



# The Old School Henstead

## Newsletter

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### Calendar for next week

Monday 22 October

- Friday 2 November

Monday 29 Oct - 2 Nov

Half Term Break

Holiday Club (bookable via the office)

### Dates for your diary

Monday 5 November

Wednesday 7 November

Friday 9 November

Term Resumes (including After School Clubs)

2.30 Under 10 Rugby at Framlingham Prep (*additional fixture*)

8.50 Remembrance Service at St Mary's Henstead

6.30 PTFA Bonfire Night and Fireworks

10.30 Choir Sings for *Children in Need*, Beccles

Thursday 15 November

Friday 16 November

Wednesday 21 November

Friday 23 November

Friday 30 November

Saturday 1 December

3.30 Under 11 Mixed Tag Rugby at Beccles Primary Academy (*additional fixture*)

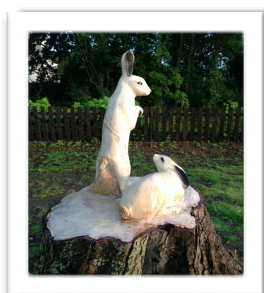
Book Fair Begins

9.30 Nasal 'Flu Immunisations (with parental consent)

8.50 Advent Service at St Mary's Henstead

Christmas Fayre (*new date*)

### Message from the Headmaster



It has been such a busy and purposeful start to the school year that it hardly seems possible to be at half term already. The Inter-House quiz is always an exciting and fun way to end this half, for it gives boys and girls from every year group the opportunity to represent their House. The tension as each player chooses a spelling or a number question in Round Two can really be felt! Soon the House art competition will be replaced by preparations for the arrival of a certain Old Gentleman and the strains of the choir rehearsing will wassail through the door of my study. May we wish every member of The Old School family a blessed and peaceful holiday.

Mr McKinney

## Inter-House Quiz.



This half term ended with our annual Inter-House quiz. The team panelists and supporters were brimming with excitement ready for quizzing! The quiz involved the following rounds: General Knowledge; Spelling or Number; Music; Guess Who? Famous Females and Musical Families.

Well done to all who took part and all those who cheered in support for their fellow House members. Congratulations Waveney House.

	House	Points
1st	Waveney	32
2nd	Deben	30
3rd	Yare	23.5
4th	Orwell	21



# Forest School.



To conclude our half term of learning around the theme of woods and forests, the Nursery and Reception children spent a day in Thetford Forest.

The children used their senses well. They reported different sounds, pointed out things of interest, collected natural resources and remarking on how they looked and felt and were always happy to see an arrow pointing the way along the trail.

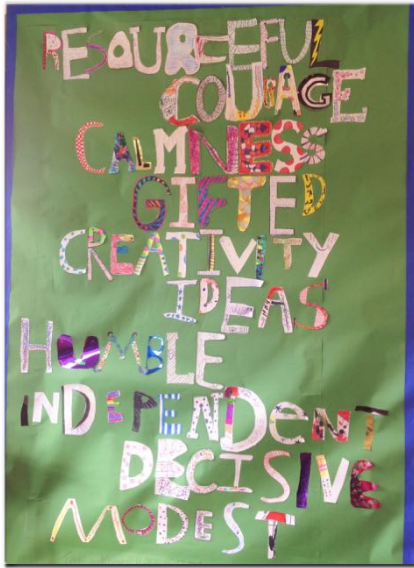
At various points on our walk, there were interesting activities to get involved in. The children built dens, made music and challenged themselves on the climbing equipment. Both classes behaved beautifully, helping each other, showing things to their friends, listening and joining in. The Early Years teachers thoroughly enjoyed their company.

*The Early Years Team*





# House Art Competition.



The culmination of a busy half term for the Houses went on display in the Hall this very week. They had been given the design brief of the school values for this half of term - Confidence and Creativity; the entries certainly demonstrated plenty of both, showing a wide range of skills, techniques and media to express their theme.

For Orwell, it was a complete Lego panorama, set off by some colourful backdrops. Every Duck had contributed to the piece and it was a pleasing tableau.

Perhaps inspired by the success of Year Four English earlier in the term, Waveney has all created individually decorated letters to produce a giant acrostic poem, expanding on the values of the Owls to striking (knowledge into wisdom) and sizeable effect.



Yare had tackled the slopes, gullies and summit of Yaredonia through the medium of wire sculpture encased in papier mâché, with each Yare bear ascending in pipe cleaner form to the pinnacles of confidence and creativity.

The Deben foxes had recycled a traditional source of materials to create self portraits, decorated and tastefully displayed to reflect the recent classroom refurbishment. Great work by all and a narrow win for Deben and Waveney, with Yare close behind just ahead of Orwell.

*Judge Jefferies*





# Reception Roundup.



What a fantastic start to Reception! It has been a truly confident and creative beginning to the academic year. We are all very proud of our new Reception class and how well they have transitioned from Nursery into school routines and independent learning.

Our focus this term has been 'All About Me'. The children have learnt a lot of new skills that help them to belong to our Old School community. They understand how to have fun whilst learning; letter sounds, numbers, high frequency words and even spellings!

Creativity has been enjoyed through weekly music, art and child-led activities. Physical



development grows in strength as we continue with games and gymnastic lessons taught by our skilled coaches. Social skills have been nurtured through playtimes, House meetings and whole school assemblies. Strong friendships formed. It is wonderful to see the children take so much pride in coming to school.

Well done Reception enjoy a well-earned rest! We look forward to seeing you all next half of term where our focus will be Fire, Research and Resilience.

*Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin*



## Nursery Star of the Week



This week Tilly has been awarded to Francesca for being very grown up both at Nursery and home. Francesca has been working really hard all week problem solving for Curly Shirley and has also been very kind and caring towards others.

Well done Francesca. Have a wonderful half term with Tilly.



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Football



### FOOTBALL SUCCESS

The final fixture of this half term belonged to both the under 11 girls and boys football teams.

With 13 teams in both groups it would take a massive effort to reach the knockout stages. The girls began the proceedings, totally dominating in their first game, but somehow coming away having lost 1-0. This made the girls even more determined and they once again dominated the play throughout the second game coming away 4-0 victors. Knowing they had to win their final game to reach the qualifying round, the girls put on a great performance winning 2-0 - they had reached the semi-final. A tense semi-final saw Rebecca score early only for our opponents to draw level straight away. However the girls kept up their work rate and scored a vital goal before half time; some great game management in the second half saw us rarely troubled with a final score of 2-1. The final arrived against Red Oak in which the girls huffed and puffed but ran out of steam at the final hurdle.

A fantastic effort from all the girls, playing some excellent football along the way. Bring on the football season.

The boys found things harder going than the girls. In a tough group, an early goal in our first game saw us dominate play but unable to score, losing 1-0. Our second fixture saw us 0-0 at half time and when going for the win being caught on the break losing 2-0. During the third game another dominant display, but with no luck in front of goal. After hitting the post multiple times, we conceded a fluke goal winner. Our play off game saw us up against Oulton Broad where the boys really gave it their all and finally got some deserved reward, winning the game 2-1 with goals from both Louis and Francis. Lots to work on for the boys as we head into our Football season next term.

*Mr Hunter & Miss Coxon*



# SPORTS ROUND UP

## Swimming



### ISA SWIMMING GALA

The annual ISA swim gala had come around again and the Henstead team headed down the A12 to Crown Pools in Ipswich.

Pupils from our Upper School took part, with Marli so full of excitement that he was actually dancing before getting underway.

He swam fantastic breaststroke and backstroke races, finishing fourth and eighth. This set the tone for others to match and all of our swimmers really pushed themselves - Imogen finished tenth, with Rebecca following suit. Emily pushed herself in the butterfly and freestyle finishing second and fourth.

There was much excitement in the relays to complete the competition - we finished twelfth overall, a result of which the boys and girls should be very proud.

*Mr Hunter*



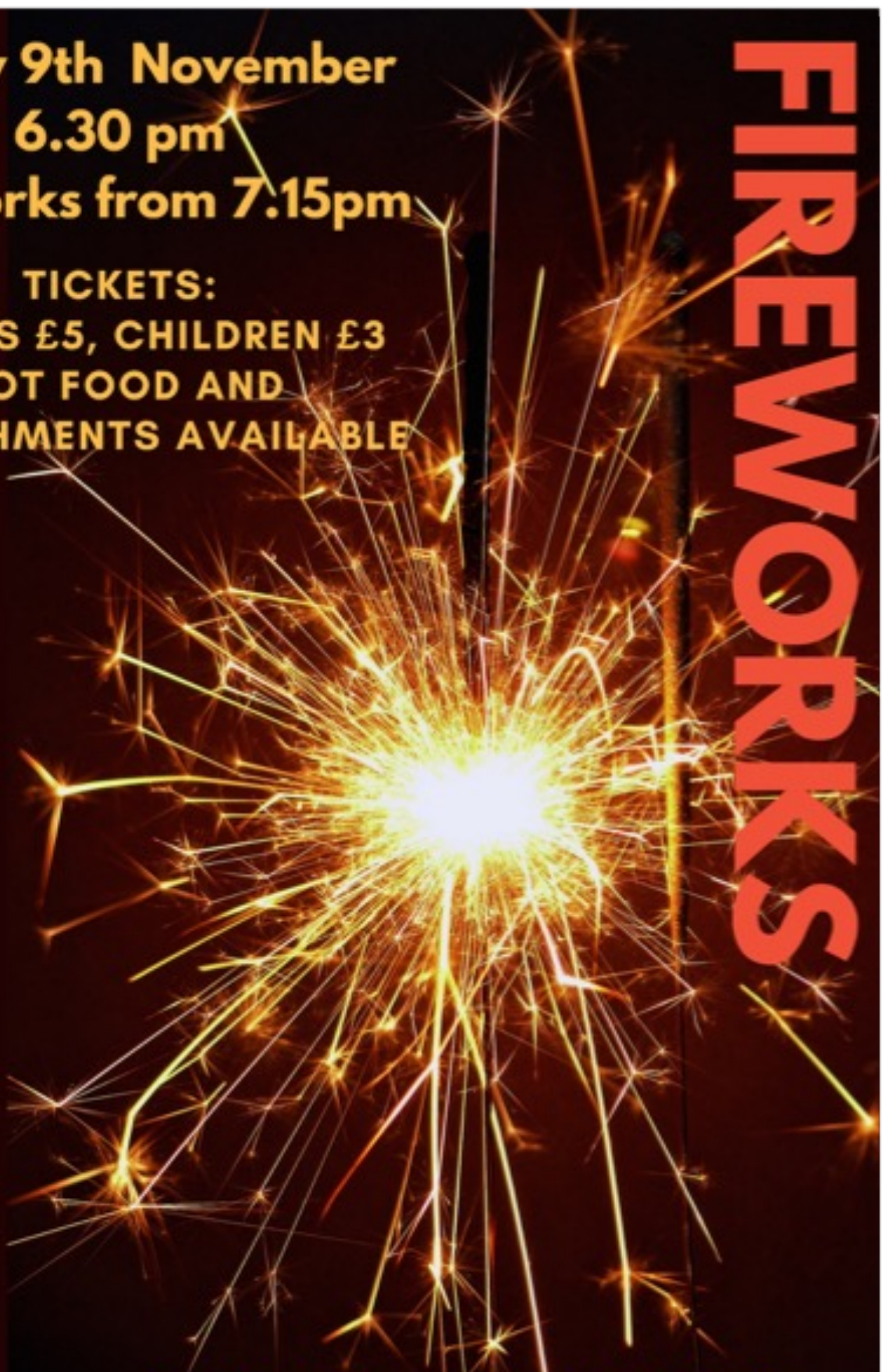


**BONFIRE**

**FIREWORKS**

**Friday 9th November**  
**6.30 pm**  
**Fireworks from 7.15pm**

**TICKETS:**  
**ADULTS £5, CHILDREN £3**  
**HOT FOOD AND**  
**REFRESHMENTS AVAILABLE**



**EMAIL TICKET REQUESTS TO:**  
**[ptfa2@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk](mailto:ptfa2@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk)**

# Holiday Club.

Our half term Holiday Club will run with the following programme:

Monday 29 October	Outdoor Education
Tuesday 30 October	Pumpkin Painting
Wednesday 31 October	Cookery
Thursday 1 November	Technology/Movie Making
Friday 2 November	Sports Day.

Booking forms, for individual days or the whole week, have been sent out in bags with pupils in Reception to Year Six.



## New Winter Menus



Our delicious new Winter Menus - starting with Week 1 after half term - can now be viewed on our website via the following link:

<https://theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/lunch-menu/>

All meals are created and cooked freshly on our premises, using high quality ingredients. If you have not signed up your child to hot lunches and would like to do so, kindly contact the office.

## Save the Date

Our Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 1 December (change of date). More details coming soon.

## 'Flu Immunisations



Forms have now been sent out 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 **by first day back after half term**. Thank you.

## Polite Reminder

Parents are reminded that they are not permitted to enter the changing rooms or pupil toilets unless accompanied by a member of staff. If you need to drop off any late kit during the school day, please do so at the office. Thank you.

## Christmas Cards & More



Don't forget to hand in your design and order forms for Christmas Cards, wrapping paper, gift cards, coasters, fridge magnets and more. Order forms (designs to be drawn/painted on the reverse blank side) should be handed into the office **by 5 November (first day back after half term)**. All in aid of PTFA funds to benefit the school. We appreciate your support.



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