

# The Old School Henstead Newsletter

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**STOP PRESS...** Please note the U11 Boys' Rugby fixture v Saint Felix (H) has been rescheduled for 11 December at 2pm.

## Calendar for next week

Tuesday 26 November  
Wednesday 27 November

1.35pm Rehearsal for Senior School Carol Service  
Book fair begins  
9.40am Rehearsal for Junior School Nativity Play

## Dates for your diary

Tuesday 3 December

Saturday 7 December

Monday 9 December

Tuesday 10 December

Thursday 12 December

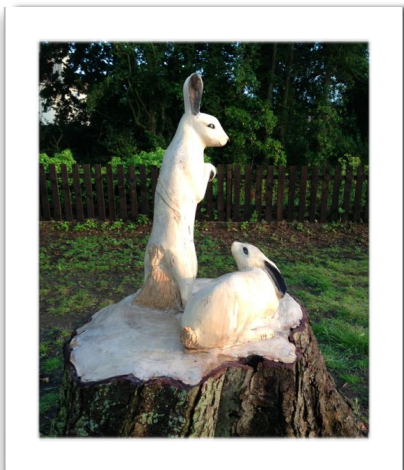
Monday 16 December

Tuesday 17 December

Wednesday-Friday 18-20 December

3.30pm Parents' Seminar for Nursery and Reception Parents  
(demonstrating the new 'Tapestry' online Learning Journal)  
12 noon Christmas Fayre  
4.10pm Parents' Seminar - Helping with Homework  
Music Examinations  
9.30am Nursery Nativity Play in Hall for parents (addition to calendar)  
2pm Junior School Nativity Play, St Mary's Church, Henstead  
7pm Senior Carol Service, St Mary's Church, Henstead  
Christmas Holiday Club (bookable via the Office)

## Message from the Headmaster



It is always a real pleasure to see how readily all sides of The Old School Henstead community muck in, especially in support of a good cause. The Children in Need weekend was just such a case in point. It was a wonderful effort from the parents who baked and sold cakes, ably supported by the many who came to listen to the choir, which was in excellent voice. The varied programme of seasonal music was well received and even went out live on BBC Radio Suffolk! Special thanks to Mrs. Taylor for her media liaison, to Mesdames Suffolk and Clayton for their playing and choral leadership and to Wetherspoon's for the much-appreciated hot chocolate! Monday's spotty non-uniform day was excitedly awaited and much enjoyed, but I do not anticipate the onesie becoming an item of school uniform in the near future... Over £500 was raised. Well done to all.

*Mr McKinney*

## Watch our choir on YouTube

Our choir performed in Beccles town centre last Friday afternoon to help raise money for *Children in Need*. You can watch them sing "Beauty for Brokenness" on YouTube (click on the link below if you are reading the newsletter online)  
<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SEpwTGJuT0w>





# Children in Need.



Our fundraising efforts in Beccles town centre last Friday, together with our non-uniform day on Monday, raised over £500. (The cake sale and choir's performance raised £426.31.)

Thank you to all the bakers, the Mums who manned the cake stall and to Wetherspoon's for their hospitality - 28 complimentary hot chocolates for our fabulous choir and choir masters.

A thank you also to Mrs McDowell for her pledge and shout out for The Old School Henstead choir on the BBC Chris Evans Breakfast Show.

And, of course, a big thank you to the choir, for their dedication in singing so many songs - from thought-provoking tunes relating to the Children in Need cause - to a light-hearted rendition of "Jingle Bells".

You can watch the choir sing "Beauty for Brokenness" on YouTube (click on this link if you are reading the newsletter online)

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The choir also sang "Any dream will do" (from *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat*) live on BBC Radio Suffolk at the end of an interview with Mr McKinney.

More pictures can be found in the press below:

EDP24 [http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/schools\\_and\\_businesses\\_in\\_beccles\\_do\\_their\\_bit\\_for\\_children\\_in\\_need\\_1\\_3007748](http://www.edp24.co.uk/news/schools_and_businesses_in_beccles_do_their_bit_for_children_in_need_1_3007748)

Beccles & Bungay Journal

[http://www.becclesandbungayjournal.co.uk/news/schools\\_and\\_businesses\\_in\\_beccles\\_do\\_their\\_bit\\_for\\_children\\_in\\_need\\_1\\_3007748](http://www.becclesandbungayjournal.co.uk/news/schools_and_businesses_in_beccles_do_their_bit_for_children_in_need_1_3007748)





## Remembering C.S. Lewis

29 November 1898 – 22 November 1963



Today marks the 50th anniversary of the death of author C.S. Lewis, well-known to children for *The Lion, The Witch and the Wardrobe* and *The Chronicles of Narnia* books. Clive Staples Lewis (29 November 1898 – 22 November 1963), commonly called C. S. Lewis and known to his friends and family as "Jack". Born in Belfast, he held academic positions at both Oxford and Cambridge Universities. Lewis's works have been translated into more than 30 languages and have sold millions of copies. The books that make up *The Chronicles of Narnia* have sold the most and have been popularized on stage, TV, radio, and cinema. Lewis and fellow novelist J.R.R.

Tolkien (author of *The Lord of The Rings* and *The Hobbit*, to name but two) were close friends. Both authors served on the English faculty at Oxford University. To mark the 50th anniversary of his death, Lewis will be honoured with a memorial in Poets' Corner, Westminster Abbey. Our assembly today remembered his stories and how he encourages us to be resilient in our learning and all that we do.

***"Failures are finger posts on the road to achievement."* - C.S. Lewis**



## Operation Christmas Child



Thank you to all the families who supported our *Operation Christmas Child* shoe box appeal so generously. The school donated a total of 77 boxes and there was much excitement as the children loaded their boxes into the van for the first part of the journey.

We have been informed that your boxes will be given to children in Novi Sad in Serbia (which is twinned with Norwich). Let's remember them on Christmas Day.

Miss Kay



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Hockey



### U9 MIXED HOCKEY

The weather had done its best to prevent these fixtures from taking place and the boys had even accepted a temporary ban on lunch time football to keep our two pitches in good nick! It worked - the field was taking a stud, but provided a good contest between the teams. There was something for everyone – the purists were able to admire 360 degree hockey, with play sweeping up, down and across the field. We were treated to some impressive drives for the D, with tackles ranging

from the deft jab to the sturdy block. Messrs Tiley-Nunn and Hunter were vigilant in preventing the ball being undercut, problematic on the grass surface, not quite as even as astro, but there was some excellent dribbling from our budding hockey players, with good use of the sweep also. As ever, we won the parental support contest. A big thank you to all our loyal supporters and to Mrs Hall for the delicious match tea. The Taylor Labrador has been given detention at break for the whole of next week!

*Mr McKinney*

## LITERARY CORNER

# A generation away.

**Generational Research provides Year Six with unexpected outcomes**

“The philosophy of the school room in one generation will be the philosophy of government in the next.”

- Abraham Lincoln

Some of our Henstead grandparents have been looking nervous recently. No...not because of the problem solving challenges in the Science Lab – year Six have been writing biographies!

Scarlett commented “doing the research was fun because my Grandad always gives me sweets.”

Toby Hillier has interviewed his Grandfather twice and says, “I was surprised to find out that he didn’t enjoy school when he was young.”

Sebastian was fascinated by his Nan’s tales of when she was a nurse in World War Two and was bombed in a hospital basement.

Mr Butcher commented “It is great to see how much Year Six have enjoyed finding out about the older generation and shaping their biographies.”

# Organ Donation (of the musical kind)



Huge thanks to Darcey McDonough's grandparents for their most generous gift of a Yamaha (now you get it) organ to our Music Department. Mr and Mrs Challis were Vice Chairman and Treasurer of the former *Leiston & District Organ & Keyboard Club* and proposed to the committee to donate the organ to The Old School Henstead when the club disbanded. The organ is a fantastic addition to the school. Thank you Mr and Mrs Challis.

Mrs Clayton has already shown us the wide range of stops and playing styles that are possible!

Mr McKinney

## New book bags



All of the children will be given a new book bag today. We hope that these will be an efficient way of making sure that homework, readers, message books and homework diaries get delivered safely.

## Parents' Seminars



Save the date for our next Parents' Seminars: Tuesday 3 December at 3.30 for Nursery and Reception Parents (demonstrating the new 'Tapestry' online Learning Journal) and Monday 9 December at 4.10pm (for all parents) which will focus on Helping with Homework.

## Christmas hats



Please would you provide your child with a Christmas themed hat, so that we can take a school group photo at the earliest opportunity next week (sunshine permitting). It need not be elaborate. The photograph will be used as our Christmas card image this year. Many thanks.

## PTFA

News Extra

**Monday 2 December 7pm**  
PTFA Meeting (NOTE TIME NOT  
AS PRINTED IN CALENDAR)

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
Mondays 0830-0930



A cover of a car door stereo speaker was found on the field after bonfire night. Please come and collect it from me at any time. Mr McKinney



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