



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Monday 27 June	Summer Show Rehearsals Begin Junior Inter-House Rounders
Tuesday 28 June	8.45 East Anglian Air Ambulance Paramedic Assembly & Cheque Presentation 2.00 Nursery Sports Day
Wednesday 29 June	2.00 Sports Day 3.30 Summer Fayre, Mini Produce Show & Art Exhibition

### Dates for your diary

Wednesday 6 July	Summer Shows: 2.00pm <i>Bugsy Malone</i>	6.30pm <i>Peter Pan</i>
Thursday 7 July	Summer Shows: 2.00pm <i>Peter Pan</i>	7.00pm <i>Bugsy Malone</i>
Friday 8 July	Speech Day	
Saturday 9 July	Trinity College Music Examinations Henstock Festival	
Monday 11 - Friday 22 July	Summer School (bookable via the office)	

### Message from the Headmaster



One of the most powerful words - helping us to be excellent, for whenever an Old School Henstead pupil thinks that there is a challenge to be met we say... "I have not finished all of my work, my, spellings, my project - YET!" There are so many examples of this positive approach ensuring progress and we have thought of a number in assembly this week. Moses hiding in the desert - when God spoke to him out of the burning bush and told him to demand liberty for his people from Pharaoh, he claimed he did not know what to say. The reply - not yet, you don't. Gideon - hiding in a pit when God asked him to lead his army and dubbed him a mighty man - I'm not, said he. Not yet. Small wonder that the story of Joseph still strikes a chord - sold into slavery by his brothers, put in prison unfairly. 'As for you, you meant evil against me, but God meant it for good.' We go forward, we look forward and we face our challenges with confidence.  
*Mr McKinney*

## Our newly hatched quail chicks.



# It's Debatable.



This week saw the first public debate of The Old School Henstead's Debating Club during Tuesday morning's assembly. The moot for the debate was that zoos should be banned.

The affirmative team were made up of Rosie, Louis, Thomas, Matthew and Tilly, while the negative team were comprised of Louis, Savile, Lucas and Nathan.



All speakers proved to be informed of their opinions with a series of facts and reasons for their point of view on hand. The speakers were, in some instances, entertaining and managed to sway the audience vote through the use of humour.

After 20 minutes of strong debating, the secret adjudicator, Mrs Dakin, announced that the best speaker of the day was Matthew, and that the affirmative team won the debate.

Well done to all participants for a hard term's work.

*Mr Jensen*







# Nursery News.

## Growing.



Nursery has a few exciting updates to share from last term's topic of Growing.

The boys and girls have been observing closely the changes to our sunflowers, runner beans and strawberry plants and we are thrilled to tell you we have grown three strawberries and sixteen runner beans!



The children carefully picked the runner beans and strawberries. We shared the strawberries for a snack and Mrs Guildea kindly cooked the beans for our lunch. As we expected they were delicious! It was lovely for the children to eat their own grown vegetables and strawberries. All their hard work paid off!



*Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher*







# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Swimming



### INTER HOUSE SWIMMING GALA

Year Two started our Swimming Gala with a splash in the team relay races. Races using woggles, floats and rings were thoroughly enjoyed by all the children. Some strong swimming from Matthew and Francis saw them secure victory for the Jellyfish team. A super effort from everyone. Well done!

Then it was time for the seniors to step up and showcase their swimming talents. Orwell had impressive wins from the Dodds family, coming first in both their backstroke races. Well done to Theo, Waveney's only first placing in his backstroke race. Superb swimming from Joey and Louis D made it two wins in a row for Yare. However Deben powered through the water with seven victories. George won the butterfly race, Tom R and Archie the breaststroke and Tom W and Izzy the front crawl. Deben were the outstanding house of the gala, also winning two out of the three relays, making them the swimming champions for this year. Some brilliant swimming from all pupils. You should feel proud of your achievements in the water. It was lovely to see so many parents at the pool. Thank you for your support.  
*Mrs Dakin*

Place	House	Points
1	Deben	52
2	Orwell	39
3	Waveney	37
4	Yare	33



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Cricket



### CRICKET TRIP TO T20 BLAST MATCH

Last Friday afternoon a full school minibus headed up to Northampton for the NatWest T20 Blast cricket match between the Northants Steelbacks and Derby Jets. Jack Lark submitted this excellent report of the fixture, which was won by the Steelbacks. *Mr Hunter & Miss Goddard*

Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June 2016

Today I was lucky enough to get the opportunity to go to a cricket match. We left the school for Northampton after lunch. On the way we stopped for tea at McDonalds. When we got there we got stuff for free such as a hairy Northampton hat and a boundary cord. After that we found our seats and then we invaded the club shop. I bought a mini bat, a soft cricket ball and a marker pen (for players signatures). Durham won the toss and chose to field first. Northampton got 161 runs for 9 wickets and the top scorer was Josh Cobb with 68 runs off 48 balls. In their 20 overs Durham only managed 135 runs for 8 wickets.





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# Summer Fayre

Wednesday 29 June 3.30-5.30pm following Sports Day

## Children's Art

**Exhibition** - theme "Summer" - with art on sale at the end of the day.

## Afternoon teas

**Mini Produce Show** - children's baking, crafts, miniature garden, home grown fruit & vegetables. Don't forget to enter!



Gunge the Headmaster

Football Shoot Out

Face Painting

Plate Smashing

Coconut Shy

Welly Wanging

Bottle Stall

Frog in a Bog

Lucky Dip

Raffle

Cakes

Popcorn & Candy Floss

and much, much more!







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# Mini Produce Show

## at the Summer Fayre

As part of our Summer Fayre, there will be a mini produce show, giving pupils the chance to show off their culinary, gardening or creative skills!

All entries should be home made or grown, and be the work of the entrants themselves.



Class 1 - Miniature Garden  
(children all ages)  
Maximum size 30cm x 30cm

Class 2 – Baking (age 7 and under)  
6 decorated home baked biscuits -  
theme - 'The Queen at 90'

Class 3 - Baking (age 8-11)  
6 decorated home baked cupcakes -  
theme - 'The Queen at 90'

Class 4 – Home Grown Produce  
(children all ages) Best group of home  
grown fruit or vegetables

Class 5 – Home Grown Produce  
(children all ages) Most unusual fruit or  
vegetable

Class 6 – Decorated Flower Pot  
(children all ages)



Winners will be announced at the end of the Summer Fayre. Unless otherwise requested by entrants, all entries will be sold or auctioned off at the end of the Summer Fayre, and any monies added to Summer Fayre funds.



**Submit your entries to the School Hall  
between 1.15 & 1.45pm on Wednesday 29 June**





# Pedagogical Ponderings.

## Raising children's success in reading

This year has been a very successful year in reading for pupils at The Old School Henstead. With the end of the year in sight, assessments are being taken of pupils' progress over the course of the year, and the results that are in for progress in reading make for delightful reading. What could this be down to? From my perspective as the incumbent Director of Studies, I believe it comes down to two important reasons:

1. The English curriculum that is being delivered to our pupils is poignant and meaningful. There is a good mix of reading, writing and SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) which is being taught at a level from our teachers that is both challenging and achievable.

2. The pupils have been exposed to interesting, relevant and invigorating texts. This is both in regards to the excellent Galore Park textbooks used by 85% of the UK's top independent prep schools, as well as the shared class readers that are selected to be a part of our Henstead Literature Spine.

So this begs the question, "where to from here?" Well, come September we start another academic year. Each year that a teacher teaches is an opportunity to reflect on what went well and what didn't, and to make the necessary changes to ensure that all lessons are the best that they can be. We continue to use Galore Park and to make the most of these important resources. In reading, we are reviewing and making changes to our Literature Spine to ensure that the books our pupils read are the best we can provide. Long may the success and progress of our pupils continue. *Mr Jensen*

## Sports Day



As pupils warm up for next week's Sports Day, we look forward to welcoming parents and grandparents to this annual event, at which pupils will showcase their athletic skills and talents.

We also invite our guests to stay on to enjoy the fun of our Summer Fayre that immediately follows Sports Day, including stalls, games, an Art Exhibition and Mini Produce Show.



## Silver Awards



Congratulations to Kitty, Isobel and Louis for achieving Silver Awards for ten outstanding achievements.



## Summer School



Our Summer School will run from Monday 11 July – Friday 22 July (Monday – Friday 9.30am – 3.30pm) and is open to pupils from Reception to Year 6.

### Week 1

Monday	Olympic Day
Tuesday	Olympic Day
Wednesday	Crabbing at Walberswick
Thursday	Music, Art and Drama
Friday	Splash and BBQ

### Week 2

Monday	Olympic Day
Tuesday	Olympic Day
Wednesday	Trip to the Maize Maze
Thursday	Bouncy Castle & Obstacle Course
Friday	Splash and BBQ

Children may attend the full two weeks, one week or individual days.  
*Mr Hunter*



# Summer Showstoppers.

Don't forget to order your tickets for the Summer Shows - *Bugsy Malone* and *Peter Pan*. Always a highlight of the school calendar, there will be a matinée and evening performance of each show, to enable family and friends to come along.

Performances:

Wednesday 6 July	2.00pm Bugsy Malone 6.30pm Peter Pan
Thursday 7 July	2.00pm Peter Pan 7.00pm Bugsy Malone

We look forward to seeing you there.



## Mascot Awards



This week's mascot awards - for best demonstrating our last value of the year - Excellence - were awarded to:

Reception - Lola  
Year 1 - Charlotte  
Year 2 - Darcey  
Year 3 - Emily  
Year 4 - Alex  
Year 5 - Daniel  
Year 6 - Isabelle.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
Tuesdays 8.30-9.30  
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

## Wanted



Our PTFA would be grateful for the following contributions for next week's Summer Fayre: home made produce, cakes, bottles of drinks (soft and alcoholic for the bottle stall), filled jam jars and lots of crockery (for the plate smashing stall!). Thank you.



## Are you ready?



Don't forget to prepare your entries for next week's Mini Produce Show. Rosettes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd places in each category.

## PTFA News Extra

**Summer Fayre, Mini Produce Show & Children's Art Exhibition** Wednesday 29 June (Following Sports Day)

**Henstock Festival** Saturday 9 July. A mini festival of live music and children's entertainment. Tickets: £25 Adult £10 Child, including BBQ. No extra for camping. See posters for details.

**Next PTFA Meeting** Thursday 15 September



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