



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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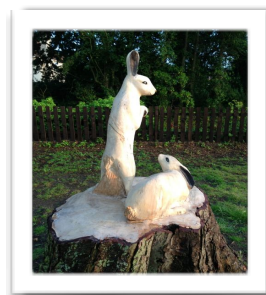
Calendar for next week

Tuesday 26 September	1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming 2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming 2.30 Reception, Year 1 & Nursery Pre-School Gymnastics 2.00 - 3.30 Parent & Toddler Group (in Nursery) NEW
Wednesday 27 September	3.20 U9 & U11 Football v Beccles Primary Academy (H) 7.00 PTFA AGM & Meeting
Thursday 28 September	9.00 Year 5 Visits Elizabethan House, Great Yarmouth 6.00 Governors' Meeting
Friday 29 September	8.00 Gresham's U9 & U11 Cross Country

Dates for your diary

Saturday 14 October Open Morning

Message from the Headmaster



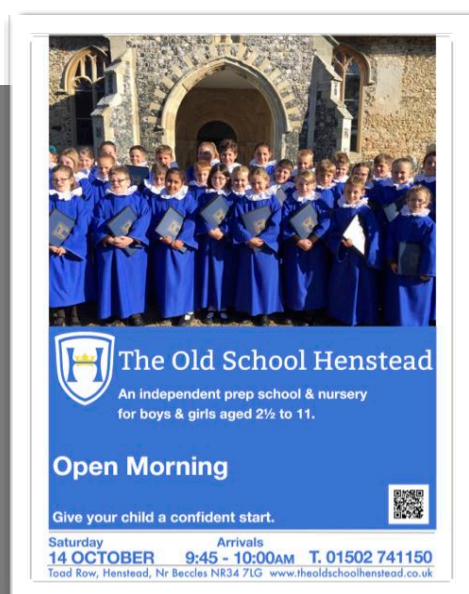
Just to say thank you to all members of the Old School Henstead community for a lovely service in St Mary's this morning. The choir sounded so clear and well balanced and it's great to see the church full with young people. The gifts have been spread around the church now ready for Sunday afternoon's Harvest Festival. After the service, unlike Norman the banana mentioned by the vicar, the fresh produce will be going to Hope House in Lowestoft and the non-perishable items are going to the food bank. We followed up with a most pleasant coffee morning for Macmillan Cancer Support and a fundraising Jeans for Genes Day. A super effort and well done! *Mr McKinney*

Open Morning.

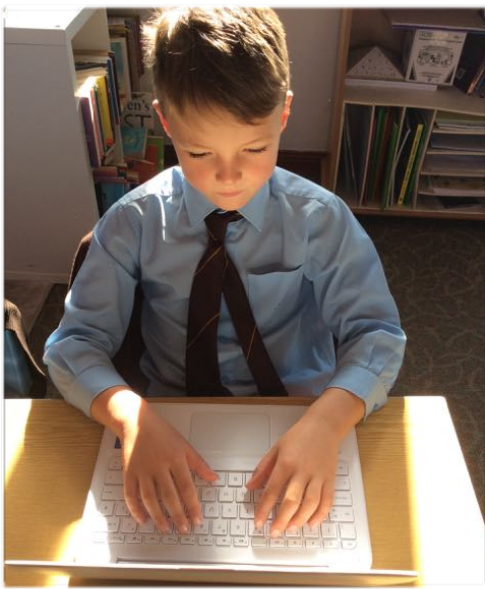
Our next Open Morning takes place on Saturday 14 October. Pupils' registration will take place at 9.30. We encourage family, friends and other visitors to arrive between 9.45 and 10.00 so that they may choose their options for the morning. **We have lots of new items to showcase, including LAMDA and choir performances.**

It is also an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join their children in school for the morning.

We appreciate your support in spreading the word.



Key Strokes.



The children have been learning to touch type using the school's brand new laptops. Touch typing is typing without using the sense of sight to find the key, so that pupils will know their location on the keyboard through muscle memory. It is a skill that will give them a speed advantage throughout their education and working lives, where electronic communication is key.

The first thing pupils were told was to remember to make sure they were sitting as if eating in a top restaurant – no slouching!

Next task, to use the correct fingers to type properly. The children picked this up well and will no doubt master it with their usual combination of hard work and enthusiasm. Once this skill has been mastered, they'll be working on speed-typing. Well done Year 3!

Mrs Sonn





Early Years News.

Nursery.

Football Focus

We thought you might like to see some pictures of the Nursery children undertaking football training during their games session with Mr Hunter this week.

The children were put through their paces, learning ball control, balance and dribbling techniques across the football pitch.

It is a great introduction to the games programme here at Henstead, as well as a fun way for the children to hone their motor skills, dexterity and balance, as well as learning about teamwork. The children's enthusiasm shows great promise for the future!

Roll on next week.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Chloé for having interesting ideas for games and explaining them confidently.

Hope you have a lovely weekend with our mascot Priscilla the owl.

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Reception Roundup.



We welcomed the autumnal weather this week as we focused our learning around the weather, harvest time and animals.

The children have shown amazing resilience as they continue to adapt to the routines of school life. A special treat this week was our Harvest festival at St Mary's Church, Jeans for Genes Day and the opportunity to eat cake in support of the Macmillan coffee morning.



Number and sound work continues to be the focus of the children's morning and we are enjoying our school environment to put this knowledge to good practice.



During art, this week we created our own Christmas cards which will be on sale through the PTFA soon.

Also, as the pictures show, we are also making great progress in our weekly gymnastics sessions.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin





Contemplating the Poor and Hungry.

Year Six has been focussing on the topic *Poor and Hungry* in English. Here are some excerpts from the pupils' contemplations...

We have enough food for everyone around the world, but it's not shared well. We throw most of it away. There are 5 million children dying a year, all because of malnourishment. Society is greedy. People want too much and they just waste it, whereas other people have nothing - not even the wasted food. I believe that we should donate money and food to starving children. Please get the word out there! - *Sophia*

People these days don't notice how much food we throw away each day. I think we do enough to help starving people but we could do more by donating food and water to help them live happier lives. Did you know that malnourished children and adults have about 160 illness days every year? And 5 million children die each year because they haven't got enough food? That is nearly half of all annual child deaths. The saddest thing is that there's actually enough food for the whole world but it is just not spread around in the right places. - *Rachael*

Did you know that 1.2 billion people in the world are starving? I think that we could do more to help. Firstly, I think that the aid money from our government should be spent on the people that need it and not on administration. Better than giving people food would be providing wells so that starving people can have fresh water and grow food. Furthermore, we could teach them how to build their own wells so they don't have to depend on other countries. Even in the UK and other developed countries, people live in poverty but I think we can help by teaching people how to make cheap, healthy meals and by donating food to food banks. Finally, farmers should donate the misshapen fruit that the supermarkets don't want to food banks to help other people. - *Olivia*

I believe we don't do enough to help the starving children. Did you know that five million children die each year because of malnourishment (which means

they are under fed)? I think we could help by donating more money and stop wasting food. - *Matthew*

What I think we should do is help the hungry people. Did you know starving people have 160 days of illness on average and there are only 365 days in a year? We should give the hungry people food because we actually have enough to feed everyone, so don't waste. We need to encourage other people to donate, especially celebrities but mainly footballers because Lionel Messi, for example, gets paid 65p a second even if he's not playing football! - *Archie*

Once there was a boy called Billy, he was greedy, Billy always asked for seconds, sometimes even thirds. One day Billy only had one serving of school lunch. "I want some more!" wailed Billy.

"There is no more!" exclaimed Mr Cook, "we're all out!". When Billy got home he went up to his room. There was heaps of food waiting for him.

The food merged together to form a drill with a body and a hooded face on top. Billy was scared to death; his favourite thing in the world had become a monster. "Billy" the monster said in a ghostly voice, "You are greedy, think of all the hungry people in the world you can help." Billy was so scared that instead of spending his money on food, he donated it to charities helping the poor and hungry countries. The monster vanished and Billy stopped being greedy. - *Alex*

Did you know 5 million children die a year from hunger? And 1.2 billion people in the world are hungry? We have too much food in England and we keep wasting it when so many people have nothing, so donate some food please. Don't ignore TV adverts - donate money and give people water. Children walk for miles just to get dirty water that makes them even more ill. I believe we can do more for starving people by donating food to aid organisations. - *Tabatha*

Mr Jensen

Performance Exam Success.



Congratulations to the following pupils for their examination successes:

LAMDA Level 1 Award in Performance (Grade 2)

Rosie: Acting Grade 2 Duo with Distinction

Trinity College London

Level 2 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance:

Emily: Grade 4 Singing with Distinction

Rachael: Grade 5 Singing with Merit

Entry Level in Graded Examination in Music Performance: I

Daisy: Initial Piano

Level 1 Certificate in Graded Examination in Music Performance:

Olivia: Grade 3 Singing with Merit

Undercover Art.



The Houses are busy working behind the scenes on their entries for the House Art Competition, which will be held on Thursday 19 October.

Great teamwork abounds. For now the projects are all under wraps until they are revealed next month.

Watch this space.



School Council Election.



Congratulations to our newly elected School Council members, pictured here after their first meeting. We wish you every success in your new term of office.

Reception: Henry and Raef
Year 1: Christabel and Jackson
Year 2: Isla and Jack D
Year 3: Evelyn and James
Year 4: Bonnie and Imogen F-T
Year 5: Thomas and Rosie
Year 6: Matthew and Alex

Parent & Toddler Group

On Tuesday we welcomed families to our new Parent and Toddler Group.

The children played quietly and happily with their parents and thoroughly investigated the resources in all the areas of our nursery.

It was a pleasure to see them joyfully scooping rice into containers, exploring the water beads, setting up the train tracks and serving dinner in the home corner.

Cup cakes were the snack of the day, after which we finished with a story and some singing.

We look forward to welcoming more families next week.

Mrs Vorster



Tuesdays 2.00-3.30



Harvest Festival.

Harvest Festival in Britain used to be celebrated on the first of August and was called Lammas. Farmers made a loaf from the newly cut wheat and presented it in church. This custom ended when Henry VIII broke away from the Catholic Church and was revived in 1843 when the Reverend Robert Hawker invited parishioners to a special thanksgiving service for the harvest at his church at Morwenstow in Cornwall. It is now usually celebrated on the Sunday nearest to the full moon in September (the 'Harvest' Moon).

It was lovely to see so many of you in church this morning and also to welcome the Reverend Michael Reavil who led us in saying THANK YOU for all the good things in our lives. The choir had worked hard to learn the new song, *Bring in the Harvest*, composed by Mrs Clayton, in such a short time and everyone enjoyed singing the traditional hymn, *We plough the fields and scatter*. Thank you all for your generosity in sharing gifts of food. There is now a vast array of

goodies in the church which will be shared between the local food banks and the Hope Care Home in Lowestoft.

Miss Sindall



Lego & K'Nex Club Constructions.



The Junior Lego and K'Nex Club has got off to a great start this term, with weekly construction pieces being presented to the Headmaster for demonstration and discussion.

Keep up the creativity.

Mascot Awards.

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

Reception: Henry Leggett for showing confidence in his approach to school life.

Year 1: Elliot, for showing confidence in his learning and trying new things.

Year 2: Lola, for confidently working in all her subjects.

Year 3: William, for showing great confidence working in maths this week.

Year 4: Isabelle N, for showing confidence during Games lessons and improving her hockey skills

Year 5: Ebony, for confidently voicing her Laws of Motion video.

Year 6: Matthew for an outstandingly confident start to Year 6 and his politeness.



Macmillan Coffee Morning

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Our Macmillan Coffee Morning was a lovely opportunity for parents to bring along families and friends to support such a wonderful charity. A big thank you for all your support in baking and purchasing cakes and coffee.

A total of £150 has been raised, so far. Thank you! Mrs Scriven



Tennis Talent



Our two tennis clubs are thriving under the direction of our HeadsUp Tennis coach Ben Thompson. Here is one of the starter groups ready for their lesson. Pupils interested in signing up do not need to own a racquet.

Jeans for Genes



There was much enthusiasm throughout the school for the novelty of wearing jeans after returning from our Harvest Festival, all in support of the *Jeans for Genes* charity. So far we have raised £100. Please bring in any forgotten contributions on Monday. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times

Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15

Thursdays 3.15-4.15

PTFA

News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting AGM
& Meeting Wednesday 27
September 7pm



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