



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Monday 12 March

British Science Week begins

Tuesday 13 March

Architectural Science Workshops (whole school)

9.00 Year 1 visits Norwich Castle (new date)

1.30 Nursery, Reception and Year 1 Swimming

1.30 Parent & Toddler Group

2.15 Years 2 & 3 Swimming

2.30 Years 4, 5 & 6 Gymnastics

Wednesday 14 March

3.30 U9 & U11 Football at Beccles Primary Academy (addition to calendar)

Friday 16 March

8.50 Year 1 Assembly

9.05 Years 1 & 6 Open Classrooms (for parents)

9.15 Years 3 & 4 visit Sizewell

1.00 U10 Mixed Football at Pakefield High School

### Dates for your diary

Friday 23 March

7pm Concert at United Reformed Church, Southwold

Tuesday 27 March

2.30 Spring Concert (Nursery, Reception & Year 1)

Thursday 29 March

8.50 Easter Service at St Mary's Henstead



### Message from the Headmaster

Adventure news - this week we will be announcing the route of the Henstead Hike, our annual summer term sponsored walk for the whole school community. The practice for the inter-house Cross Country will stand the boys and girls in good stead! There will be a sponsored adventure for adults also, for in that week a team of Henstead parents will attempt the Wales 3000ers - finishing on the summit of Snowdon which our Year Six will have climbed on their Leavers trip some three weeks before! Watch this space... Mr McKinney

## Ready for the National Finals.



Following success at the regional heats, we congratulate Francis who is through to the national finals of the Independent Schools Association (ISA) Cross Country championships, which will take place on 18 March at Princethorpe College, Rugby. We wish Francis well as he represents The Old School Henstead at this major event.

# Egyptology.

Year Four



Once again our Year 4 pupils experienced the wonders of time travel and found themselves on the banks of the Nile celebrating the coronation of King Tutankhamun and displaying their considerable background knowledge of all things Egyptophile.



Apart from their knowledge of the daily routine of the mummification, professional and their sharp-eyed comments on some genuine artefacts, they created some spectacular jewellery of their own and joined in the triumphant progress of the young king. It was a pleasure as ever to encounter our visitors from 1332 BC Ammunet and Merit Amun once again who conducted the artistic and imaginative activities of our talented children! Em hotep nefer weret!

*Mr Butcher*







# School Council News.

## School Council – Fruits of our Labour

There is nothing more satisfying than harvesting your own crops. Thanks to the School Council's recent fundraising events, two fruit trees have been bought for the benefit of all pupils. We look forward to the first fruits of the season ripening on our trees, when the children can feast both their eyes and their tummies on the fruits of their labour.

Having discussed cross-curricular links, our School Council is keen that the benefits should go beyond the gastronomic. Our trees will link with the curriculum in numerous ways. For example, spoken language can be practised and vocabulary developed with the use of adjectives to describe trees, the fruit, the taste, the sound, and the texture. In time our trees will provide a useful scientific resource, encouraging an interest in life cycles, food chains and the identification of living things and habitats.

The School Council would like to thank all of those who assisted in the fundraising. In particular our thanks to Miss Sindall who very kindly took on the task of researching and purchasing the trees on behalf of the School Council.

*Miss Clifton*



## Cam Toys Wind Up!



If you remember our explanation of these mechanical marvels a few weeks ago you might be interested to see some of the results presented by four of our young engineers. In addition to the chicken, fish and vehicle automata seen here we also have Venus flytraps, penalty takers and fitness enthusiasts in the pipeline. Watch this space!

*Mr Butcher*



# Reception Roundup.



Despite our week being cut short due to the snow last week, we are really impressed in Reception with the progress all the children are making as we head in to the second half of the year. They are listening attentively in a range of situations and are learning how to give their attention to what others say and respond appropriately.

Our weekly swimming, games and music lessons are supporting us on how to follow instructions involving several ideas, while the more academic subjects are helping us to ask 'how' and 'why' questions about our experiences.

The wonderful arrival of the snow last week has given us the perfect opportunity to show how we play co-operatively and take account of one another's ideas about how to organise activities. They are all really good now at showing sensitivity to others' needs and feelings.

We have been focusing our carpet time this week on reading and understanding simple sentences. We use our phonic knowledge to decode regular words and read them aloud.

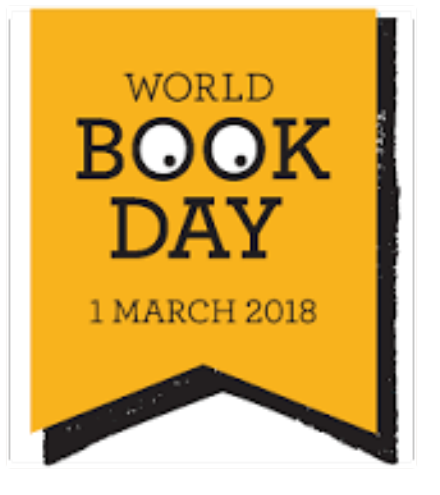
In maths we have been looking at everyday language to talk about time. We used our cutting skills to make our own clocks and had to order numbers from 1 to 12. We have also been using 3d shapes to describe dinosaurs and 2d shapes to make dinosaur pictures.

Thank you to all the families who came and supported us during our first whole school assembly. The children did us proud and it was lovely to see them confidently telling the whole school what they know about penguins.

*Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin*







With last week's unexpected school closure due to snow *World Book Day* was rescheduled for this week. Costumes representing all genres remained hanging in anticipation of their debut appearance one week later than planned.

With a quick reschedule, disappointment was avoided. The (Low) Fat Controller welcomed a variety of favourite fictional characters as they trundled through the school gates. The school was transformed to include Harry Potter, Where's Wally, The Mad Hatter, Goldilocks, Horrid Henry, Little Red Riding Hood and many more amazing favourites.



Miss Coxon delivered a special assembly leading us to believe that the book she was going to read would be all about the ugly duckling. This was not to be so as a crocodile invaded the pages eating letters and then words. Audience participation was key as pupils tried to shake the crocodile out from the book and even drew a tutu on the crocodile as he slept – brave children. With the crocodile finally escaping from the book and fleeing to the school field the hunt was on. Eager crocodile hunters searched throughout breaktime. Eventually located on the pavilion shed, the crocodile was duly apprehended.



As if that wasn't enough excitement Mrs Scriven aka Wendy Wally made a guest appearance in assembly inviting pupils to come and talk about their character. One pupil, complete with his spade, described his character from the book *Holes*. Very shrewdly he described the storyline, but left us all on a cliff hanger as he refused to disclose the significance of the spade. I am sure that I will not be the only one in the school hunting for a copy of *Holes* to find out about the spade.

Later than planned, but more than worth the wait, an inspirational day encouraging our young readers to explore the wonderful world of books and to appreciate the enjoyment of literacy.

Miss Clifton





# Nursery News.



This week in a Nursery we continued on our theme of giants and *Jack and the Beanstalk*. On Monday something unexpected happened. A pair of giant's glasses were left on top of the willow. We suspected George (as we named him) had accidentally dropped them when receiving the tie we'd made him last week. The children were incredibly excited to see such a giant pair of glasses and compared the size to Francesca's and Violette's glasses.



A quick report back from Miss Butcher at how brilliantly the children are doing at their Tuesday swim session. The boys and girls clearly enjoy themselves and have made a great amount of progress. This week they have been using the woggles to float on their backs whilst kicking their legs to move. Keep up the great work!



Many of the children joined in dressing up for World Book Day (see page 5) and read a range of stories with Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher.



## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week award goes to Freddie, who has been incredibly kind and thoughtful to his friends this week especially to a new Nursery child. Priscilla is looking forward to spending the weekend with you.

Mrs Vorster & Miss Butcher

# Mascot Awards.

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



Reception: Henry for being confident while his parents were away and showing his grandparents the adventures he has at school every day.

Year 1: Ruby for an adventurous attitude to her reading.

Year 2: Lolah for adventurously attacking inverse multiplication.

Year 3: Gabriel for a fantastic recovery from his 'adventure' in hospital and throwing himself back into school life.

Year 4: Bonnie for adventurously approaching the challenge of cross country.

Year 5: Harvey for good behaviour and an adventurous attitude to his studies.

Year 6: Rachael for showing great adventure and fully embracing *World Book Day*.

## Easter Bingo Evening

Friday 16 March

6.00-8.30pm



PTFA Easter Bingo, Friday 16 March, 6pm - 8:30pm in the school hall.

Ticket options:

1. Six game per play book plus nibbles £5

2. Three game per play book plus nibbles £3

*NB - the number of games played per book is the same, it is your choice whether you want to mark six or three at a time. Some younger players may find three easier.*

Additional game sheets available on the night - 50p per sheet

We will be running a bar on the evening as well as offering soft drink options.

To make things easy, simply drop off your bingo book requests (6 or 3 plays) in a sealed envelope together

with payment (cash or cheque made payable to The Old School Henstead PTFA) in the PTFA pigeon hole in the school office between 12 and 16 March. An example of the 6 and 3 books will be available to view in the pigeon hole. Your orders of Bingo books will be collectable at the event.

## UNIFORM SHOP

### Opening Times

Mondays 8.15-9.15

Thursdays 3.15-4.15

## PTFA News Extra

**Easter Bingo Friday 16 March 1800-2030.** Drop in your ticket orders with payment to the PTFA pigeon hole in the office between 12 and 16 March. Easter Egg donations for prizes would be greatly appreciated and may also be dropped into the office.

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

**Family Quiz Thursday 10 May (change of date)**



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