



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 28 November

1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming
2.30 Reception & Year 1 Gymnastics

Friday 1 December

8.50 Christingle Service at St Mary's Henstead (*change of date*)
3.30-6.30 PTFA Christmas Fayre

Dates for your diary

Friday 8 December

PTFA Christmas Parties (afternoon)

Wednesday 13 December

9.15 Nursery Nativity

Thursday 14 December

2.00 School Nativity at St Mary's Henstead

Friday 15 December

12.00 School Christmas Lunch (all pupils invited)

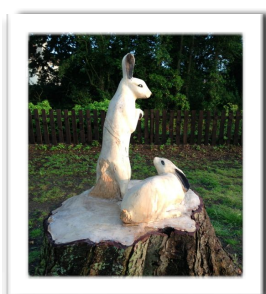
Monday 18 December -

7.00 Carol Service at St Mary's Henstead

Wednesday 20 December

Holiday Club (details and booking forms will be sent out soon)

Message from the Headmaster



It seems extraordinary that we have so little left of this term and such a busy schedule to fit in in preparation for the Christmas season. The decorations may not be up, but the singing and instrumental lessons I am treated to in my study from the adjacent practice rooms are becoming decidedly festive. The choir is warming up with a performance on December 4 in assembly and the adult singers are being cajoled into shape by the baton of Miss Sindall. I am delighted to report the success of our LAMDA candidates in this edition of the newsletter. They have done themselves, the school and Mrs Camplin proud.
Mr McKinney

Father Christmas flies in on Friday!

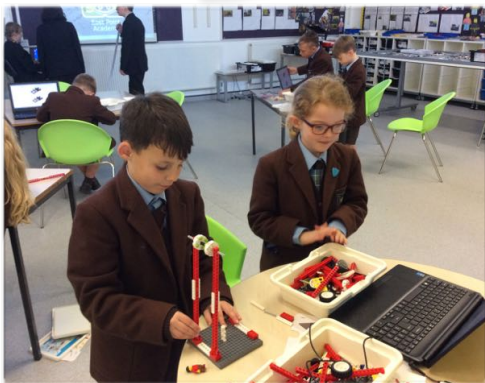


Be sure to bring family and friends to our Christmas Fayre after school next Friday 1 December, from 3:30-6:30pm.

- Visit Father Christmas in the grotto
- Christmas Café, including turkey & cranberry sandwiches and other delicious food & refreshments
- Festive gifts and stalls
- Christmas games
- Gift wrapping service.

See you there!

Lego Engineers.



This half-term Year 3 is visiting the STEM Lego Innovation Suite at East Point Academy every week.

The task is to follow instructions for building various models out of Lego, then to programme them to move in different ways.

It has been a delight to watch the children working so well in pairs. By embracing our school ethos of teamwork, they have been able to make progress very quickly and benefit from the fantastic opportunity that the Lego suite provides. It is obvious that they are thoroughly enjoying the experience too.

The photographs show the depth of the concentration and engagement in this engineering challenge as the pupils develop their computer programming skills.

Many thanks to EPA for allowing our children to access this superb facility.

Watch this space for photos of their completed models!



Mrs Sonn



Crafty Work.



Years 1 and 2 spent a creative afternoon at the *Henstead Arts & Crafts Centre* on Wednesday.

The children enjoyed a fantastic reindeer découpage activity complete with glitter dipped antlers! It required a great level of dexterity and design, planning their themes, colours, textures and materials. After all our hard work in our super sticky art session we cleaned ourselves up to go next door for a delicious chocolate cake and marshmallow snowman at the *Henstead Café*. Yummy! Thank you Mrs Roddy for your generous hospitality.

Once our reindeer had been sealed and delivered to school, we set about making the reindeer bags, filled with other goodies and a Christmas colouring decoration.

It was wonderful to see the children expressing their individual artistic skills - every reindeer was decorated in a different style, with different colour schemes and adornments. We won't reveal too much more, as some may be hidden for gifts heading your way soon!

Mrs Loader



LAMDA Success.

London Academy of Music and Dramatic Art



The results are out! We are delighted to announce the following LAMDA examination results, with all pupils achieving higher levels than the straight forward Pass mark. Congratulations to all.

If you are interested in your child starting LAMDA tuition from January 2018 - open to pupils currently in Years 3 to 5 - please contact the office.

Grade 1 Pass with Merit

Harry D
Harry S
Isabelle N
Harvey
Honor
Ebony

Grade 1 Pass with Distinction

Imogen P
Imogen F-T

Grade 2 Pass with Merit

Louis M
Charles

Grade 2 Pass with Distinction

Thomas R
Jack L
Emily
Rebecca

Grade 3 Pass with Merit

Alex

Grade 3 Pass with Distinction

Olivia S-A
Tabatha



Nursery News.



It was Stick Week in Nursery. Inspired by all the twigs and small branches in the outdoor area, we have been thinking about different ways to use a stick. The children have been thinking creatively "sword...walking stick...fishing rod". We have used sticks in maths, putting them in order of size, counting them and adding on one and two to the line. We have also decorated them with bells, ribbons and tape. We have really enjoyed reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction books to keep us inspired.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Isla, trying so hard at carpet times with her maths and phonics. Well done Isla. Priscilla will be having a sleepover at your house this weekend. The photograph shows she is already having fun with you!

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Reception Roundup.



We are very proud of ourselves in Reception this week as we completed learning all our initial sounds and move on to digraph sounds. We continue to focus our literacy learning around beginning and middle sounds and being able to blend our sounds to read words.



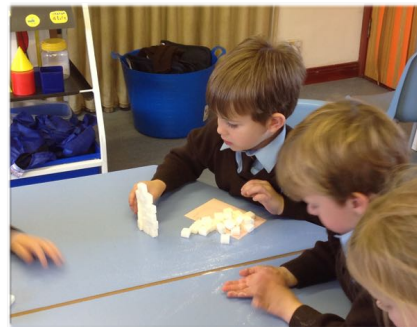
In maths, we have been using our interest in healthy eating to create our own bar chart, weigh sugar cubes and take a close look at what is hidden in some of our favourite treats. Our healthy snacks, which we all have a go at trying, and physical exercise have helped us to understand how we can keep ourselves healthy.



In art, we have started to create some Christmas decorations. These require us to use different materials and follow instructions carefully. At the creative table some of us have been making rockets and jet packs which we have enjoyed using in our role play games.

Books have very much been the focus this week and with the introduction of library books on a Friday, school book fair and school council book sale, we are full of ideas and stories that we can discuss and use in our play.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



SPORTS ROUND UP

Gymnastics



GYMNASTICS

It's Tuesday. It's after lunch. It's Gymnastics time!

Nursery, Reception and Year One pupils board the coach to the fantastic facilities of the Waveney Gymnastics Club. It has been wonderful to see the younger children develop physical and social awareness during their lessons.

Listening to safety and physical instructions, with often a sequence of skills to follow, really helps the children to focus and concentrate on the task at hand.

The Year One children enjoy being role models for the younger children in Reception and Nursery and the activities between age groups are clearly defined with more instructor support given to the younger children and less to the older children. In this structured approach, our young gymnasts develop greater self confidence and trust in their own physical capabilities.

Great resilience is shown by all gymnasts as they try their best every week. Well done everyone!





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Christmas Fayre

Friday 1st December 2017
3.30 - 6.30 pm

FESTIVE GIFTS
CHRISTMAS CAFE
RAFFLE
SANTA'S GROTT
CHRISTMAS GAMES

Mascot Awards.

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

Reception: Chloe for showing resilience in her maths lessons.

Year 1: Robyn for resilience and hard work in her spelling and mental maths homework.

Year 2: Jack W for resilience in maths.

Year 3: Johnny for showing resilience when checking and editing his writing to make the story even better.

Year 4: Brayden for resilience in all areas and for trying really hard to be organised for lessons.

Year 5: Ebony for resilience and independence when writing up and designing her science presentation.

Year 6: Sophia for continued focus whilst tackling the challenge of angle properties.



Book Fair



We're up and running! Our November book fair opened on Wednesday with a brisk trade in books, pointing sticks, posters and lego-related literature. Once again it is being expertly hosted by Year Six who are also honing their number bonding skills at the till. Please do continue your hugely valued support of this event, important in many ways - not least due to the commission we earn in books for our classroom shelves. The book fair remains open until 4.30 pm on **Tuesday 28**

November. Opening times (Year 6 Classroom) as follows:

Parents only viewing 8.25 - 8.35

1.00 - 1.20 Open to children

3.35 - 4.20 Open to all

Mr Butcher

Holiday Club



Our Christmas Holiday Club will run from Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 December, hosted by Mr Hunt and Miss Butcher. Details of the activities on offer will be sent out soon. Save the dates!

Gift Wrapping Service



We are thrilled to have the professional gift wrapping skills of Mrs Webster at our Christmas Fayre next Friday. Please bring your purchases and any others from home for beautiful wrapping. The service will also be available after school on the two subsequent Mondays - all for PTFA funds.

PTFA News Extra

Christmas Fayre Friday 1 December 3:30-6:30pm. Please spread the word. Donations of chocolate, soft toys and general tombola and raffle prizes are appreciated. We would also be grateful for volunteers to help. (Sign up sheet is in the office.) Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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