



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 18 September

1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming

2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming

2.30 Reception, Year 1 & Nursery Pre-School Gymnastics

Friday 21 September

8.50 Harvest Festival at St Mary's Church, Henstead, followed by our Macmillan Coffee Morning at School

School Council *Jeans for Genes* afternoon

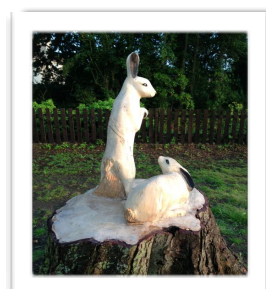
1.30 U11 Mixed Hockey at Dragons Hockey Club

Dates for your diary

Saturday 6 October

Open Morning (half day school)

Message from the Headmaster



New classes, new friends, new pupils. It has been a fast-paced start to the new school year at The Old School Henstead and it seems as though we had never been away! The boys and girls have settled into the routines straight away. I particularly congratulate our Receptioners who have made such a confident start, just like it says on the tin, and our boys and girls in Year Three who have adapted so well to the requirements of the Senior School day and curriculum. Let us not forget Year Six, who are already fully involved in preparation of senior school entry and have also delivered a thoughtful assembly in support of *Jeans for Genes*. Well done to all.

Mr McKinney

Open Morning.

Our next Open Morning takes place on Saturday 6 October. Pupils' registration will take place at 9.30. We encourage family, friends and other visitors to arrive between 9.45 and 10.00 so that they may choose their options for the morning.

It is also an opportunity for parents and grandparents to join their children in school for the morning.

We appreciate your support in spreading the word and do let the office know if you are able to display a poster.



 **The Old School Henstead**
An independent prep school & nursery
for boys & girls aged 2½ to 11.

Open Morning

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Saturday 6 OCTOBER Arrivals 9:45 - 10:00AM T. 01502 741150
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Early Years News.

Nursery.



It has been positive start to the new school year in Nursery. The children have enjoyed investigating the "Wild Area" where they have been using the magnifying glasses to look for creatures under the logs and checking the bird feeders to see how hungry the birds have been. We would like to thank Mrs Lucy Webster for the bright and inspiring mini beast murals she painted for us in the Summer holidays. The children have also been enjoying the latest garden installation, for which we would like to say thank you to Mr Rob Raven and Mr Elliot Hunter. The children have been challenging themselves and each other to see how high and how far they can jump from the tyres. We have also been welcoming new friends into our Nursery and helping them get used to our routines.

Our furriest new friend is Tilly the squirrel. The children have already been thinking of ways to impress her so he will want to have sleepovers with them.

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Tom! Tilly was impressed with the way he has been tidying the toys away and how he has been giving his friends good ideas for games this week. As the photo was taken Tom said "It's been very hard work". We hope they have a fun and relaxing sleepover this weekend.



Reception Roundup.



It has been a smooth transition as Reception class settle into their new routines with amazing confidence. The children are enjoying playing and exploring their new environments.

We have been impressed by all the children's involvement and concentration during all areas of learning. They are embracing our values for this term - Confidence and Creativity - by having their own ideas, making links and choosing ways to do things using positive and enthusiastic communication and language. Thank you to the Nursery team for their fantastic preparations for big school.

This week the children are putting their physical development to the test with their weekly gymnastic and games lessons. Their excellent independent skills should be commended as they all change into sports clothing and follow instructions with ease.

Personal, social and emotional development is a crucial area in Reception and is the foundation for all our learning, the children are using what they know to support their learning and 'have a go' even when faced with challenges such as food they may not have tried or work they find challenging.

Well done to all the Reception children for a fantastic start to the year!

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



New School Officers.

Head of School



The Old School Henstead has appointed Emily as Head of School. Such is the importance of the role that a job description is attached to it. For those aspiring to follow in their footsteps, the criteria are:-

Personal Qualities:

Leadership · Work well in a team · Time-management and very good organisational skills · Ability to talk confidently and appropriately to parents and staff · Ability to talk confidently and appropriately to other pupils · Willingness to get to know the pupils in the lower years · Politeness · Maturity · Clear judgement · Reliability.

Main Duties:

- To support the ethos of The Old School Henstead
- To be a positive role model for peers and younger pupils
- To be a listening and helping friend to all pupils
- To represent the school
- To meet with the School Leadership Team every half term
- To take responsibility for the supervision of duties carried out by other prefects and assistant prefects and to lead by example
- To lead the school in Assembly, Church services and other main school events

Congratulations Emily.

House Captains & Vice Captains

The House System is central to our core values and we rely heavily on the quality of our House Captains and Vice Captains to lead from the front. The four houses have elected their leaders and the following have bravely stepped forward to face the challenge.

Deben House

Captains Tom & Rebecca
Vice-Captains Honor & Harry B

Waveney House

Captain Daisy
Vice-Captain Jack

Yare House

Captains Charlie & Louis
Vice-Captain Harry D

Orwell House

Captains Ebony
Vice-Captains Emily & Harvey

We look forward to their guidance and encouragement as they take on the demands of the position as outlined below:

- To be a role model in terms of attitude, work ethic, manners and appearance to younger members of the house, providing inspiration and motivation to all pupils in their house.

- To help organise and plan competitions and events throughout the year, selecting teams or individuals for these and ensure that all pupils have an opportunity to compete.
- To help supervise house activities and competitions.
- To ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all, irrespective of ability.
- To take responsibility for house assemblies on a weekly basis and organise meaningful activities for these assemblies.
- To report back results or news to the house.
- To receive trophies at end of term assemblies.

We believe that these roles will develop invaluable leadership, organisational and decision-making skills. We wish all the appointees a successful year in post.





School Council Election.

New academic year, new term and a new School Council.

Congratulations to Tom and Rebecca following their recent selection and acceptance of the offer to take on the role of Heads of School Council.



With no time to waste in this hectic term, the election day to determine our class representatives was quickly upon them. Efficient preparation of ballot papers and monitoring of declarations laid firm foundations for the smooth running of the polling station.

With the final vote cast the counting and verification completed the result is as follows.

Year 1 Robin and Chloe
Year 2 Isabella and Ariane
Year 3 Lola and Isaac G
Year 4 Philip and Marli
Year 5 Isabelle N and Penelope
Year 6 Emily and Kate



Reception pupils will be eligible to nominate candidates later in the year. Well done to all of the new and returning representatives. We will meet weekly and work together for the benefit of all the members of the school community. We wish you a successful tenure in the term ahead.

Miss Clifton



Meet the Mascots.



Tilly the Squirrel



Jenny the Mole



Hattie the Hammerhead Shark



Spy the Spider

Our school's value system helps us develop us as people. We encourage pupils to focus on six values that we consider important in society today: **Confidence, Resilience, Empathy, Adventure, Teamwork and Excellence (C.R.E.A.T.E.)**. Each week, teachers award pupils from their classes with a mascot if they have been observed demonstrating the value of the term. Mascot diaries have documented the mascots' adventures over the week. This academic year we want to encourage pupils to extend their creativity through writing mascot entries that are based on fictional events (for example the mascot visiting space for the weekend and going for a walk on the moon).

In addition to our pastoral values we have launched a new set of academic values, that will run concurrently. These are: **Creator, Researcher, Experimenter, Analyser, Thinker, Explainer**. With this in mind, pupils can now be awarded the mascot for demonstrating either a pastoral value, an academic value, or both.

The pupils are very excited to learn the identity of the first mascot winners of the year and we are looking forward to seeing both sets of values take root over the course of the year.

May we introduce this year's class mascots.

Mr Jensen



Templeton the Rat



Muffin the Puffin



Ed the Possum



Rosie the Snail

Holiday Club Fun in the Sun.



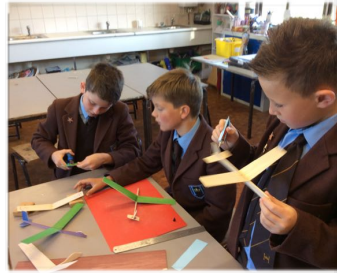
This year's Holiday Club was held during the first two weeks of the summer holidays. The weather was beautiful, with sunshine almost every day.

Mr Hunter and Miss Butcher created an exciting programme of activities and excursions, which included:

- Science Day
- Water Day
- Cookery Day
- Archery
- Visit to the Southwold Maize Maze
- Water Activities
- Arts & Crafts
- Sports
- Visit to Africa Alive.



After School Clubs.



It's not too late to sign up for After School Clubs, which this term include:

Tennis

Football

Arts & Crafts

Archery

Lego

Model Gliders/Mini-Engineering

and Pony Club.

Outdoor Ed.

Hunter Gatherers



During this week in Outdoor Education all senior classes have been busy picking blackberries from around the school grounds along with peeling the apples which have been kindly donated to the school by the Hawkins family, from their orchard. All of this activity has contributed to the making of a delicious blackberry and apple crumble, which was served up for all to eat as part of today's lunch menu.

Mr Hunter & The Senior Outdoor Ed team



The Old School Henstead PTFA

AGM

Annual General Meeting

Everyone is welcome.

Stay informed and get involved.

Election of a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer

Wednesday 26th September

7pm

in the school hall



Parentkind
Member Association

School Calendar



The School Calendar, giving day-by-day details of key school events, trips, sports fixtures, musical and social events, is viewable on our website, via the following link:

<https://www.theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/calendar/>

It is kept up to date, with additional events and fixtures added from time to time during the course of each term.

Lunch Menus



You may view our current menus on our website, via the following link: <https://theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/lunch-menu/>

The menus operate on a four week cycle and will change with the seasons, to include more delicious dishes.

Freshly prepared every day by our wonderful Catering Manager Mrs Guilda, the tasty menus have been designed to provide great nutrition for active pupils and use quality fresh ingredients, locally sourced wherever possible, including organic seasonal produce from the school garden. If you have not yet signed your child up and wish to do so, kindly email the office.

Nut Free Policy



May we kindly remind you that our school has a strict nut free policy. We now have several pupils who are severely allergic to nuts, therefore no items containing nuts are permitted in school or on school trips, including items in packed lunches, snacks, celebratory cakes or baked items for sale at fundraising events. We appreciate your adherence to this policy, in order to protect the safety and health of children in school.

Harvest Festival



For our Harvest Festival service, which will be held next Friday 21 September at St Mary's Henstead (to which all parents are invited), we would be most grateful if pupils would bring donations of produce to the service. All items will be distributed to a local charity helping those in need. Non-perishable items or fresh produce with a long-life would be appreciated: tinned goods, food in jars, pasta, coffee, tea bags, potatoes, cereals, apples and the like would be welcome.

Macmillan Coffee Morning



Bake a cake and help those suffering with cancer.

The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event. Every penny raised will help Macmillan nurses to give medical, emotional and practical help to someone living with cancer.

We will be holding our annual event on **Friday 21 September** in the school hall after the Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church. Please join us and help us support this vital work.

We would appreciate any donations of cakes and baked goods (**MUST BE NUT FREE**) which may be brought into the office at end of day Thursday, or on Friday morning. If you are not a baker, we hope you will come along and perhaps buy a coffee or slice of cake for the cause. Also, if any parents are free to help with this event, especially decorating the hall or setting out the cakes or serving teas and coffees, please let the office know.

We do appreciate your support as we fundraise for the wonderful work of *Macmillan Cancer Support*.

Mascot Awards.

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - **Confidence & Creativity:**



Reception: Emily for a confident start to her new class in Reception.

Year 1: Raef for a confident and creative start to Year 1.

Year 2: Ruby for working hard to start learning quickly.

Year 3: Isaac G for a very pleasing start to his new school.

Year 4: Marli for a confident transition into Year 4.

Year 5: Harry D for confidently demonstrating his knowledge and passion for WW2.

Year 6: Ebony for her outstandingly confident start to the new academic year.

Equestrian News



This is Kate competing on her new pony Figgy at a recent National Schools Equestrian Association (NSEA) event, where she succeeded in completing a clear round. This round was a height of 75 cm, with 15 show and cross country jumps. Marks were awarded for the optimum time and style. Looking forward to the next event where the fastest rider wins!

Well done Kate.

Twitter



To keep up with school news, events and sports results between newsletters, do follow us on twitter: <https://twitter.com/OldSchoolHstead>

Reluctant twitterers need only open a (free) twitter account and follow us, without posting any of their own tweets.

Photographs



Final call for photograph order forms for the **whole school photograph** taken at the end of last term. Please ensure they are dropped into the office by Monday. Thank you.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

PTFA News Extra

Next PTFA Meeting AGM
& Meeting Wednesday 26
September 7 p m
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