



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 6 February

Safer Internet Day
8.45 Digital Leaders Assembly
1.30-3.30 Parent & Toddler Group
1.30 Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Swimming
2.15 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
2.30 Years 4, 5 & 6 Gymnastics
4.15 Parents' Seminar - thinkuknow?

Wednesday 7 February

9.00 Year 1 visits Happisburgh Lighthouse
3.30 U11 Girls Football v Beccles Primary Academy (H)

Thursday 8 February

8.45 Inter-House Drama Competition

Friday 9 February

8.45 Year 3 Assembly
9.00 Reception visits Sea Life Centre, Great Yarmouth
Years 3 & 5 Open Classrooms
3.30/4.10 Half Term Begins

Dates for your diary

10-18 February

Half Term

Message from the Headmaster

We welcome our guests, our families, our friends and, most of all, our pupils to our open Morning. It is a celebration of the type of achievement and personal development that takes place in the school every week and we are very pleased that this was recognised by the visiting team in our recent inspection. We look forward to welcoming you.

Mr McKinney



Open Morning.

Tomorrow

Our Open Morning takes place tomorrow Saturday 3 February. Pupils' registration will take place at 9.30. We encourage family, friends and other visitors to arrive between 9.45 and 10.00 so that they may choose their options for the morning. It is also an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join their children in school for the morning.

Pupils should arrive in usual full uniform, including blazers for registration at 9.30.

We appreciate your support in spreading the word.



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Open Morning

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Saturday 3 FEBRUARY Arrivals 9:45 - 10:00AM T. 01502 741150
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Cam Toys Club Update.



A Blizzard of Mechanical Marvels!

So what is a cam toy? Those of you who wear long trousers on a regular basis (or skirts) may remember Bob, the man who popularised wooden automata a couple of decades ago, reviving a noble tradition of toys which had no pixels whatever. Egg cams and snail cams, to name but two, provide that all important conversion from circular to linear motion without which jaws, tails, arms and a host of other moving parts would remain in statuesque immobility. Prepare to be entertained!

Mr Butcher

Arts & Crafts Club.



The Junior Arts & Crafts Club has been working on a project based on our favourite things, mostly animals, but also including rainbows and police cars!

The children started by drawing their favourite objects in pencil in week one, then researched photographs of their animal/object and painted them in water colour. They then transposed the shapes on to cardboard cut outs and used papier mâché techniques to build the subjects. After half term they will develop their art pieces further with paint and materials, before the final reveal.

Watch this space!

Mrs Scriven

Revolting Rhymes.

You might know me as Cinderella

I know they say, "She's married to a prince and everyone adores her".

But really I'm big and strong and work as an explorer.

So this is my story which is properly true.

Listen to this story which will make you go "Ooooh"

It all started when my mother died and my father married again,

I now had a horrible mother, two horrible sisters and a lovely father called Len.

Then my father died which was really sad and I was left with my horrible new family who are cruel, wicked and bad.

I was locked up in the cellar,

Where I met a fairy who was a lively fella.

He seemed very strange and naughty though,

The next minute I was in a dress and a big bow.

He said "Forget about the glass slippers.

I'd rather give you flippers.

But it's not a snorkelling party

And the prince is called Marty."

I woke up the next morning and I don't know where I was, it seemed like I was Dorothy in The Wizard of Oz.

It looked like I was in a palace and then I met my friend called Alice.

I said "Please tell me Alice where I am, I'll give you some of my home made jam."

She replied "You're in the palace ball you fool."

Marty came over and said "Will you marry me Cinderella?"

I said "Well really I'm called Stella and no, I will not marry you. I'd rather eat my very own shoe."

He said with a sad look on his face "But your wedding dress will be made of lace."

With that I was so angry I smacked him in the face.

From that day on I ran away into the jungle breeze.

I work as an explorer and I eat lots of jungle cheese.

By Evelyn, Year 3



Reception Roundup.



We started the week continuing our theme of polar bears and using this to inspire our writing. This gave us the perfect opportunity to practise our tricky words and blending sounds to form simple words.

In maths, we continue to develop our understanding of one more and one less, as well as ordering and recognising our numbers to 20. We really enjoyed using our wonderful outside environment to reinforce these concepts and keep our learning fun.



We are all developing our swimming and showing fantastic confidence and listening abilities in our weekly swimming lessons. We also enjoy this opportunity to show of how independent we can be. We are really good now at getting dressed and undressed by ourselves.

Listening and following instructions is key to our learning in Reception and we enjoy the many opportunities in French, music and games lessons to develop these skills further. We particularly enjoy learning how different musical instruments make different sounds and how many types of music there are around the world that can support our learning.



It is lovely to see the children coming into school with their watches this week and we have enjoyed using this opportunity and interest to investigate how a clock works and look at our own personal routines.

We will finish the week by showcasing our fantastic learning in Reception and some examples of our science lessons at this term's Open Morning.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



Nursery News.



Every week we enjoy a variety of phonics activities. Each activity has a different objective for the children to achieve in order to prepare them for the explicit "Letters and Sounds" work that they will be doing next year in Reception.

Throughout the year we concentrate on segmenting words (hearing syllables), hearing and identifying rhyming words, alliteration, linking initial sounds to letters, identifying initial sounds, learning the alphabet and developing our listening skills by identifying sounds in the environment and making sounds ourselves with instruments, everyday objects and our bodies.

Some of our favourite activities this week were "Silly Soup", "Cross The River", "I Spy", playing the bongo drums and "Smelly Socks".

And of course, lots of stories are read to the children, daily.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Emily for being so helpful at Nursery this week

Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher

SPORTS ROUND UP

Netball



NETBALL

On Wednesday the Under 11 netball girls travelled to Woodbridge for some mixed matches with The Abbey.

This was the first fixture of the season and the girls were very excited. After a series of warm up exercises, the girls were split into three teams, each playing 15 minute matches. There were lots of excellent intercepts and the shooting from both schools was of a high standard.

The Red team came third, but the Blue and Yellow teams fought it out to the end, with Yellow winning the match and the competition 6:5. In my opinion, player of the day would go to Ebony for her outstanding positioning, intercepts and shooting

abilities. However, many congratulations to all the girls, each of whom played a vital part in what was a fantastic afternoon of netball. It is so wonderful to see the girls beginning to use the strategies learnt during Games lessons and start to use them effectively in a competitive match.

Mrs Jensen



Mascot Awards.

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school value for this half term - **Empathy**:



Reception: Chloe for understanding how helping others can make us feel proud.

Year 1: Robyn for showing politeness and good manners to her friends.

Year 2: Jack W for empathising with the characters in his reading book.

Year 3: Bertie for noticing when friends are sad or upset about something and comforting them.

Year 4: Isobel R for encouraging her peers and positively highlighting the achievements they have been making.

Year 5: Kate for showing empathy to her peers in class and helping them when they are stuck.

Year 6: Olivia for empathy and kindness that has been noticed at breakfast club.

Trying out Brass



As an introduction to playing the trumpet or trombone, Mr Beer, our brass teacher, will be offering a course of introductory sessions to playing brass instruments after half term. This will consist of five group sessions (4 or 5 pupils) over five weeks. The sessions will take place either during normal class music lessons or during the lunch break. The total fee (5 sessions), will be £10.00.

If you would like to take advantage of this offer, please complete the form which will be sent out in bags and return it by next Thursday 8 February (before half term).

Thank you

Miss Sindall

Parents Seminar



A Parents' Seminar - thinkuknow? - will take place on Tuesday 6 February at 4.15pm, providing parents with an insightful update on e-safety for children.

Parent & Toddler



Our Parent & Toddler group continues on Tuesdays, (during term time) between 1:30 and 3:30.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

PTFA News Extra

Easter Bingo Friday 16
March 1800

Next PTFA Meeting Friday
Friday 27 April 2018 at
1430. All welcome.



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