



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 9 December

Wednesday 10 December

Friday 12 December

Dates for your diary

Monday 15 December

Tuesday 16 December

Wednesday 17- Friday 19 December

2.15 Year 3 Nativity at Waveney Centre, Beccles

4.15 Years 5 & 6 Class Concert

Senior Inter-House Hockey

9.15 Nursery Nativity in the Hall

2.00 Junior School Nativity at St Mary's Church, Henstead
Bags2School Collection

7.00 Carol Service at St Mary's Church, Henstead

Holiday Club (bookable via the Office)

Message from the Headmaster



Advent is a time of preparation and of looking forward expectantly to the Christmas season. Nothing could describe the attitude of the children more succinctly! As I write there are tuneful strains of carols and Christmas songs drifting from music rooms and the Hall. It is a tribute to the resilience of the children and of the staff that they are able to keep going at such a pace in this late stage of term. I must also express huge thanks to Mrs Hadingham and her PTFA for all their work in making the Christmas Fayre such a success - there was something for everyone and, inspired by the Old Gentleman from the North Pole, a jolly time was had by all.

Mr McKinney



Curtain Call for Year Four Performers.



On Tuesday we held the second of our year group concerts and it was Year Four's turn to take to the stage.

Clara and Bethany displayed care and attention to detail in their lively performance of the *St Lewis Blues* on their descant recorders whilst Daisy's enthusiasm and joy in performance was obvious in her role as Annie singing *Tomorrow*.

Finney, Jessica and Jack all made their Henstead debut as pianists, with Finney showing great concentration to coordinate his hands in a piece entitled *Going Out to Play*, Jessica taking great care with *Jingle Bells* and Jack making a spirited attempt at *Happy Birthday* which he was able to repeat the next morning for Sophia's birthday. Ruby showed a facility for language as she sang and wished us all a *Happy Christmas* in both Spanish and English and Thomas demonstrated considerable skill on the drums as he co-ordinated hands and feet in a lively piece with the strange title of *ZZ*. Matthew continued the festive theme with a most confidently known performance of *Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer* and to round off the concert Tilly's sureness of intonation resulted in a charming rendition of *White Christmas*.

Thank you and very well done to all the performers.

Miss Sindall



An Elephant in Orange Underpants!



In Year One, Imogen has been using a touch of magic, by adding on the letter e, making the short vowel sounds, long! We have been busy trying to remember all the vowels by repeating;

An Elephant In Orange Underpants, as well as learning a song all about The Magic e. Remember word detectives (Year One), be on the look out for all those a_e words!

Ms Thomson



Penguins on parade...Year One's finished glazed penguins from last week's creative work at the Henstead Arts & Crafts Centre.

Librarians go on spending spree for new books.



We left school at 9 o'clock in the morning. It took about 10 minutes to get to Southwold. We parked up at the pier and walked in pairs to the bookshop on the High Street, where we split up into groups.

May and Charlotte were in one group - they had to choose books for Reception and Year One.

Grace and Sarah had year Two. Thomas, Tilly and Matthew did the searching for Years Three and Four, while James, Holly and Lily chose for Year Five and Year Six.

We spent rather a lot but found some really good books and were especially happy to find some of the books on the wish lists that the different classes had given us.

After we had finished choosing and packing Mr Tiley-Nunn led us back to the pier for hot chocolate.

We are looking forward to giving out our finds in assembly on Monday. Thank you to Mrs Mills for driving us.

The Librarians



Nursery News.



Letters to Father Christmas

Nursery children embarked on their first trip on Thursday. Excitement was in the air as the children sang songs on the minibus; *The Wheels on the Bus* was a favourite! First we visited Bungay Post Office, where the children searched for Father Christmas' post box. Once we found it, we all took it in turns to post our Christmas lists. We also queued up and the post mistress told us that Father Christmas had sent a parcel to Nursery. We loved guessing what was in our package.

As the weather was good, Nursery also took a trip to Bungay Castle. The children loved exploring the castle, and they were very watchful not to wake the troll which lived under the bridge! We ended our trip eating our snack in a cafe.

The local people were very impressed with the good behaviour that the Nursery children showed, and said they were a credit to the school! Before we left we sang a chorus of *Jingle Bells* and wished everyone a Merry Christmas. Once back at Nursery, we opened our present to find two Christmas books, which we have read over and over again already!

Let's hope that Father Christmas knows about our good behaviour on this trip so that he can deliver our presents!



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery star of the week goes to Orlando for being kind to his friends. Well done Orlando - enjoy having Harry Henstead for the weekend!

Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher

Festive Fun at the Christmas Fayre.



A huge thank you to Mrs Hadingham and the PTFA for the superb Christmas Fayre they staged last Saturday.

We were thrilled to have a visit from Father Christmas, assisted by Year Five elves in his Christmas Chalet!



Thank you also to all the parents who made beautiful crafts, wreaths and cakes for the event, and to those who manned stalls, created the most imaginative games, activities and competitions for the children and visitors, as well as contributors of the many prizes. And we are most grateful to the many parents who dug deep to fund their children's purchases and games. We do appreciate all that you do to support the school.



SPORTS ROUND UP

Hockey



UNI-HOCKEY

Monday afternoon saw the first ever Under 7's Girls Uni-hockey game.

This match was arranged to help develop the girls' understanding of the game and to give them an insight into what they can expect in the next few years.

Nine very excited girls headed off to Thorpe House Langley Prep where they were split into two teams. After a quick warm up the 'Pink Ladies' played the 'Crazy Bananas', which was also Henstead v Henstead. This game finished in a very even draw.

Next up was a Henstead v THLPS double header with the Pink Ladies drawing 1-1 and the Crazy Bananas also drawing 1-1. The final games saw both teams swap and the Pink Ladies winning in style 3-0. The Crazy Bananas lost in a very tight game 2-1.

All the girls played superbly throughout the afternoon and came away having experienced their first ever match. All were a great credit to the school.

Mr Hunter

JUNIOR INTER-HOUSE UNI-HOC

On Tuesday afternoon all members of Years One and Two took part in this year's first Inter-House competition. With Uni-hoc having been practised in Games lessons, it was going to be a very close tournament.

The first games were Deben v Orwell on pitch one, with Deben running riot winning 3-0; on pitch two Waveney were battling away against Yare, only to lose by the single goal 2-1.

Second matches started with Deben winning 4-1 against Waveney, whilst Yare saw off a determined Orwell side 2-0. Final matches and all was to play for. Going for the title were both Deben and Yare and this game didn't disappoint, with the final score ending in a 3-2 win for the Deben Foxes. Thomas, Rebecca, Addison, Isabelle and Harry S played superbly throughout. Pitch two saw Waveney go 3-0 up against Orwell, only for a late fight back from Orwell who just ran out of time losing 3-2.

1st: Deben
2nd: Yare
3rd: Waveney
4th: Orwell

Mr Hunter

Mascot Winners



This week's mascot awards for the boy or girl in each year most demonstrating the school value of Resilience go to:

R - Sharpy Crocodile - George D
Y1 - Pete Penguin - Kitty
Y2 - Polo Polar Bear - Skye
Y3 - Pecker Penguin - Polly
Y4 - Oats Horse - Jessica
Y5 - Terry Turtle - Charlotte W
Y6 - Hector Hare - James P

Bags2School



Your child has been given a Bag2schools bag to take home. The new collection date is Monday 15th December. Please bring your bags in that morning and leave them in the garden for collection. If you require any additional bags they are available from the office. Mrs Mills

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930

Learning Trail



The winners of this week's Learning Trail - on the theme of authors - are Sarah, Ella H and Grace.

Christmas Post



Our School Christmas Post begins on Monday! Look out for our special post box. Please ensure you write the name and class on each envelope to ensure our Christmas Elves deliver to the correct person.

Christmas Competition



Look out for our Christmas Newsletter Competition in next week's issue. There are books to be won!

Gold Awards



Congratulations to Tilly, Charlotte W and George T on their award of Gold Certificates for 15 outstanding achievements. Well done!



PTFA

News Extra

Christmas Parties (with DJ)
The Junior and Senior Christmas Parties will be held on Friday 12 December.

Junior Party: 2.30-3.30pm
(Juniors may stay and watch a film after the party until 4.40.)

Senior Party: 3.40-4.40pm

Christmas Wreaths £10
Order forms in the Office.

Next PTFA Meeting
Tuesday 13 January at 7.30pm

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