

The Old School Henstead Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 23 September
Tuesday 24 September

9.15am School Photographs
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Year 2 Seaside Project visit to Lowestoft

Wednesday 25 September

Nursery Pyjamas & Stories Day
1.30pm U11 Football v Thorpe House Langley Prep (A)

Friday 27 September

9.15am Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Henstead
10.30am Coffee Morning in School Hall in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support
1.30pm U9 Football v Thorpe House Langley Prep (A)

Dates for your diary

Thursday 3 October
Monday 21 October
Wednesday 23 October

9.30am - 12 noon Grandparents' Morning
4.10pm & 6pm Parents' Seminar - Assessment for Learning
10am Open Morning

Message from the Headmaster

Mr Tiley-Nunn and I were honoured to be invited to represent The Old School at Woodbridge Speech Day last Saturday and I was delighted to see former Henstead pupils receiving prizes, enjoying successful careers at Woodbridge and beyond. Our new Deputy Head is a former pupil! It was a splendid occasion and more poignant following the announcement of Mr Stephen Cole's retirement at the end of this academic year. Mr Cole has also served Henstead for over two decades as a Governor and I am sure that parents will join me in sending our best wishes.

Mr McKinney



Making a splash in Nursery!

We have had a very exciting start to the new Nursery term. Not only have we welcomed back old friends, but some new pupils have joined in the fun too.

We also have two exciting new members of the Nursery. Can you guess who they might be?

They are gold...they have scales...and they live under water.

That's right. You have guessed it.....FISH! Their names are Bob and Spot. Let's hope they have as much fun as we do.

Mrs Rawlings & Miss Butcher



Leaders of the pack

Residential leadership and prefect training



"A genuine leader is not a searcher for consensus but a moulder of consensus" Martin Luther King, Jr.

Being awarded the title and position of an Assistant Prefect is an honour and privilege. It is one that we hope our Assistant Prefects will in future years remember with a sense of pride. Our Prefects have been appointed because they consistently exhibit outstanding qualities of integrity, sensitivity, self-motivation and most importantly high expectations of themselves and others. The training of Assistant Prefects is seen as an ongoing process, with time set aside each week to pre-empt issues that that might need to be faced whilst carrying out their duties. Weekly and termly meetings, termly self-appraisals and headmaster's appraisals provide important reference points and highlight the level of responsibility achieved.

The Warden's Centre provided the base camp for our first residential training weekend. Our aim to build a united team and an acceptance that there is no 'I' in team. First stop the supermarket to buy supplies - a team needs to be fed! Next stop the beach to seek a team mascot. After much searching the perfect symbolic mascot, a plant with a firm, well anchored root and a number of individual, but secure stems growing and developing from the strong base.

Back to Warden's and time to 'Cross the Minefield' before tea - a challenge to get to the other side as

a team and with all of your equipment intact. After much discussion, planning and delegation everyone eventually made it to the other side.

Time for tea! Expertly cooked by Mr McKinney, eagerly awaited and readily consumed. Dishwasher loaded and on with the next 'What if?' time. Challenging scenarios to test empathy and compassion resulting in some excellent discussion and suggestions as to response. The final planned activity 'Blindfold Lego Building' led to much amusement, as instruction given by the sighted to the blind included "You need the red one. Pick-up the red one!"

Nearly bedtime (thank goodness), onesies on and time for Yoga led by Scarlett. Interesting, mind blowing impossible bends and stretches demanded of her class. Certain adults had more sense than to join the lesson and admired with much amusement from afar! All asleep by 12.30am, much snoring after a fabulous day.

Morning broke for departure but not before the wonderful Miss Goddard arrived to cook us all a fantastic cooked breakfast. The perfect end to a perfect weekend.

Finally, a note for all those who took part – *"If you command wisely, you'll be obeyed cheerfully."* Anon

Miss Clifton



World's Biggest Coffee Morning

It's Macmillan's biggest fundraising event, raising money to make sure everyone has a Macmillan team in their corner; from diagnosis, through treatment, and afterwards. That way, no one will have to face cancer alone. On Friday 27 September we'll be holding a coffee morning in the Hall at 10.30am, after returning from our Harvest Festival service at St Mary's Church. Please join us in helping to make a difference.

P.S. We would welcome baking contributions to sell at the event. Please ensure all items are nut-free, in line with our school policy, and kindly drop off at end of school day on Thursday. Thank you.



Grandparents' Morning



We will be hosting a Grandparents' Morning on Thursday 3 October, 9.30am - 12 noon. Details of the event will be sent out next week. Please ask Grandparents to save the date!

Sports Team Selections




Parents will now be notified of sports team selections by email.

Calling all bakers



We would appreciate baking contributions (nut-free please) - buns, biscuits and cakes - to sell at our coffee morning on Friday 27 September in aid of Macmillan Cancer Support. Please deliver at end of school day on Thursday. Thank you.



PTFA
News Extra


Monday 14 October 7.30pm PTFA Meeting



UNIFORM SHOP

Open Thursdays 0830-0930

Get Fishing!



How many goldfish can you spot in this week's newsletter? To enter our competition to celebrate Bob and Spot's arrival at The Old School Henstead, simply write your answer (number) together with your name on a small piece of paper and drop it in the box on the way into assembly

on Monday morning. (Pupils only - no help from parents please!) Nursery pupils may hand their entries to Mrs Rawlings. The first three correct answers drawn randomly from the box will win a mini prize. Happy fishing!

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