



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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STOP PRESS...Due to the Trinity College Music Examinations in the Hall throughout the day on Tuesday, no hot lunches will be served. Would all children please bring a packed lunch. Thank you.

Calendar for next week

Monday 22 September
Tuesday 23 September

9am School Photographs
9.30 (all day) Trinity College Music Examinations
1.30 HM Coastguard visits Reception and Nursery (Change of date)
1.30 Year 2 visits HM Coastguard Station, Lowestoft (Addition to Calendar)
9.15 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Henstead,
followed by Macmillan Coffee Morning at School

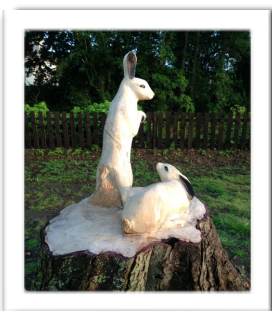
Friday 26 September

Dates for your diary

Saturday 18 October
Thursday 23 October
Friday 24 October

Open Morning with special timetable of lessons and activities
Holiday Club (bookable through the office)
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Message from the Headmaster



It is most heartening to see the children getting involved in the life of the school so quickly at the start of the year. This week will see the first award of the mascots, to the boy or girl in each class most demonstrating confidence – a value that we strive to instil in every child here. The school council has also met and has instigated the installation of our suggestion box, which will be another way in which members of the school community can air their views, concerns or ideas for improvements. Librarians have been appointed, who will be helping to organise and develop our class libraries. Year Six pupils have been training and considering their role as leaders in the school. I am closer than ever to the rehearsals of the choir – the Harvest celebration will be, *Deus vult*, tuneful!

Mr McKinney



Year One makes interesting discoveries in a scavenger hunt this week.

Leaders of the pack.



Year Six Leadership training at Warden's Centre

Post lunch on Friday the minibus was packed with everything from wellies to brightly coloured ropes, and team Year Six headed off. First stop was the supermarket and we divided into teams to search for the provisions needed for the next 24 hours. For some, animal pasta was a must, for others, celery was regarded as a fear to be addressed. What was the connection between marshmallows and spaghetti?

A breezy, but sunny afternoon emerged - perfect conditions for beachcombing with a view to finding something that would symbolise team Year Six. There were some excellent suggestions: a rope, a stone with concentric circles, a heart stone, a plant with strong roots. There was time for some swimming too!

A teamwork exercise challenged the team to cross a minefield and obstacle using magic blocks (the only thing that could touch the ground without exploding), planks and a rope in a specified time. It was a steep, but most useful learning experience with much trial and error. The importance of planning, how to put a good idea forward, focus on the desired outcome, review progress and keep an eye on the time. There were certainly some moments to remember.

Late afternoon gave the opportunity to review the Assistant Prefect Handbook and after supper the boys and girls tackled building lego with a partner – blindfolded, 'no, not that piece, the one over there...' and how to build the tallest tower out of spaghetti and marshmallows, made more difficult by a) eating your building materials and b) the effect of warm hands on the latter. Gooley. Bedtime and peace at last (see Year One for story).

Saturday morning and Miss Goddard materialised to work her magic with cooked breakfast. The beach was too close to miss. It was a great start to term.

Mr McKinney

Nursery News



Superheroes in training

This Wednesday superheroes descended upon Nursery! We have been practising our superhero poses all week for this very occasion and we must say the children have mastered the poses brilliantly. During the week we have made superhero masks and practised our superhero movements, such as flying down the mound. We have talked about our powers and who we would save!

On Wednesday we had a non-uniform day in aid of *Children in Need* and raised £10.

Over and out from the Henstead superhero team.

New Star of the Week Award ★

This year we have introduced a new award in the Nursery - Star of the Week. The recipient will receive a special Nursery Star of the Week certificate, and will be given the Nursery mascot - this year Harry Henstead the monkey - to take home for the weekend.

The first Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Lola Clutton, for being kind to her friends. Well done Lola. Don't forget to brush Harry's teeth and feed him his bananas!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

Curricular Developments.

The Old School Henstead is driven by our determination to provide our pupils with a tailor-made learning experience of the highest standard. Our curriculum is designed to inspire and challenge all pupils, with teaching adapted to meet the varying needs and interests of our pupils.

The focus of the Curriculum Developments meetings this week was to outline our efforts in ensuring that our children receive nothing short of an exceptional learning experience. The developments that were discussed included: significant improvements in terms of both support and extension through the introduction of the Vertical Maths programme; the development of a more broad and immersive Humanities package; access to a wider range of opportunities to develop essential computing skills; the incorporation of a classroom



library system to ensure the pupils take a more active approach to reading; the incorporation of gymnastics sessions for all pupils from Reception upwards and greater provision for academic enrichment through the development of an ultra-curricular programme.

Our curriculum aims to ensure that children leave The Old School Henstead with not only the necessary skills and knowledge to succeed, but also with a love of learning.

May I extend my thanks to the parents who attended either of the meetings. If you have any queries please do not hesitate to email me:
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School Council News.



The School Council meets at break every Monday. Class representatives discuss the ideas that have been put forward, either by their classmates, or through the suggestion box. Minutes are taken and these are shown to Mr McKinney, who attends the Council meeting during the term to discuss which ideas can be put into practice. This term the members are:-

Year Six	Peppa and Sonny
Year Five	Amber and George
Year Four	Ruby and Jasper
Year Three	Natalie and Freddy
Year Two	Daisy and Joe
Year One	Harry D and Isobel.

Reception representatives will be elected later in the year.

Miss Clifton

Ship Ahoy! Year Two Explores Maritime History



It was back to the early 1900's this week for Year Two, learning all about the herring fishing industry which helped to put the "great" into Great Yarmouth back in its heyday.

First stop was a guided tour around the *Lydia Eva*, a steam drifter, built in the 1930's, towards the end of the herring era. In class this week, we found out that Skye's great, great Granddad was the skipper, so it was wonderful for the children to retrace his footsteps on deck, in the galley, in the engine room, the coal bunker, the wheel room and the bunk house (most definitely the highlight). The children were climbing up and down the thinnest, steepest of ladders, peeping through port holes and learning all about the "silver darlings" in terms of how to catch them, store them on board and then sell them on shore in the bustling docks of Yarmouth.



It was a beautiful day, so we had our lunch on the beach. With a quick paddle, a hunt for seaside safety signs (that's next week's topic!) and an ice-cream stop in the sunshine, we then headed to the *Time and Tide Museum*. The museum is an old smoke house, so the children saw exactly what happened to the raw fish, to preserve them and turn them into 'bloaters' and 'kippers'. The smell of the fish and smoke is still strong after all these years, and the children were fascinated at the rows upon rows of herrings, and how high the workers had to climb to attach the herrings on the poles.



A huge thanks to Don and his team on the *Lydia Eva*, and Patricia at the *Time and Tide Museum* for a fantastic day.

Miss Kay, Miss Newnham and Polo the Polar Bear





"Hello from deepest Essex. As you can tell I have at last moved home and we are slowly settling into village life.

The summer was very busy packing and unpacking boxes. Unfortunately the spare room is still full of them, so a few more to go.

Well enough about me, this note is to say thank you. As some of you witnessed the last day of term was a very emotional time for me. Your kind words and gifts were overwhelming and the memories of that day and my time at Henstead will stay with me forever.

I know I was extremely lucky to be blessed with such super children and their amazing supportive parents. I cannot begin to express how you all made working at Henstead such a pleasure.

I would also like to say thank you to all of my colleagues. They played a huge part in the smooth (mostly) running of the Nursery, especially Miss Butcher whose enthusiasm, hard work and fun filled the busy days.

So thank you. Two such small words, but they come to you all with great affection.

Have a fabulous term. Missing you all. Love and hugs.

Mrs Rawlings"

Mascot Winners



Terry Turtle

This week saw the first award of the new mascots for the year, to the boy or girl in each class most demonstrating the school value of Confidence.

Reception - Sharpy Crocodile - Marli
Y1 - Pete Penguin - Brayden
Y2 - Polo Polar Bear - Ella
Y3 - Pecker Penguin - Olivia
Y4 - Oats Horse - Jack
Y5 - Terry Turtle - Amber
Y6 - Hector Hare - Nick

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Our annual Macmillan Coffee Morning will be held next Friday 26 September in the school hall after the Harvest Festival church service.

We would appreciate any baked donations - cakes and biscuits - for the event. (Kindly drop off at the school hall on the Friday morning.)

We do hope you will be able to join us - and please bring your friends.

Learning Trail



This week's Learning Trail winners - on the theme of mascots - are:

Ella Tennens
Matilda Williams and
Amber McTavish.

Congratulations.

Next week's Learning Trail will be a Modern Foreign Languages Challenge.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

New onsite location.

PTFA

News Extra

PTFA AGM & Meeting Monday
22 September at 7pm.

Bonfire Night & Fireworks
Friday 7 November at 6.30pm.

Christmas Fayre Saturday
29 November 12.30

SPORTS NEWS

Today's hockey fixture will be reported in next week's newsletter.

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