



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Please note that there are no After School Activity Clubs next week. Prep and Homework Club operate as usual.

Monday 11 December  
Tuesday 12 December

Choir singing at Wrentham Community Centre

Inter-House Christmas Competition

1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming

2.15 Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming

2.30 Reception & Year 1 Gymnastics

Wednesday 13 December

9.15 Nursery Nativity

Thursday 14 December

2.00 School Nativity at St Mary's Henstead (*parents are invited to join us for mince pies and refreshments back at school after the performance*)

Friday 15 December

12.00 School Christmas Lunch (all pupils invited)

7.00 Carol Service at St Mary's Henstead (*parents are invited to join us for mince pies and refreshments back at school after the performance*)

Term Ends

### Dates for your diary

Monday 18 December -

Wednesday 20 December

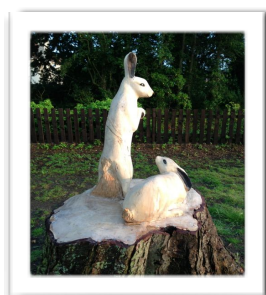
Tuesday 9 January

Holiday Club (bookable via the office)

Spring Term Begins (& start of Swimming & Gymnastics programme)

### Message from the Headmaster

We finished our last Parent and Toddlers Group of the term with a musical Christmas theme and as we approach the celebration of the Nativity and the frost begins to bite, Christina Rossetti's beautiful 19th century carol *In the Bleak Midwinter* still conveys the essence of this special time of year. We look forward to welcoming The Old School Henstead community to our services next week.



*What shall I give him,  
poor as I am?  
If I were a shepherd,  
I would bring a lamb;  
if I were a wise man,  
I would play my part;  
yet what I can I give Him –  
give my heart.*



Mr McKinney

# Plastics on our Planet.



Year 4's assembly was filled with laughter but also had a serious side to it. The boys and girls have been learning about recycling in Humanities this term and have really begun to connect emotionally with the affects it is having on our planet. Through their own research, Year 4 discovered that the average family wastes 6 trees worth of paper each year. We consider an average family to be 4 people, which means they are wasting one and a half trees each. Connecting mathematics with Humanities, they calculated that our class of 13 could be wasting 19.5 trees each year and here at the Old School Henstead with approximately 100 pupils, we could be wasting 150 trees of paper waste each year – THAT IS A LOT!

Not feeling very happy with these statistics, Year 4 came up with a plan and wrote to the Waveney District Council to ask for a paper-recycling bin. Although the Council were unable to help us, our hope is that we will be able to locate a paper-recycling bin for our school during next term to help us cut down on our waste.

Year 4 also shared some facts about recycling at Christmas. Did you know that the UK uses so much wrapping paper each year that if you joined it all together it could reach the moon. Unfortunately most of that wrapping paper is just thrown in the waste bin instead of being recycled. Also, 250 tonnes worth of Christmas trees are thrown away each year. However, if people just put the trees in the garden waste bin or took it to a recycling plant the trees could be turned into mulch or compost.

So this Christmas, Year 4 is asking you to THINK before you buy Christmas products. How about buying paper cups and plates instead of plastic? Do you really need to buy that extra plastic bag? Please consider recycling this Christmas. The more we can reduce, reuse and recycle, the better it is going to be for us and our planet.



## Musical Showcase.

On Monday morning we were treated to a wonderful showcase of our children's talent and hard work. It was an opportunity for the Senior Choir to perform for the rest of the school and they opened the concert by singing two songs from their *Children in Need* repertoire, *One World* and *Jailhouse Rock*. Individual performances followed from Francis (guitar), Amelie (voice), Isabelle N (drums), Rosie (drums), Alex (drums), Harry D (violin), Tabatha (violin), Rebecca (violin), Imogen F-T (piano), Sophia (piano), Thomas (piano), Daisy (piano), Matthew (trumpet), Louis M (trumpet), Emily (voice) and Charlotte (drums). Every child was able to

demonstrate how much they have progressed in their learning and gave confident and entertaining performances.

The Clayton Chorus (Harry D, George, Sophia, Imogen F-T, Honor, Tabatha, Rachael, Harry S and Olivia S-A) closed the concert with some seasonal songs and Matthew on the trumpet led us all in singing *We wish you a merry Christmas*.

Thank you to all the music teachers for their hard work and enthusiasm this term.

Miss Sindall





# Reception Roundup.



As the term is drawing to an end the sound of Christmas music and end of term preparations are in full swing. We have enjoyed making Christmas wrapping paper and decorations using paint printing techniques, following instructions and using our fine motor control.

In maths, we have stuck with the Christmas theme to practise our Addition and Subtraction skills through learning investigations.



The focus of our week, which encompasses all seven areas of learning, has been preparations and rehearsals for the Nativity. We have enjoyed dressing up, singing, story writing and modelling our learning to the younger Nursery children.

The week finished on a high as we enjoyed a fantastic Christmas party hosted by the PTFA. Thank you! We had great fun.

*Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin*





# Nursery News.



Nursery has been exploring the Nativity story this week. We have used lots of props and story books and dressed up in our costumes for role play and Nativity rehearsals.



## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Congratulations Araminta, Nursery Star of the Week. Well done Araminta, your smiles, friendliness and willingness to join in everything means that Priscilla would like to have a sleepover at your house this weekend.

*Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher*





# Christmas Post.



The children of Henstead have been busy writing, enveloping and sending letters and cards this week. Fortunately, we located hard-working elves who have taken it upon themselves to organise the sorting and distribution on a daily basis. Taking care of the 'elf 'n safety was an integral part in ensuring that the letters were distributed well.

Please ensure that you include the year group of the recipient on all envelopes. Thank you.

*Mr Hunt*

## Successful Drummers.



Congratulations to Rosie and Isabelle on their examination success in drum performance.

They both achieved a Pass with Merit at Entry Level 3 (Debut) Drums, RSL Entry Level Award in Popular Music Performance. An excellent result.

If any pupils wish to start drum tuition with our drum tutor Craig Bacon, please contact the office or speak to Miss Sindall.

Craig Bacon began playing drums at age three, performed his first gig aged 11 and never looked back, going on to study with some great private tutors and completing his diploma at Drumtech. He has worked with an impressive selection of artists - live, studio and on TV - including Gloria Gaynor, Avril Lavigne, Otis Taylor, Patrick Sweany, King King, Ben Poole, Nimmo Brothers, Robin Bibi, Sean Webster Band, Trafficker, Brothers Groove, Stevie Nimmo Trio and Jon Buck Project, to name but a few.

# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Hockey & Unihoc



### SENIOR HOCKEY HOUSE RESULTS

	House	Points
1st	Waveney	100
2nd	Deben	75
3rd	Yare	50
4th	Orwell	25



### JUNIOR UNIHOC HOUSE RESULTS

	House	Points
1st	Waveney	100
2nd	Deben	75
3rd	Orwell	50
4th	Yare	25





## Book Fair Success



We are delighted to report that our recent book fair achieved commission (in books) for the school of over £300, adding lots of new titles to our class libraries.

It was evident from the number of pupils visiting the book fair, and the excitement during their visits, that our pupils love exploring books and reading.

Thank you to everyone who supported this event.

## Christmas Lunch



In keeping with tradition, the whole school will eat Christmas Lunch together next Friday. (No need for packed lunches unless you choose to send your child with one.) It is always a happy occasion with all the trimmings, crackers and heaps of festive spirit.

Due to the extensive menu on that day we will be unable to accommodate any special menu requests, as all the ovens will be full to capacity. However pupils are welcome to request that selected items are not served on their plates.

## Emergency



### Emergency Closure Procedures

In the event of the school being closed owing to bad weather (or any other cause, for that matter) the following procedure will be followed:

The Headmaster or his representative will contact staff and parents as soon as possible (ideally before 7.30 a.m.)

This procedure will operate on each and every day the school is closed.

If any of your contact numbers have changed recently, please email your new details to the office as soon as possible.

## Venn Diagrams



Year One has been learning about Venn Diagrams and the photograph shows one they successfully created on the subject of natural and man-made materials.

The pupils categorised everyday subjects, showing all possible logical connections between the two categories.

We love maths!

Mrs Loader

## Christmas Competition



There are two prizes - one junior, one senior - for pupils who correctly answer the questions in our Christmas Competition below.

Entries on a piece of paper - written by the pupils themselves, and clearly named, including the pupil's year - should be handed in at the Office **by Wednesday 13 December.**

Happy thinking!

**Question 1:** How many angels are hiding in this edition of the Newsletter?

**Question 2:** Name a Christmas Carol

**Question 3:** Father Christmas is often known by a saint's name - what is it?

*In the event of more than one correct entry, winners will be drawn at random.*



# Mascot Awards.

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

Reception: Autumn for resilience during the Nativity rehearsals.

Year 1: Christabel for always trying to make her work better.

Year 2: Isla for brilliantly resilient swimming.

Year 3: Caleb for showing resilience working on inverse calculations.

Year 4: Ayla for resilience in writing (being supported and independently).

Year 5: Honor for working on an exceptionally quality piece of informative writing.

Year 6: Tabatha for showing great resilience during maths revision.



## Holiday Club



Our Christmas Holiday Club will run from Monday 18 to Wednesday 20 December, hosted by Mr Hunt and Miss Butcher. It is open to pupils in Reception to Year 6. Booking forms have been sent out.

Monday 18th: Christmas Craft Activities & Movie

Tuesday 19th: Christmas Craft Activities & Cooking

Wednesday 20th: Team-building Games (The children will work in teams to compete throughout the day. Gift-wrapping, igloo making, treasure hunting will all feature.) I am sure the tidying effort at the end of the day will be as adventurous and challenging!

Kindly drop in your booking forms at the office as soon as possible.

## Swim & Gym



Please note that after the final sessions of swimming and gymnastics this coming week, **our programme will resume on the first day of next term, Tuesday 9 January.** Form teachers will be notifying parents about whether your child should bring swimming or gym kit on the first day back.



## Gift Wrapping



**Don't miss the last opportunity for our gift wrapping service on Monday 11 December from 3-5pm.**

Please bring your gifts for beautiful wrapping by Mrs Webster and help raise funds for the PTFA at the same time.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
Term Time

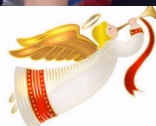
Mondays 8.15-9.15  
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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