

The Old School Henstead Newsletter



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REMINDER...On Tuesday 10 December all children will require a packed lunch, as Music Examinations will be taking place all day in the Hall. We appreciate your co-operation and apologise for any inconvenience.

Calendar for next week

Monday 9 December
Tuesday 10 December
Thursday 12 December

4.10pm Parents' Seminar - Helping with Homework (all parents invited)
Music Examinations
9.30am Nursery Nativity Play in Hall for parents (addition to calendar)

Dates for your diary

Monday 16 December

Tuesday 17 December

Wednesday-Friday 18-20 December

2pm Junior School Nativity Play, St Mary's Church, Henstead (followed by mince pies and refreshments back at school)
7pm Senior Carol Service, St Mary's Church, Henstead (followed by mince pies and refreshments back at school)
Christmas Holiday Club (bookable via the Office) 



Message from the Headmaster

Advent is indeed the season for getting ready. I have been really impressed with how focused the children have been in their preparations for the Nativity and for the Carol Service. It is a tribute to the stamina of staff and pupils alike that they still have such energy! Let us not forget either the many helpers who have worked so hard to make the Christmas Fayre a success. Let us hope that the Kindly Old Gentleman has remembered our address...

Mr McKinney



TAPESTRY Seminar

We were pleased to welcome Nursery and Reception parents to our seminar this week. Mr Tiley-Nunn showed us how the Tapestry platform will enhance our Nursery and Reception learning journeys. It will allow secure, multi-media

input, comment from Early Years Foundation Stage teachers and give interactive access to parents and their families. Roll out will be in the second week of the Spring term. It is an exciting development for the school.



Year Two goes back to the Victorian Era.



Year Two has been learning all about Victorian inventions, and the Postal Service, as we know it today, was set up in Victorian times. The first stamp, the Penny Black, was issued in the UK from 1840 onwards. Many gold stars will be awarded to any pupil who can bring Year Two a Penny Black to see!



The Year Two Elves were also hard at work on Monday at *The Elizabethan House Museum* in Great Yarmouth. They spent the morning in character as servants, helping to prepare for a grand Victorian Christmas at the wealthy Palmer residence. Santa's Little Helpers were making mince pies, peeling apples and crushing cinnamon with Victorian kitchen utensils and even helped to decorate their wonderful Christmas tree. (Did you know Christmas trees were also introduced into Britain under Queen Victoria? Her husband Prince Albert brought them over from Germany). Year Two also had fun playing with the toys the Palmer children might be receiving for Christmas, as well as comparing these to the toys the servants' children would be playing with on Christmas Day.



The afternoon at the *Tide & Time Museum* saw the children discovering the Yarmouth "rows" and seeing the décor of the different, tiny Victorian houses. They also had time for a very interactive session at the 'Silver Darling' exhibition. A superb day and thank you letters to Mrs May and her team have already been posted!

Miss Kay



Newsletter Snowman Competition

We've got several great prizes to give away to the winners of this week's Newsletter Competition. So here is the challenge: **How many Snowmen can you count in this week's newsletter?** (You may include the one

on the left.) Others are trying to hide, but if you look carefully, you will find them. Simply write your answer (number) with your name on a small piece of paper and drop it in the competition hat (not the Christmas Post box!) on your way into assembly on Monday morning. Nursery children may hand their entries to Mrs Rawlings. The first correct entries drawn at random from the hat will win a prize. **Remember to bring your entries in on Monday morning.**

Christmas Post



The Year Two Elves will once again be helping Father Christmas and Rudolf here on the ground at Henstead, by delivering all our school Christmas post.

From Monday 9th December the Post Box will be in the Hall in the mornings for you to post all your cards, then a daily delivery will take place to each classroom with lots of festive cheer and jingling of bells. (Remember to address all your cards on the envelope with a first name, surname and the year of the recipient).

Miss Kay



National Art Win



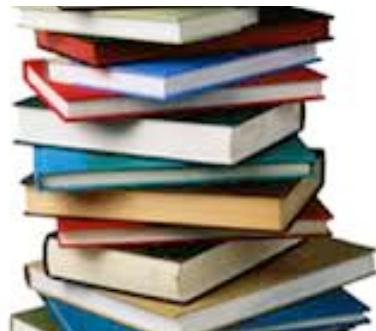
Following last week's news that George Taylor had been awarded first prize in the Key Stage Two 3D Art ISA (Independent Schools Association) Eastern Region Competition, his entry went on to win the National Competition! Congratulations George.

Christmas Fayre



Our Christmas Fayre will be held tomorrow (Saturday 7 December) starting at 12 noon. There will be lots of stalls selling delightful gifts, crafts and cakes for all budgets, as well as snacks, beverages and a raffle. (Tickets for Santa's Grotto available from the Office.) See you there!

Book Bonus



Our traditional November book fair, though a little later than usual, has again been a success. Due to the enthusiasm of the children and the generous support of parents, we improved on last year's event, earning the school more than £350 in titles for the classroom bookshelves and the library. Many thanks to all who found the time to browse and to the children who impressively honed their maths skills at the till!

Mr Butcher



SPORTS ROUND UP

Football & Hockey



FOOTBALL

Wednesday saw a young Henstead side head over to Saint Felix for a football game.

Pre-match nerves were at an all-time high as boys from both teams knew each other, certain that it would be a tough game. No sooner had the game kicked off we found ourselves 2-0 down, but this seemed to kick start the Henstead players, who then slowly began to find their feet, with some tough tackling from Oscar and Angelo and some fine saves from Theo. This allowed the younger members of the Henstead team to go on the attack. Louis found himself on the edge of the box. He managed to bundle his way through a tackle before the ball broke to Finney, who calmly slotted the ball home for the boys - first goal since their first football match. Saint Felix could boast about having two academy players in their team, who did most of the damage against the very young Henstead boys. However what was pleasing was their heads never dropped during the game as Thomas, Lucas and George worked tirelessly throughout the match.

A much better performance with improvements made throughout the team from our first game.

Big thank you to the Henstead supporters who came out in numbers as always.

Mr Hunter

U11 GIRLS' HOCKEY

There may have been an odd moment over the last seven years as The Old School Henstead's games teacher when I have been prouder of a team of girls, but for the life of me I don't know when. Although the fixture ended in defeat as far as the score line was concerned, the girls were all winners. There are several core values that we try to instill in all our children here: confidence, resilience and team work being just a few. The hockey team displayed all those, and so much more. Phenomenal forward play from Honey and Lily G. Stupendous defensive play from Scarlett and Peppa, the latter making some of the best saves I have ever witnessed, aided by Ruby as Sweeper - a role she has totally made her own. Throughout the match, running up and down the whole field were the amazing wingers - Lily D, Grace, Sarah and Ella. Each girl played her part to the max and should be immensely proud of how they played. As for the audience, you may have been small in number, but you made up for it in volume. My grateful thanks as always for the support from parents. It truly makes a world of difference. Time to hang up the hockey sticks for another year. Netball here we come!

Miss Goddard

Christmas house art gallery

During recent House meetings the children produced some Christmas-themed drawings reflecting their house mascots. Here is a selection of their work.

Mr McKinney



Sarah Hubbard - Waveney



Alex Lincoln - Orwell



Angelo Darrell - Deben



May Drinkell - Yare

Emergency Contact



We very much hope that the weather will not disrupt the daily running of the school, but may I remind parents that if we are obliged to close due to wintry weather, you will be informed by text message, if possible by 7.30 am. Please let Mrs Mills know urgently if your contact details have changed.

Parents' Seminar



Our next Parents' Seminar will be held on 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



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