



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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**REMINDER:** The School Photograph will be taken on the first day back after Half Term. See details below.

### Calendar for next week

Monday 25 - Friday 29 May

Half Term Holiday

### Dates for your diary

Monday 1 June

8.35 Term Resumes

9.30 School Photograph - Please ensure all pupils arrive with blazers (boys and girls). Girls should wear summer dress and boys' hair should be neatly trimmed.

### Message from the Headmaster



It was most heartening to celebrate the achievements of the children in our team work assembly at the Open Morning on Saturday. It has certainly been a term in which teamwork has been much to the fore. The Concert in Southwold, which was so well received, raised vital funds for our friends from CLIC Sargent, who we were pleased to welcome in Assembly this week. The Henstead Hike will be a real team effort, with every member of the school doing his or her bit to help children coming to terms with cancer. My thanks to all the members of the school community who support all that we do so loyally.

*Mr McKinney*

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## CLIC Sargent Assembly.

Daisy Turner, Fundraising Manager for CLIC Sargent, led our assembly on Monday morning and soon had the boys and girls helping to explain all of the vital services that the funds we raise will provide for poorly children. Financial support, a home away from home, the chance for a holiday, a play specialist, support from Social Services and, of course, specialist nurses - all can be provided for children as they recover from cancer. Miss Turner was able to give us the encouraging news that 8 out of 10 children now make a full recovery. We all know that, when we are feeling tired on our walk, we must keep going to raise all the funds we can to help.

Finally, we would be most grateful if you would encourage your sponsors to fulfil their pledges so that we can send our total funds raised to CLIC Sargent as soon as possible. An online fundraising page has been

set up on Virgin Money Giving:  
[www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/HensteadHike2015](http://www.virginmoneygiving.com/team/HensteadHike2015)

Alternatively, cheques made payable to CLIC Sargent may be delivered to the school office after Half Term (no cash please). Thank you for your generosity.





# Henstead Hike. Gallery

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# The next generation of palaeontologists?

*Year One*



Prepared for all weathers, Year One pupils were very excited to visit the land of the dinosaurs. Our mission was to identify as many dinosaurs as possible. Would we be up for the challenge? As we approached the Dinosaur Park, Imogen spotted the diplodocus and our search for these prehistoric animals began.

that hard work, we rewarded ourselves with a visit to the 'Dinomite' Indoor Play Area. After braving the sights and sounds of the dinosaurs, Year One was ready to be adventurous. Imogen and Isabelle were the first ones to tackle the enormous wavy slide and their giggles could be heard all around the play area; luckily we had the place to ourselves!



After exploring the play park and tackling the enormous Climb-a-Saurus, we set off on our quest to track down more of these remarkable creatures. With Harry L leading the way, we were able to identify most of the dinosaurs, deciding if they were herbivores, carnivores or pescatarians, by looking at their teeth, size and number of legs.

We all had enormous fun and left the park with groans of 'Can we not just stay here for ever?' 'I think I'd like to live next door to the dinosaur park.'

As always, Year One pupils were delightful company; always looking after one another and working together as a team.



Sheltering from the rain, we visited the Animals Encounter Barn, where we found lambs, snakes, rats and various other live creatures. With lunch calling, we wandered along the Neanderthal Walk, looking and reading about the different periods of time and the variety of animals that roamed the earth.

*Ms Thomson and Mrs Dakin*



After eating lunch in the sunshine, it was now time for some serious palaeontology activities. Taking a brush, trowel or spade, the children were able to excavate some dinosaur bones and fossils from the sand. Having captured this skill earlier at school, they were masters at finding things very quickly. As the rain threatened again and after all







# Nursery News.

## Farm Focus

Nursery made a special visit to Mr and Mrs Raven's (Ariane's Mummy and Daddy's) farm on Monday. Mr and Mrs Raven and Ariane's little brother met us at the end of the track, where they started off by showing us a big tractor. They talked about what they use it for and we measured ourselves against the enormous wheels! Mr Raven very kindly let us sit in the tractor. We found it so exciting sitting high up on the seat and we even got to press the noisy horn!

We were shown the wheat pile in the barn and explained how it would be planted in the field using some of the big equipment. We certainly enjoyed wading through the big wheat pile - we kept sinking into it! Miss Butcher filled her pockets with some wheat as we made our way out to see the chickens. We took it in turns to feed the three chickens (who were named after Ariane's big sister Isabel's favourite Greek goddesses) and collect the eggs out of the hutch - there were three! We also were shown a combine harvester. It was massive! We sensibly asked Mr and Mrs Raven how they got into it, and they showed us the ladder.

Mr and Mrs Raven then invited us into their house for a drink of squash and a yummy cookie! We made sure to use our pleases and thank yous as we all had a rest. We made it back to Nursery, just in time, before the torrential rain. Phew!

We had the most amazing tour around Mr and Mrs Raven's farm. Some of the children's favourites included sitting in the tractor and feeding the chickens.

Thank you Mr and Mrs Raven so much for the fantastic opportunity to learn about farming, and for the delicious cookies!

## In a Heartbeat

Nursery children have been practising running races and learning about heartbeats.

We are looking forward to our Sports Day!

*Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher*



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Cricket



### CRICKET

Last Friday the Under 9 Cricket team had their first fixture of the season against Thorpe House Langley Preparatory School.

With captain Jack winning the toss, we elected to bowl first.

The boys' bowling has really progressed over the weeks. In fact during the game they displayed their best bowling and fielding to date, which was pleasing to see. Keeping our hosts' runs to a minimum and collecting some valuable wickets on the way from Jasper, Alex, Daniel, Jack, Savile and Matthew. Our target was 76 runs to win.

Another pleasing aspect of the boys' game was learning by observing the opposition! Some quick easy runs getting us up and running from Lucas and Thomas, was followed up by some big hitting from Finney and Jasper. Sensible composed batting from Alex and Daniel set up the next pair of Louis and Jack nicely to keep the scoreboard ticking along towards our target. The final pair of Savile and Matthew brought us within 4 runs of the winning line, only to run out of overs in the end.

A fantastic first game for the inexperienced Under 9 team, with a lot learnt during the game and more to come from all of them.

*Mr Hunter*





# Art Gallery.



## Parents' Seminar



Our second seminar of the term for parents was a real opportunity to share plans for the development of the Year Three school curriculum for September, as we continue to ensure that we make the most of every opportunity for learning here at The Old School Henstead.

Pupils will move to a senior timetable, which will include an increase in the number of English and Mathematics lessons, facilitated by a later finish time, matching Years Four to Six in the Upper School. There will be many advantages, not least in the areas of Literacy and Numeracy, supported by the pastoral structure that is central to our care for the children.

## Platinum Certificates



Congratulations to Rebecca and Thomas R for achieving Platinum Certificates, awarded for 30 A1's. These are the first Platinum Certificates to be awarded this year. Well done!

## Book Fair Success



Thank you to all families who supported our book fair this term. We were very pleased with the support of children and parents - with sales over £400, which translated into over £180 worth of books for the class libraries throughout the school from the resulting commission. Many thanks to the members of Years Five and Six who so efficiently manned the till! Mr Butcher

## Mascot Winners

The mascots will be back after their half term holiday, when they will be awarded weekly to the pupil in each year best demonstrating our final value for the year - Excellence.

## PTFA

### News Extra

**Next PTFA Meeting Friday 19 June after drop off, meeting at The Shed Cafe, Henstead Arts & Crafts Centre.**

**Summer Fayre Wednesday 1 July, following Sports Day.**

**Henstock Festival Saturday 11 July 2pm. Save the date!**

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