



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Monday 24 September  
Tuesday 25 September

Wednesday 26 September

Thursday 27 September  
Friday 28 September

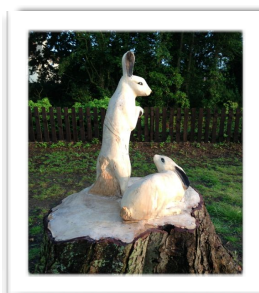
8.45 Year 3 visits Sutton Hoo  
1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming  
2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming  
2.30 Reception, Year 1 & Nursery Pre-School Gymnastics  
12.30 EYFS Forest School  
7.00 PTFA AGM & Meeting  
6.00 Governors' Meeting  
Year 5 Assembly  
U9/U11 Cross Country at Worlingham Primary

### Dates for your diary

Saturday 6 October

Open Morning (half day school)

### Message from the Headmaster



The value of creativity in our learning at The Old School has flourished already this term. Creative writing is being shared in class, with peers and also brought to me for AIs and consideration for the Excellence Display in our hallway. Daisy led the way yesterday morning and read her story confidently to the whole school. The choir was in good voice today with its first performance of this academic year at St Mary's. Let us not forget the chance for the children to raise awareness (and funds) for charity today - denim afternoon was the Order of the Day in support of Jeans for Genes and there was no shortage of cake to sample at our Macmillan Coffee Morning. Thank you 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  
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**Open Morning**

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Saturday 6 OCTOBER 9:45 - 10:00AM T. 01502 741150  
Ioad Row, Henstead, Nr Beccles NR34 7LG www.theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk





# Early Years News.

## Nursery.



This learning this week in Nursery has been inspired by our friends Tommy and Tom. Tommy is a keen Palaeontologist and has been wowing us with all of the dinosaur facts that he has been learning in his books at home. Therefore we have been on dinosaur hunts, had dinosaurs join us for our phonics and maths sessions and we have been cooking dinosaur food. We have a small world area dedicated to dinosaurs and it has become one of the busiest places in Nursery. Our friend Tom loves to sing the Jolly Phonics songs and amazed us when he showed us that he knew the letters of the alphabet. This encouraged us to learn some new sounds, look closer at the letters of the alphabet and do lots of crafting with our favourite letters. We are particularly good in Nursery at *I Spy*, especially if we are thinking of the initial sounds of dinosaurs. Did you know there is a dinosaur name for every letter of the alphabet?

*Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher*



## Nursery Star of the Week ★

Nursery Star of the Week goes to Araminta! You have made Tilly smile this week because you have been a kind friend to everyone. You let everyone play your games and you don't like seeing anyone upset. Thank you for helping make Nursery a happy, friendly and caring place to be. Enjoy the sleepover.





# Reception Roundup.



Every child is becoming more confident and independent in accessing resources around our classroom and it's so wonderful to see lots of new friendships blossoming as the children continue to integrate with the whole school.

Our main topic for this term is 'all about me' however, we pride ourselves on having an Early Years curriculum based upon the children's interests, therefore topics are likely to change often and through the seven areas of learning we will be promoting the following;

1. Communication and Language
2. Physical Development
3. Personal, Social and Emotional Development
4. Mathematics
5. Literacy
6. Understanding the World
7. Expressive Art and Design

*Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin*





# Year One.

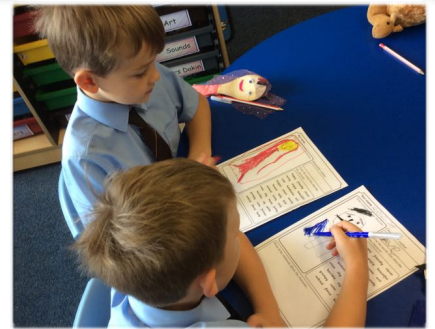
Welcome to Year One!

We started the year with high expectations and created our own set of class rules chosen by the children. This is to remind us of how we need to behave in and out of the classroom and learn effectively. The children have quickly settled into new routines, timetables and homework schedules, fully accepting the new challenges a new school year presents.

The Reading Room has been a great success and the children enjoy their reading lessons, buddy reading and listening to stories. Some children are finishing their reading books every day in order to visit this special reading environment.

Our new class mascot is a snail called Rosie who has already been showered with much Year 1 affection. All of the children are trying hard to show the school values of creativity and confidence this half term.

*Mrs Loader*





# Year Two.

Settling into the new term is always an exciting process. Learning new personalities and observing characters develop is very rewarding to witness. The children have worked well to meet the expectations of Year Two, displayed in the quality and conviction of their work alongside demonstrations of excellent conduct. As they fulfill the responsibilities of being at the top of the Key Stage, their modeling of outstanding behaviour to the younger members of the school has been especially pleasing.

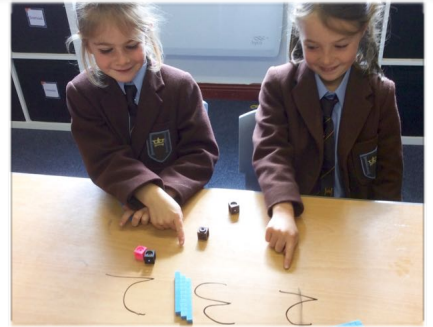
Throughout this week, in particular, the children have worked hard to consolidate their understanding of sentence construction from last year, transitioning towards creating complex sentences and working hard to include as much detail in their description as possible. In the words of a Year Two writer this week; "the details were amazing."

In maths, careful consideration has been directed towards place value, an important part of Key Stage One maths knowledge.

An especially exciting fixture of our week has been meeting Mrs Dakin in the refurbished Reading Room for a story. Sharing the experience with the other members of the Key Stage, Year Two have been recipients of some wonderful stories and have beamed with joy as plots are uncovered.

An excellent start to the term. Well done, Year Two.

*Mr Hunt*





# Harvest Festival.



Thank you to all those parents and grandparents who joined us in church this morning to celebrate our Harvest Festival Service. Thank you also to the Choir, who led the music and had worked really hard to learn a new anthem in such a short time. *Look at the World* by John Rutter was performed with some feeling for the sense of wonder we feel at the beauties of nature that surround us. The Year Four members should be especially commended for their confidence in a new role in the choir.

We welcomed the Reverend Simon Pitcher from Southwold who explained how vegetables and fruit remind us to use our ears, eyes, hands and hearts to be thoughtful and caring and to share our abundance.

The wonderful array of food so generously donated will stay in the church for the Henstead village Harvest Festival Service on Sunday and will then be taken to the Food Bank in Lowestoft.

*Miss Sindall*



## Jeans for Genes.

During PSHEE Year Six had been studying difference and diversity. Each pupil identified themselves as being different and the class group as diverse. They shared their individual uniqueness with the whole school during a recent class assembly, appraising their individuality and celebrating difference.

Using the beautifully simplistic but powerful illustrations from Todd Parr's book *"It's okay to be different"* the message was clear – it's okay to wear glasses, it's okay to be a different colour, it's ok to have wheels. The understanding of difference, that no two people are alike and that it's okay to be who you are underlined the need for our children to learn to embrace the differences in the world around them and to be proud of themselves and their families.

There are around 6,000 known genetic disorders. It is estimated that 1 child in 25 in the UK is affected by a genetic disorder. 30,000 babies are newly diagnosed in the UK every year. Some disorders can be detected at birth whilst others are diagnosed at different stages throughout childhood and sometimes into adolescence.

Our fundraising *Jeans for Genes* afternoon allowed every member of our school community to wear their jeans to school. Donations helping to fund projects that provide nursing care, equipment, activity weekends, online support and counselling for those who most need our support.

Henstead children and staff of all ages clearly enjoyed the opportunity to mix and match school uniform with denim – a super way to bring relief and support to other children all over the UK.

Well done everyone and thank you for your support.

The message from Year 6 was clear - please support us, wear your jeans and donate a minimum of £1.00.

*Miss Clifton*





# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Hockey



### HOCKEY

#### Under 11 Mixed Hockey Tournament

The under 11 hockey team kicked off the fixtures for the year with a tournament at Norwich Dragons.

Five teams entering meant for a round robin format. Playing on AstroTurf led to a fast paced high intensity afternoon of hockey.

Henstead 1 dominated their first game winning 5-0, whilst Henstead 2 found things tougher going down by three, with some fine goalkeeping from Harry keeping the score to a minimum.

The second game saw Henstead 1 play out an exciting end to end game only to concede late on losing 1-0. Henstead 2 were finding their feet, dominating possession, but just finding an end product hard to come by - eventually drawing 1-1.

In round three, Henstead 1 edged out a cagey victory by a single score, while Henstead 2 won 2-0.

The final game of the afternoon saw Henstead 1 and 2 playing each other in an end to end game, with Henstead 1 just coming out on top.

A great afternoons play with all pupils playing every game and learning lots throughout. Some exceptional performances with Daisy and Thomas winning players of the tournament.

*Mr Hunter*



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 26<sup>th</sup> September**

**7pm**

**in the school hall**



**Parentkind**  
Member Association



# Mascot Awards.

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



Reception: Chloe for being creative with her phonics learning.

Year 1: Jude for creating a wonderful snail and wooden spoon using different materials.

Year 2: Elliot for confidently working hard in Year 2 and adapting to a routine.

Year 3: Millie for writing a creative and funny story about the adventures of Max the Hedgehog.

Year 4: Charlotte for creativity and independence in her writing.

Year 5: Isabelle N for an extremely creative science presentation.

Year 6: Honor for creativity in the crafting of her creative writing.

## Macmillan Cancer

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Thank you to everyone who supported our Macmillan Coffee Morning today after Harvest Festival and to all those who so generously baked and donated cakes.



## Nasal 'Flu Immunisations



Forms will be sent out soon to parents of age eligible pupils (Reception to Year 5) to offer free nasal flu immunisations on Friday 23 November. If you wish your child to be immunised by the visiting nursing team, kindly return your form to the office as soon as possible.

Thank you.

## Naming Uniform



In order to reunite any lost kit with its owner, would parents kindly check that correct names are on all items of clothing and bags brought into school. If you have acquired any second hand items, please ensure that the name of the previous owner is removed, otherwise we will be unable to find the correct owner.

## 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 pm  
ALL WELCOME



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