



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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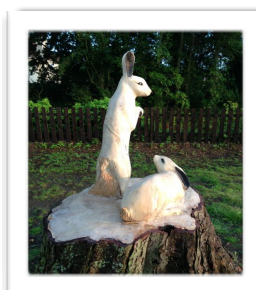
### Calendar for next week

Monday 26 March	Junior Inter-House Benchball Competition
	Senior Inter-House Netball & Football Competitions
Tuesday 27 March	2.30 Spring Concert (Nursery, Reception & Year 1)
	2.30 Years 4,5 & 6 Gymnastics
Wednesday 28 March	2.00 Inter-House Cross Country
Thursday 29 March	8.50 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead
	11.00 Poetry & Inter-House Choral Speaking Competition
	3.30/4.10 Term Ends
	6.00 Governors' Meeting

### Dates for your diary

Monday 9 - Wednesday 11 April Holiday Club (subject to demand - please book by Monday 26 March)

### Message from the Headmaster



It was an outstanding way to finish the week and the performance of our boys and girls in the charity concert at the United Reformed Church in Southwold is a fitting tribute to the staff who work so hard to give our children an appreciation of the Performing Arts, together with a genuine enthusiasm for performing. The Senior and Junior choirs were in fine voice, as were vocal and instrumental soloists. Our LAMDA actors added style and humour. We are most grateful to Reverend Charles and the congregation of the URC for their warm welcome. *Mr McKinney*

## What a Performance!

Thank you to all the families who supported our charity concert on Friday evening in Southwold. We are pleased to report that we raised over £340 for *Christian Aid*.





# Jurassic Journey.



What a treat! The children in Nursery and Reception spent the day with some expert Paleontologists learning about how dinosaurs lived. They engaged in some experiments with scientists in a lab, went to a dig site with a professor where they carefully uncovered a dinosaur skeleton and found small fossils and met some very realistic dinosaurs enjoying daily life in their natural habitats. The children were transfixed, attentive, bursting with questions and had a thoroughly raaaaaawsome time. The coach trip, back from Jurassic Journey in Great Yarmouth was quiet, except for the sound of gentle snoring!

*Mrs Vorster*





# Reception Roundup.



In swimming we continue to learn the skill of breath control. This is the first step in learning to swim independently. We are now a lot more confident at submerging our face in the water and blowing bubbles. We are developing a fast and strong arm motion that will eventually support us to swim with speed and control.

Spring concert rehearsals are in full swing and the children are getting very excited at having the opportunity to perform on the school stage for the first time!



Dinosaurs have been the focus of all our literacy and maths lessons this week and has been observed in the children's free flow learning too. Letter formation and sentence writing independently is being practised. We continue to revisit our digraph and tricky words through fun games on the interactive white board.



On Thursday Reception escorted Nursery on a Jurassic Journey adventure back in time to when dinosaurs ruled the earth. We experienced impressive installations of animated dinosaurs with electronic moving parts and lots of other interesting and interactive displays. The dinosaurs really do come to life! We had close encounters with a life-like stegosaurus, a velociraptor and the king of them all, a tyrannosaurus rex. We now consider ourselves palaeontologists and as part of our training, we took part in a scavenger hunt digging for fossils with Prof. Possilfossil.

And as if the day could not get any better, we received a surprise visit on our return to school from Lady Heidi Crick, who brought in one of her lambs that had been born only a few hours earlier in the day.

*Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin*





# Nursery News.



Our children are natural scientists. They are curious, ask questions, they predict outcomes and put their theories to the test. This was clearly demonstrated this week when they tried to break fruit out of ice blocks. Firstly they tried to smash the fruit out with their feet, then they used sticks and tools and eventually came up with the idea of using water from the tap. The ice didn't melt quickly enough for them, so they asked for warm water.



Water play is a passion in our Early Years so Miss Butcher tapped into this and led an activity around "floating and sinking". The children enjoyed finding objects, testing them in the water, discussing why they floated or sunk and even recorded their findings on clipboards.



There has been lots more mark making this week. The children have been painting murals on the fence, chalking on the black paper, painting their favourite dinosaurs and writing words to describe dinosaurs.

Dinosaurs has been the main theme for small world play this week and for stories and maths at carpet time, as we prepared for our trip to *Jurassic Journey* at the end of the week. (See Page 2)



## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Chloé for being a kind and helpful friend to others. Priscilla has seen you looking after the other children and supporting them when they are in need. Enjoy the sleepover.

*Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher*

# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Cricket



### KWIK CRICKET MEDAL

With the Cricket season fast approaching the Under 8s took the opportunity to set the school off in fantastic fashion. Indoor Kwik Cricket keeps everyone involved and on their toes in the game.

Short sharp matches lasts 20 minutes, with each batter having a maximum of 12 hits per game.

A steady start against Albert Pye with some excellent fielding restricted our opponents to just 20 runs, whilst steady batting from everyone in the team meant we won our first game by 9 runs.

In our second game we found it tougher going, for some strong batting from the opposition made fielding difficult, however we kept them to a reachable target, just falling short of the run chase by 7 runs.

Two games to go and all to play for - we really found our stride, scoring the highest score of the competition in the next game with George, Marli, Caleb and James scoring over 15 runs each.

Our final game and needing a win to clinch a silver medal, Henstead rose to the challenge, restricting St Benets to only 15 runs. In reply, we scored a massive 49 runs, with Amelie, Charlotte, Evelyn and Lola leading the way - each scoring double figures.

A Silver medal overall and a great afternoon's Cricket.

*Mr Hunter*





# Mascot Awards.

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

Reception: Reuben for a fantastic adventure at *Jurassic Journey* with his friends.

Year 1: Elliot for his adventurous 'can do' attitude.

Year 2: Oliver for adventurous singing in the Spring concert practices.

Year 3: Evelyn for embracing the adventure of her first Henstead sports fixture.

Year 4: Isobel R for being adventurous in her writing and using more intriguing adjectives to expand her ideas.

Year 5: Harry for adventurously conquering the 7x and 8x tables.

Year 6: Sophia for adventuring with determination and a genuine drive to achieve her very best in maths.



## Thank You



Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of this evening's Easter Family Bingo event. We raised £400 (profit). A huge thank you to our wonderful PTFA team and to all the families who supported the event.

## UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times  
(Term Time)

Mondays 8.15-9.15  
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

## Easter Egg Hunt



Pupils may look forward to our annual Easter Egg Hunt, which will take place later next week.

We were delighted to receive a visit from a number of friendly baby bunnies this week, brought in by one of our lovely mummies.



## Holiday Club



Don't forget to submit your booking form to the office for the Easter Holiday Club by Monday, as it will go ahead subject to sufficient demand. Thank you.

## PTFA News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting Friday  
Friday 27 April 2018 at  
1430. All welcome.

Family Quiz Thursday 10  
May (change of date)



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