



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Monday 8 June

Thursday 11 June

Friday 12 June

Saturday 13 June

Reception Goes Fruit Picking

2.30 U11 Cricket v Widford Lodge (H)

2.30 U11 Rounders v The Abbey (A)

1.30 Nursery Trip: *Aliens Love Underpants*, Norwich Playhouse

### Dates for your diary

Monday 15 June

Tuesday 30 June

Wednesday 1 July

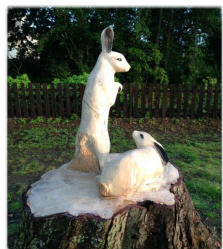
1.45 Year 2 Girls Rounders v Thorpe House Langley Prep (H)\*

2.00 Nursery Sports Day

2.00 Sports Day followed by PTFA Summer Fayre

*\*Addition to Calendar*

### Message from the Headmaster



As we enter the final part of the school year, it is apt that we think about our value excellence. We celebrate all that has been praiseworthy during the course of this term and this year and begin to look ahead to events such as Sports Day, the Junior and Senior Shows and Speech Day. We could hardly have had a better example of excellence than the Henstead Hike in aid of CLIC Sargent on the final day before half term. The children were in great form, the weather was balmy and the barbecue was a fitting climax to a super day out. Added to the funds raised by our Southwold concert, the total has already gone over the £2,200 mark. Thanks to everyone who took part, organised and supported these events for this most worthwhile cause.

Mr McKinney

## Centre Stage.

Following the recent auditions for our end of term Summer Shows, preparations and practice are in full swing during music lessons, and some rehearsals have begun.

The Summer Shows this year are:

***The Tribe of the White Buffalo***

(Junior Show), a musical by Pat Suffolk &

***Strictly Panto***, (Senior Show),

a pantomime with a totally topical taste!

There will be two performances of each show (one afternoon and one evening) on Wednesday 8th and Thursday 9th of July.

Please save the dates and be sure to let grandparents and other family members know too!

Tickets will be on sale closer to the date.





# Nursery News.

## School Time!

Welcome back for the last part of the year. Not long now till the summer holidays! For some this will mean that it is time to start school. Nursery children have turned their role-play corner into a school classroom to prepare the children for Reception.

There has been lots of work going on in there: registers have been taken, books have been read and name writing has been practised. The children have been taking it in turns being the teacher and have been teaching each other using the black board and white board. The favourite by far has been the opportunity to dress up in lots of different types of School uniform. Don't they look smart and grown-up?

## Librarian Visit.

Nursery had a visit from Sarah from Beccles Library on Thursday. As it was such a beautiful sunny day we decided to sit outside in the garden. Sarah read us a story about a gorilla who had lost his fur and we sang a few songs together. We ended with our favourite song - "Two Teddies on a Trampoline". As our current theme is Growing Up, Sarah kindly bought us some books about starting school. We already have our favourites! Thank you Sarah - we love your visits.



Nursery children enjoyed learning about lambs during their recent stay at school.



## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Jack, who has shown great confidence and perseverance with trying new fruits at snack time. Miss O'Mara and Miss Butcher are so pleased at how well he is doing. Well done Jack!

# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Rounders & Trampoline



### ROUNDERS

At last, a day where the weather was kind to us. Wednesday afternoon saw the Under 11 girls take to the field for their first match of the season. Put into bat by our visitors, Thorpe House Langley Preparatory school, we made a very tentative start scoring just four rounders. Our guests had no such hesitations and thwacked the ball all over the place. This gave us lots of opportunity to practice our throwing and catching, something that May in particular relished.

As is customary at The Old School Henstead, a stern half time lecture is often what is needed to bring out the best in our girls. This was one such incidence. The girls really showed what they are capable of making some excellent rounders, catches and stumping outs. A mix up of the two teams for a quick 20 ball innings game, finished off what, if not a victorious afternoon, was a fun one enjoyed by everyone.

*Miss Goddard*

### TRAMPOLINE

Last Saturday Charlotte competed at the Peterborough Arena at the Regional Finals and NDP (National Development Pathway) qualification. She had been selected to represent the East region, having qualified earlier in Cambridge. The East region covers Bedfordshire, Cambridgeshire, Essex, Herts, Norfolk and Suffolk. From 16 competitors in her group from all over the country she came third - the top eight now qualify to compete at the NDP National Finals at Telford in July. Charlotte has also been invited for some regional training with the East Junior Squad. This was Charlotte's biggest competition so far and she held her nerves really well! And to top it all her medal was awarded by an Olympic trampolinist!

NDP is for national development pathway for trampolining.

We will be cheering for you Charlotte as you head to the finals in July. *Mr McKinney*



### CRICKET

The cricket match taking place this afternoon will be reported in next week's newsletter.



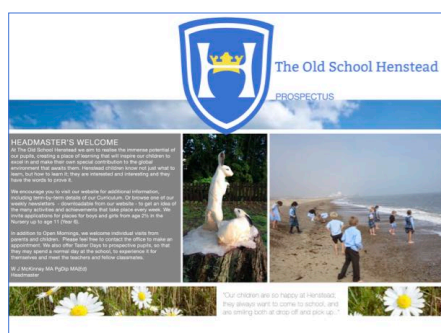
# Mascot Awards for Excellence.

This week's mascot awards - for the pupil in each year best demonstrating our school value Excellence - have been presented to:

Reception - Nicole  
Year 1 - Harry L  
Year 2 - Charlie  
Year 3 - Rachael  
Year 4 - Jessica  
Year 5 - Charlotte  
Year 6 - James.  
Well done all.



## New Prospectus



Our new electronic prospectus is out! You can view it live on our website, accessible from the drop down menu under Admissions or click on the link below:

<http://www.theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/prospectus/>

## Platinum Certificates



Congratulations to Kitty and Darcey on their award of Platinum Certificates for achieving 30 A1's.

## School Council



Following the success of the lower school activity circuit, the School Council would like to remind participants to bring in their sponsorship money as soon as possible. The SC will be upgrading the play equipment for younger pupils later this term!

## Summer School



Summer School will be held during the two weeks following the end of term:

Monday 13th - Friday 17th July and  
Monday 20th - Friday 24th July.

Bookings for individual days or full weeks may be made via the office. It is sure to be a great time for a host of activities, from team sports, arts and crafts, challenges, excursions and more! If you have any questions or would like to know more, please speak to Mr Hunter or Miss Goddard. Early booking is recommended as places are limited.

## PTFA

### News Extra

**Next PTFA Meeting Friday 19 June coffee @ The Shed post drop-off (9am)**

**Summer Fayre Wednesday 1 July, following Sports Day.**

**Henstock Festival Saturday 11 July 2pm. Save the date!**

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