

The Old School Henstead Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 2 December	9.30am Year 2 depart for visit to Elizabethan House and Time and Tide Museum, Great Yarmouth 7pm PTFA Meeting (note change of time)
Tuesday 3 December	3.30pm Parents' Seminar for Nursery and Reception Parents (demonstrating the new 'Tapestry' online Learning Journal)
Wednesday 4 December	Book fair ends 2pm U11 Girls' Hockey v Saint Felix (A); U9 Boys' Football v Saint Felix (A)
Friday 6 December	Year 4 visit Ancient Egypt exhibition at Norwich Castle 5.45pm Choir performs at Southwold 'Switch On', outside Adnams Cellar & Kitchen Store (4 Drayman Square, Victoria Street, Southwold)
Saturday 7 December	12 noon Christmas Fayre (tickets for Santa's Grotto from the Office)

Dates for your diary

Monday 9 December	4.10pm Parents' Seminar - Helping with Homework
Tuesday 10 December	Music Examinations
Thursday 12 December	9.30am Nursery Nativity Play in Hall for parents (addition to calendar)
Monday 16 December	2pm Junior School Nativity Play, St Mary's Church, Henstead
Tuesday 17 December	7pm Senior Carol Service, St Mary's Church, Henstead
Wednesday-Friday 18-20 December	Christmas Holiday Club (bookable via the Office)

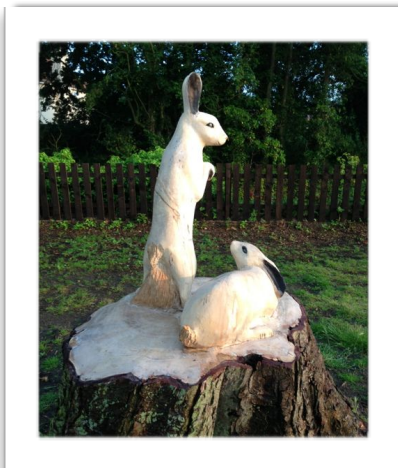
Message from the Headmaster

It is my belief that, in education as in all things, that there should be a time for reflection as well as doing. It is wonderful to see examples of our childrens' active learning every day at The Old School. The enthusiasm of the Reception child who brings a story which has been read, written and illustrated; the confidence boosting class assembly to which all contribute their work; the more elaborate senior project, researched and elegantly presented. It is also a pleasure to observe colleagues ably plan and direct that learning - both inside the classroom and out of it.

Just as we ask the children to adapt to that which is new every day, we have the opportunity to grow as teachers, to strive for ever better ways of supporting pupils' achievement and personal development.

"All dream, but not equally....but the dreamers of the day are dangerous...for they may act on their dreams with open eyes, to make them possible." TE Lawrence,
Seven Pillars of Wisdom

Mr McKinney



In preparation for the launch of our school Schoolology site, each year group has chosen an animal to use as their class avatar and mascot. Schoolology is an award-winning innovative learning management system (LMS) and social network for schools, that makes it easy to create, manage and share academic content in a secure network.

Nursery explores textures & hedgehogs!



Textures & cornflour fun

The children in Nursery have been experimenting with different textures. On Thursday and Friday we played with cornflour. To make the mixture we started with two cups of cornflour and the children added lots of water, which made it very gloppy and great fun!

Hedgehogs

For the past few weeks we have been looking out for the signs of Autumn. After several leaf and twig hunting adventures, we can confirm it has arrived! In celebration of this colourful time of the year, we made our very own hedgehogs, using clay and twigs.

Wrap up warm! *Mrs Rawlings and Miss Butcher*

Chocolate Fudge In The Making!

by Year One



During Literacy, as part of our Non-Fiction topic, Year One has been learning how to write step by step instructions. Last week we started with a simple 'How to make a jam sandwich'. First we made the sandwiches, then we ate the lot! Finally, with sticky fingers, we proceeded to write out our instructions.

This week we moved on to something a little more complex...Making chocolate fudge bites!

Children mixed the ingredients, rolled out the fudge, cut it into squares and added chocolate buttons on the top. They had to draw diagrams to match their simple written instructions.

A tremendous effort by all the children. Those little bites were really rather scrummy.

Miss Coxon

Reception explores the meaning of Christmas.



In order to make the Junior Nativity rehearsals more meaningful, our focus this week in Reception has been on 'The Christmas Story'. The children have produced some really super paintings, drawings and pieces of writing. We feel so incredibly lucky to be with the younger children at this time of year and to hear the delightful things they say innocently about such a special story. Here are just a few of their thoughts!...

Child 1- "Mary and Joseph went on the donkey to Bethle-ham."

Child 2- "No that's not right,...it's Bethle-hen."

"I can't draw a Ryan air plane in this can I?"

"The angel told Mary but he was cross because he really wanted to go with them to Bethlehem."

"Those angels made a beautiful sight."

"The donkey wanted to lay down and go to sleep really."

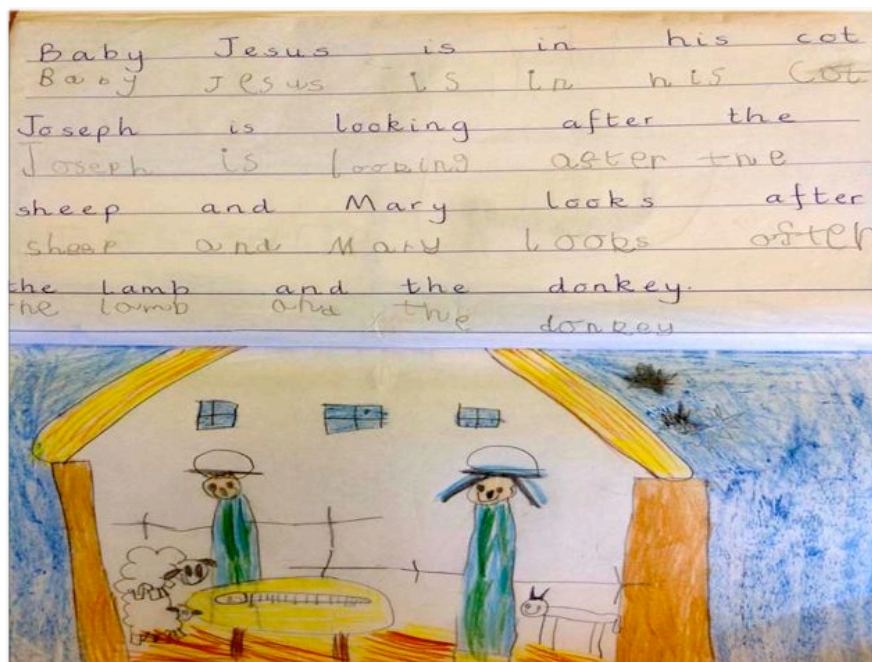
"Baby Jesus is in his cot, Joseph is looking after the sheep and Mary looks after the lamb and the donkey."

"Mary puts baby Jesus in the manger. Everyone is keeping an eye on Him."

"The baby Lord Jesus has just been born. Mary laid him in the manger."

Please allow us a few days to make the angels and stars, then pop in to our classroom to see our finished 'Christmas Tableau Scene'.

Mrs. Scoggins and Mrs. Read



Year Two Classwork

report by **Natalie Saunders**

We have been very busy in year two this term learning lots of new things.

Nativity Play

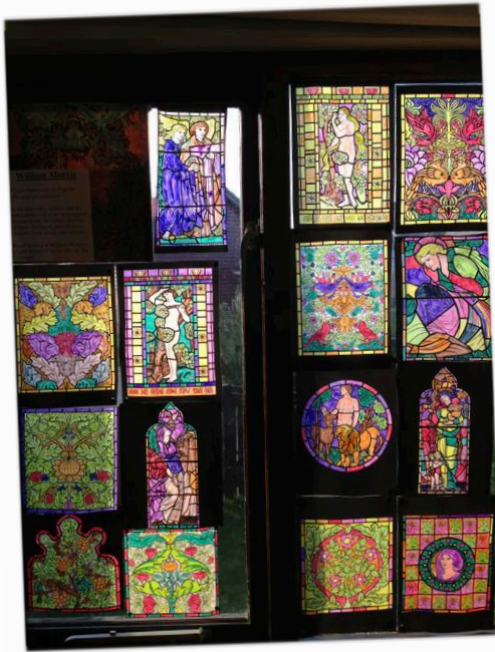
We are learning all of the words for our songs in the junior Christmas play. We are Roman Soldiers and we are making our helmets at school.

Electricity

In science we have learnt that electricity is very dangerous and how to be safe. We know how it is made and we know what we use it for. We have made an electrical circuit, which was very fun.

The Victorians

We have learnt about Victorian homes and schools, their life was much different to ours today. So far we have found out lots of facts about Queen Victoria and Charles Dickens, who is a famous author. We have all made William Morris stained glass windows and patterned plates. Come and have a look in our classroom. We are going on a trip next week to visit the Elizabethan House and the Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth.



This week in Year Three



We have chosen a lion as our class mascot because Lions stick together in a pride (like us) and they are smart and brave.

Everyone in Year Three now has a Bronze certificate for five A's!

We have also been rehearsing hard for the Junior School Nativity and reading a Roald Dahl story in class.

Script writing in English, fractions in mathematics, compass work in geography and Anglo-Saxon monsters in history complete the picture.

Go Year Three! *Miss Goddard*

Year Four Gets Wired for Sound

A cacophony of noise has been emitting from the Science Lab over the last few weeks, but in a good way, as Year Four has been exploring sound. The children have been looking at sound waves, measuring decibels, making soundproof boxes, creating digital music masterpieces, exploring how animals use sound and building their own musical instruments. We hope to have our very own junk instrument band and will be available for bookings and gigs soon. Mr Tiley-Nunn



Year Five Round Up



It has been a busy week in Year Five - creative writing on the Chromebooks based on The Magician's Nephew; learning about the positive properties of air resistance and friction in science, the latter most helpful when studying Henry VIII's marriages and dissolution of the monasteries. Rain forest studies, posters of Bible facts, swimming survival tests and an inter-House hockey tournament. We're looking forward to the end of term celebrations too!

Miss Clifton

Year Six Down Under



First of all it was lizards - we thought they might be fast and alert, but the tail falling off was clearly a drawback. At this point Tom came up with an armadillo, but got outvoted. Next up TV advertising (according to Mr McK) led to meerkats getting strong support from Scarlett. After much toing and froing we researched the platypus - which has it all, duck bill, venomous spikes on the rear ankles (males only) beaver tail, otter feet, lays eggs. We proudly present the Year Six mascot Ornithorhynchus anatinus, or Percy the platypus for short. We look forward to using him as our class Schoology avatar.

Henstead pupil wins Art Competition



Congratulations to George Taylor on being awarded first prize in the Key Stage Two 3D Art ISA Eastern Region Competition.

Mr McKinney

Christmas Fayre



Our Christmas Fayre will be held next Saturday 7 December, starting at 12 noon. There will be lots of stalls selling delightful gifts, crafts and cakes for all budgets. A great opportunity for some Christmas shopping! There will also be a surprise visit by Santa. (Tickets for Santa's Grotto available from the Office.)

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 Holiday Club



The Christmas Holiday Club will run for three days after the end of term, from Wednesday 18 December to Friday 20 December. The Club will consist of a variety of different sports, including dodge ball, uni-hoc, bench ball, handball, badminton, basketball, ten pin bowling and more. There will also be cookery and a variety of Christmas inspired art and crafts. Parents may book their children to attend all three days or individual days. There will be a half day option on Friday 20 December for members of the choir performing at the external event later that day. Kindly return a booking form to secure a place.

Mr Hunter

PTFA

News Extra

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

Saturday 7 December 12noon
Christmas Fayre

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Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

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