

The Old School Henstead Newsletter

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STOP PRESS... Please note the change of time for the choir performance for Children in Need next Friday – now 2pm outside HSBC bank in Beccles - with PTFA cake stall from 1pm at the same place.

Calendar for next week

Monday 11 November
Wednesday 13 November

Friday 15 November

4.10pm PTFA Meeting
10am ISA Swimming Gala, Ipswich Crown Pools
3pm U11 & U9 Girls' Hockey v Taverham Hall (H)
2pm Choir sings in Beccles for *Children in Need*
(PTFA Cake Sale from 1pm)



Dates for your diary

Monday 18 November
Saturday 7 December
Monday 9 December
Tuesday 10 December

Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child collected
12 noon Christmas Fayre
Parents' Seminar - Helping with Homework
Music Examinations

Message from the Headmaster

During the first half of term we thought a lot about the importance of CONFIDENCE and how it supports us in our learning. Our attention now turns to the importance of RESILIENCE, the determination to keep going, even if difficulties are encountered, in order to make the most of our abilities and opportunities. Nothing could be more appropriate in this week of Remembrance, as we think of all those, in particular those relatives of Henstead families, whose determination and courage did not falter in sterner days than those we are privileged to enjoy at The Old School. When Churchill spoke to the pupils of his old school in October 1941 he summed up this spirit of resilience...

"Never give in, never give in, never, never, never – in nothing, great or small, large or petty – never give in except to convictions of honour and good sense."

Mr McKinney

Teddy Bears' Picnic

On the last Friday before half term the Nursery children, parents and staff held a teddy bears' picnic. Lots of laughter, cakes and chat was had by all. The children and their teddies enjoyed stories and a picnic inside. Whilst in the garden the parents had coffee and tea. We would like to thank everyone who came to the picnic and made it such a wonderful occasion.

Mrs Rawlings & Miss Butcher



Flushed with success.

Recipe for Sewage Soup.

Ingredients:

One class of Year Five geographers
Some lively, inquiring minds
An enthusiasm for 'hands on' activities
A sense of humour

Method:

Transport the Year Five Geographers to the Anglian Water Education Centre at Chelmsford.
Add to a classroom full of engaging presentations and visual aids.
Ask them to consider all the different things that get flushed down a loo and how they get dealt with.
Take them on a tour of the water treatment plant to see it all happening!

Finally:

Take them back to the classroom to see what they have learned and add a garnish of educational goodies to work on back at school.

Extra special thanks to Miss Kaye for her driving skills and assistance!

Mr Butcher



Inter-house Quiz.



The inter-house quiz was hotly contested again this year. Each team consisted of seven children (one from each year group) to represent their house. The children were tested on many subjects ranging from planets to pop music, sport to spelling. It was very close until the final round, in which Yare showed their spelling prowess and were victorious for the third year running, followed by Waveney, Orwell and Deben.

Well done to all the contestants and thank you to Miss Clifton for keeping on top of the scoring and to Mr McKinney for reading the questions so well.

Mrs Dakin



Operation Christmas Child

This year, we will be supporting *Operation Christmas Child* - the world's largest children's Christmas project run by Samaritan's Purse - by filling shoe boxes full of gifts for those children not as fortunate as ours.

Leaflets went out in the book bags before half term explaining all, but in a nutshell...

- Please wrap an empty medium-sized shoe box and lid separately.
- Fill it with new gifts* (see ideas on leaflet)
- You may include a greetings card/ photo of you and your family (optional).
- Please do not seal the box, but use an elastic band to keep the lid and box together.
- Affix a label from the leaflet (to indicate the age range and if your box is intended for a boy or girl).

Each box also requires a **£3.00 shipping donation**. You can pay this by cash or cheque (using the envelope attached to the leaflet) and place it in your shoebox, or pay online at www.operationchristmaschild.org.uk. If you do pay online, the website will automatically generate a barcode for you to print off and place inside your shoebox. Paying online also means that the charity will send you an email to let you know exactly where your gift was sent.

Suggestions for gifts to include:

- a cuddly toy
- toothbrush, wrapped soap, flannel
- pencils, pens, pencil sharpener, crayons or felt pens
- note pad, drawing paper
- picture book
- a small ball
- puzzle (small jigsaw)
- hat, cap, gloves or scarf
- toy cars, trucks and planes for boys
- jewellery set, skipping rope & hair accessories for girls

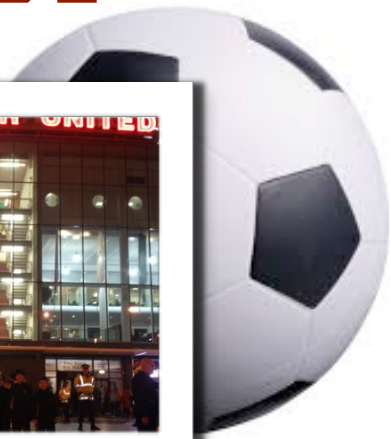
Your shoeboxes should be brought to school **first thing on Monday 18 November**. Any queries, please do not hesitate to ask me. I hope you enjoy filling your gift boxes with Christmas cheer!

Miss Kay

*No food, clothing (other than hats, gloves, caps or scarves), fragile items, liquids, sharp objects, anything of a political, racial or religious nature, medicines, books with many words or hand made or knitted stuffed toys.

SPORTS ROUND UP

Football Trip to Old Trafford



PUPILS TRAVEL TO SUPPORT THE CANARIES

On the Tuesday of half term, eleven children and three adults set off on an intrepid adventure to the *Theatre of Dreams* to watch Norwich City play Manchester United in the Capital One Cup. With the minibus in safe hands of Mr Saunders we set off at 9:30am, knowing it would be a long time before we would be back at Henstead again.

Seven hours and several stops later we arrived at our destination. A quick tour around the stadium only added to the excitement, and after a refuel courtesy of everyone's favourite colonel, we were ready and raring to go.

The children took to their seats amongst the thousands of red shirts in the Stretford end, although one lonely canary shirt did manage to find itself amongst them. The match itself was a very one-sided affair, with Manchester United showing why they are the best team in the country, dominating from start to finish and only allowing Norwich City efforts from range.

With plenty of goals and incidents from the game to talk about on the journey home, the bus was still filled with excitement from the day. However when 11pm ticked over the bus fell to almost silence as the children slept the majority of the way home. Once back at Henstead the children headed for the crash mats to bed down on for the evening (even more excitement). Finally all was quiet by 4:30am! However the silence didn't last long. As 7:00 am arose so did the children. Only one thing able to calm them all down....A Miss Goddard special cooked breakfast.

A big thank you must go to Mr Saunders for driving the minibus and helping on the trip.

Mr Hunter & Miss Goddard

Prom in the Pews Concert.



Some past and present pupils sang and played in *Prom in the Pews* last Sunday, at Magdalen Way Methodist Church, Gorleston, in aid of a children's charity.

Scarlett Baxter played "Air in D minor" by Purcell, on the saxophone; this is a piece she has prepared for her grade 3 exam. Sarah Hubbard sang "Close Every Door" by Andrew Lloyd Webber, which she will perform as part of her grade 4 exam programme.

Former pupil James Basey-Fisher recently gained grade 7 singing. On this occasion he sang "You raise me up" by Josh Groban. Jack Baxter sang a pop song and accompanied himself on guitar. Alexandra Hubbard sang "Bring him home" by Andrew Lloyd Webber. Both have

recently achieved Merit and Distinction respectively in their grade 8 singing exams.

Statement Choir (which comprises able bodied and disabled people from age 8 to 70!) sang several songs including "Can you hear my voice" and "One moment in time". The pupils joined in singing with the choir and other small groups.

Finally lots of cake was consumed by all! Congratulations and a huge thank you to the participants and their families for their constant support.

Mrs Clayton

Fireworks Party



We look forward to welcoming everyone to our annual Bonfire Night & Fireworks Party at 6.30pm this evening. Be sure to purchase your tickets from the Office.

Children in Need



Our choir will be singing in Beccles town centre next Friday 15 November at 2pm, to help raise money for BBC Children in Need. They will perform outside HSBC bank. The PTFA will also be there from 1pm running a cake stall. Please do come and support the children and this great cause.

Parents' Seminar



Save the date for our next Parents' Seminar on Monday 9 December at 4.10pm, which will focus on Helping with Homework. We hope this will be useful to parents as they support the children with their learning.

PTFA

News Extra

Friday 8 November 6.30pm
Bonfire Night Party & Fireworks
(tickets on sale from the office)

Monday 11 November 4.10pm
PTFA Meeting

Friday 15 November 1pm Cake sale from 1pm with choir singing at 2pm, in aid of Children in Need - in Beccles (outside HSBC bank). Please come along and support the choir and this great cause.

UNIFORM
SHOP

Opening Times
Mondays 0830-0930



Thank you to everyone who gave generously to our Bags2School appeal. As you can see from the photograph above, we received quite a pile of bags, which will make a valuable contribution to our fundraising.

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