



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 22 November
Wednesday 23 November

3:50 & 4:20 Junior & Senior Concerts
Book Fair begins
1:00 Years 1 & 2 visit Henstead Arts & Crafts Centre
8:45 Advent Service in Hall (pupils only service)
12-3 PTFA Christmas Fayre

Friday 25 November
Saturday 26 November

Dates for your diary

Friday 9 December
Wednesday 14 December
Thursday 15 December
Friday 16 December

PTFA Christmas Parties
9.15 Nursery Nativity
2.00 School Nativity at St Mary's Henstead
School Christmas Lunch
7pm Carol Service at St Mary's Henstead



Message from the Headmaster

In this part of term when we celebrate resilience, it is a matter of genuine pride to see just how much our boys and girls manage to achieve in the space of one short week! The increased level of activity in preparation for Children in Need and the Christmas season does not deter them at all, if anything, it seems to spur them on to even greater efforts. We have reason to be proud of both their achievements and how they continue to develop as young people. Well done to everyone. *Mr McKinney*

Children in Need.



This morning started off with the BBC Radio Suffolk team recording the choir's rehearsals and interviewing the Headmaster and several pupils about fundraising for *Children in Need* (see link to broadcast on Page 9). The choir then travelled to Beccles town centre to sing, play and dance to raise funds. Thank you for all your generosity...we're still counting your donations!



Reception Roundup.

This week Reception have been focusing on numbers and working towards understanding simple addition sums. To support the children's maths in a different approach we teamed up with Years Three and Five. Children in Year Five planned and delivered their own maths lesson to Reception and Year Three supported Reception in a variety of activities. This collaboration of year groups was beneficial to all the children because to demonstrate mastery you have to be able to teach a subject comprehensively and when a student is struggling, having someone who is a similar age can help them to create bridges in their learning gaps. A child teacher can form examples and relate to another child on an entirely different level to that of an adult educator. Well done Years Three and Five.

In Literacy we have been learning some new sounds and practising writing high frequency and tricky words. The children have even started putting these words together to form simple sentences. Reception children have really impressed their teachers this week with their writing and it was lovely to be able to share this and their amazing progress with parents during parents evening.

PE came early this week to make room for a Christmas art afternoon, during which the children are helping support the schools PTFA in their preparations for the Christmas Fayr.e We hope to see you all at the Fayre so we can show you what we made. Bring on the glitter!

Thursday was a slightly different day for the children as it was non-uniform day in aid of Children in Need. The children enjoyed wearing their own clothes and colouring in pictures of Pudsey Bear. Thank you for all your donations.

Mrs Scriven and Mrs Dakin



Artistic Licence.

Year One

As a follow up to their lovely work on the 'Rainbow Fish' Year One have been making a coral reef diorama using a wide variety of natural and recycled materials to show the variety and colour of the underwater world. This way Nemo!

Year Two

Year Two have bravely tackled the subject of 'Remembrance' by producing their own multimedia poppy field showing a landscape in perspective and an asymmetrical distribution of flowers in their composition. They then introduced collage with twisted barbed wire and posts crossing the landscape. Joined together they formed a striking panorama!

Year Three

Year Three have just finished their African inspired masks and are about to embark upon a textiles project which involves firstly creating a printed design using stamps they have produced themselves. Some shi-shi wallets and pencil cases are on the way!

Year Four

Year Four have grappled tenaciously with the complexities of perspective drawing to round off their excellent work on architectural style. 'Vanishing Point' is not just the name of a classic 1970s road movie...

Year Five

Year Five are adding to their multi skill credentials with a puppet-making project which forms an integral part of the curriculum theme of 'Representing the Human Form'. The sewing, sawing and cutting are more likely to result in a downscaled Taylor Swift than pearly earringed Vermeer this time round...

Year Six

On the subject of scale, Year Six have been producing an enlarged version of an everyday object in the footsteps of U.S. artist Claes Oldenburg. We have a gorilla cube (move over Rubik) an elephant pencil and the BFG's cocktail umbrella to name but a few. I feel an exhibition coming on. I think the Tate Modern is free...
Mr Butcher



Christmas Arts & Crafts.



Christmas arrived early at The Old School Henstead yesterday, during our non-uniform day for *Children in Need*. Mr Gregory, Mrs Plummer and their band of merry helpers, came into school with exciting Christmas activities planned for each classroom.

Nursery and Reception, with the help of Mrs Vorster, made some sparkling reindeer food. The children worked so well as a team to complete lots of bags. Year 1 enjoyed designing star decorations, with the assistance of Mrs Jarmey. Mrs Plummer helped Year 2 make their own Christmas notebooks. Year 3 were busy constructing Christmas crackers. This was led by Autumn, Caleb and Immy's Grandad. Year 4 decorated baubles with Mrs Webster. Glue guns at the ready, Year 5 made beautiful Christmas signs, with the help of Mr Gregory. The final activity was designing coasters. Some very impressive art work going on, with Mrs Lark taking the lead.

It was a fabulous afternoon, with the children having a brilliant time and getting us all ready for the Christmas Fayre. A huge thank you to all the parents and Grandads who led the activities and for those parents who helped behind the scenes. Is this the beginning of a new Henstead tradition?

Ms Thomson



Firework Fun.



A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA team and parents who created a fantastic bonfire evening of fireworks. Thank you also to the entire Henstead community for coming along to support the event, which raised over £430 for PTFA school funds. A special thank you to the Raven family for helping build the bonfire and to Nick Barrett for kindly removing all the ash and twigs from the field and getting rid of all the rubbish by using his own machines and to the Blois family for the amazing sausages. We do appreciate everyone's generosity.



Victorian Ventures.



Year 2 children had a day of total Victorian immersion on Tuesday at Gressenhall Workhouse. Looking era fabulous as they left school, the fabulousness continued all day in all the different activities they did: making drop scones in a Victorian kitchen; learning about and practising age appropriate jobs within the workhouse (after a good de-lousing!); doing the laundry and attending a Victorian school lesson.

Here are a few extracts from some of the thank you letters to tell the story...



"My favourite thing was when we dusted the room because it was so clean in the end. I also loved the drop scones because they were warm and squidgy and tasty. I really liked doing the washing because I liked twisting the dolly and hanging the clothes up." Charlotte

"I especially liked the lesson at the end because it felt like a real Victorian lesson. Next I liked the drop scones because of the sugar!" George

"I really liked the school lesson because I liked looking at the punishments. I also liked sweeping and dusting." Bertie

"I especially liked the drop scones because they were so yummy! I also liked it when we sorted out the plates because it was complicated and fun. Also I liked sweeping because it was fun. It was a brilliant day!" Caleb



"I liked the house as it was a wonderful place. Also I loved it when we got to go on the beds because they were nice. It was fun when we got to polish the knives and forks." James

"I loved it when we were sweeping and brushing because I wiped the windowsill. Also I liked our school lesson because we did our alphabet. It was fun when I span the dolly!" Phillip

"I liked the school lesson yesterday because I liked looking around. Also I liked washing the clothes because it was fun. It was brilliant when I span the dolly!" Marli



"I really liked the school lesson because we got to do the two times tables. Also I liked sweeping the floor because we made a mess! It was fun when I washed up the dresses." Johnny

Mrs Dakin and I were very proud of the children's behaviour. Each and every child was a credit to Henstead School. Huge thanks to the very talented team at Gressenhall.

Miss Kay and Mrs Dakin



Mascot Merits.

This week's mascots have been awarded to the following pupils for best demonstrating our new value for this half term - RESILIENCE:



Reception: Ariane, for showing resilience in her writing and behaviour for learning

Year 1: Jack W - for resilience in making the right decisions

Year 2: Johnny - for getting on with life and overcoming little obstacles in the way

Year 3: Kitty - for showing resilience by overcoming challenges in English

Year 4: Joey - for showing resilience in solving maths problems

Year 5: Archie - for resiliently trying difficult problems converting remainders to decimals

Year 6: Daisy - for carrying on through all difficulties without complaint

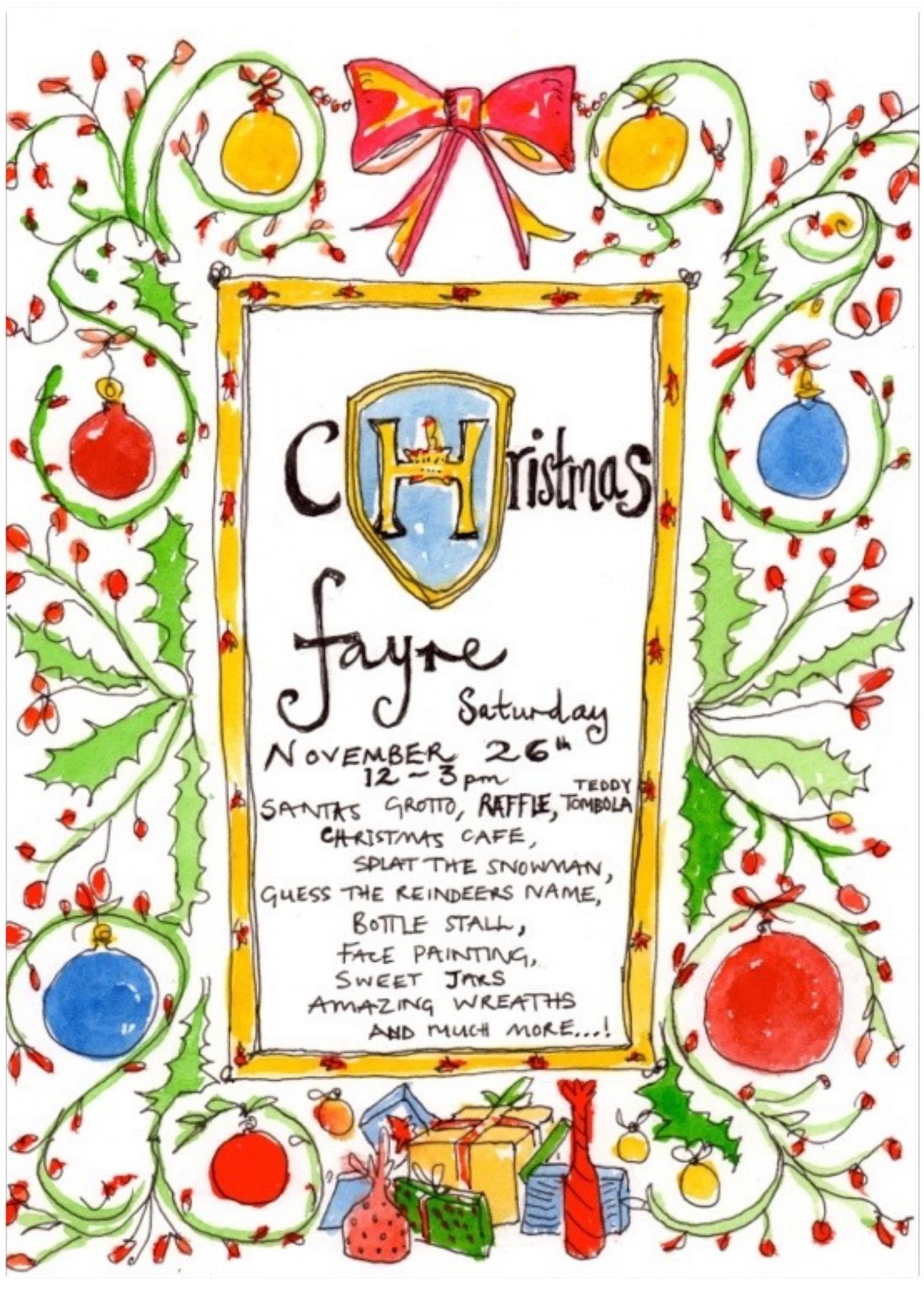


Fundraising for Children in Need



Thank you to everyone who kindly supported our non-uniform day yesterday in aid of *Children in Need*. Here are some of the superheroes, cooks and other characters that arrived for the occasion!





CHRISTMAS

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Saturday

NOVEMBER 26th
12 - 3 pm

SANTAS GROTTO, RAFFIE, TEDDY TOMBOLA

CHRISTMAS CAFE,

SPLAT THE SNOWMAN,

GUESS THE REINDEERS NAME,

BOTTLE STALL,

FACE PAINTING,

SWEET JARS

AMAZING WREATHS

AND MUCH MORE...!



Christmas Fayre Bulletin.

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The Christmas Fayre is nearly here! Thank you for your generous hamper donations. There is still time to bring in sweet jars, soft toys and raffle prizes, which can be left in the office.

It wouldn't be a Christmas Fayre without the cake stall so we would be very grateful for any homemade cakes or biscuits. Please bring these to school on Friday.

Volunteers to help run stalls would be very welcome. If you would like to help out, you can sign up for a slot on the sheet in the office.

Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after school next week. Don't forget to buy them for a chance to win some fantastic prizes including: a family fun pass to Water Lane, two jumps at High Altitude, a photo shoot and print at Picture Studios, an Adnams Christmas pudding and a number of hampers.

Thank you from the PTFA team.

Thank you



Thank you to all the parents who baked and bought cakes and biscuits from this morning's PTFA cake stall in aid of *Children in Need*. We will report the total on twitter as soon as all the money has been counted!

BBC Radio Suffolk



If you missed the choir singing on BBC Radio Suffolk's Breakfast Show this morning, you may listen to the recording via the following link:

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p04d64hm#playt=2h35m>

Star of the Week



Nursery Star of the Week goes to Teddie, who has made great progress in all areas of learning this term and has been using his 'listening ears'!

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
(term time)

Tuesdays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

LAMDA Examinations



Well done to all the pupils who sat LAMDA exams at school last Saturday. We look forward to hearing the results soon.

PTFA News Extra

Christmas Fayre Saturday 26 November 12-3pm. Please invite your family and friends. Thank you for your generous hamper donations. There's still time to **bring in sweet jars, soft toys, and raffle prizes** (which may be dropped off at the office). We would be very grateful for **homemade cakes and biscuits**. Please bring in next Friday. **Volunteers needed to help run the stalls.** Sign up for a slot on the sheet in the office from Monday. **Raffle tickets will be on sale before and after school outside the office next week.**



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