – Home Grown Produce
(children all ages) Best group of home
grown fruit or vegetables

Class 5 – Home Grown Produce
(children all ages) Most unusual fruit or
vegetable

Class 6 – Decorated Flower Pot
(children all ages)



Winners will be announced at the end of the Summer Fayre. Unless otherwise requested by entrants, all entries will be sold or auctioned off at the end of the Summer Fayre, and any monies added to Summer Fayre funds.



**Submit your entries to the School Hall
between 1.15 & 1.45pm on Wednesday 29 June**



Pedagogical Ponderings.

A slightly uncomfortable topic for Pedagogical Ponderings this week, but a topic that is equally important and necessary to share, both from a professional and personal point of view.

In recent times, there has been a lot of media coverage about the increasing number of cases whereby tech devices have been used inappropriately by young people. This could be, for example: cyber bullying (using a mobile device to bully someone), questionable relationships stemming from social media, and or sending selfies or texts with age-inappropriate content. I read a headline in the New Zealand Herald (NZ's leading newspaper) this week which said that there was an increasing number of cases being reported to police and social services about boys as young as eight taking such photographs and plastering these over social media. It is something that we must continue to address. If you stop and consider it though, how easy is it for young people to do this? These days, it's almost unheard of for a teenager to not have a mobile phone. Not being on Facebook is risking social isolation.

Scaremongering? I sincerely think we need to be aware of what our young people have access to. Despite the fact that our Henstead pupils are still very young and innocent, it won't be long until they find themselves in an environment where exposure to this will be unceasing.

What are we doing about it at The Old School Henstead? Firstly, we review and update our policies and practices in online safety as part of the Safeguarding of the children in our care. We are making changes to the computing curriculum that is delivered, in particular to the Upper School. We want to have more of an on-going focus on e-safety in order to best protect our pupils with early intervention and teaching. Thus the boundaries between natural curiosity and staying safe are clarified.

Finally and most importantly, we need to work on this with you. Parents (and parental control settings on devices) have the most important role to play in e-safety as it's at home where easier and more continual access to technology is found. If you're concerned about your child's use of technology at any time, please feel free to talk with us. *Mr Jensen*

Summer Fayre Guests



We are thrilled to announce that several of our alpaca and donkey neighbours will be joining us at our Summer Fayre this year, thanks to the kindness of Lady Heidi Crick.



Summer School



Our Summer School will run from Monday 11 July – Friday 22 July (Monday – Friday 9.30am – 3.30pm) and is open to pupils from Reception to Year 6.

Week 1
Monday Olympic Day
Tuesday Olympic Day
Wednesday Crabbing at Walberswick
Thursday Music, Art and Drama
Friday Splash and BBQ

Week 2
Monday Olympic Day
Tuesday Olympic Day
Wednesday Trip to the Maize Maze
Thursday Bouncy Castle & Obstacle Course
Friday Splash and BBQ

Children may attend the full two weeks, one week or individual days.
Mr Hunter

Good Teamwork



Our busy Receptioners have been learning to weigh, measure and follow detailed instructions on recipes to create some delicious, healthy dishes.





A Royal Celebration

A huge thank you to the PTFA for a wonderful tea party to celebrate the 90th Birthday of Her Majesty The Queen last Friday afternoon at the end of the school day.

Pupils were joined by parents and family members for a delicious afternoon tea, with tasty sandwiches and creative celebratory cakes. A great time was had by all.



Mascot Awards



This week's mascot awards - for best demonstrating our last value of the year - Excellence - were awarded to:

Reception - Jack W
Year 1 - Phillip
Year 2 - Harry S
Year 3 - Joe
Year 4 - Freddy
Year 5 - Jessica
Year 6 - Amber.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

In the Press



Our drum teacher Craig Bacon was interviewed and photographed alongside his pupils from The Old School Henstead for the *Eastern Daily Press* this week (see page 42 of 16 June issue). If you would like to support Craig's nomination for the British Blues Awards, you can vote on:

<http://www.britishbluesawards.co.uk/vote.htm>

Silver Award



Congratulations to Joe for achieving a Silver Award for ten outstanding achievements.

PTFA News Extra

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Henstock Festival Saturday 9 July. Tickets £25 Adult £10 Child See posters for details of entertainment and activities.



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