



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Tuesday 16 October

1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming

2.15 Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming

2.30 Reception, Year 1 & Nursery Pre-School Gymnastics

Thursday 15 November

10.30 Choir Sings for *Children in Need*, Beccles

Friday 16 November

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

Dates for your diary

Wednesday 21 November

Book Fair Begins

Friday 23 November

9.30 Nasal 'Flu Immunisations (with parental consent)

Friday 30 November

8.50 Advent Service at St Mary's Henstead

Saturday 1 December

Christmas Fayre (*new date*)

Friday 7 December

PTFA Christmas Parties

Wednesday 12 December

9.15 Early Years Nativity

Thursday 13 December

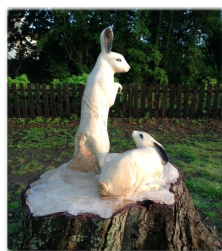
2.00 Lower School Nativity at St Mary's Henstead

Friday 14 December

12.00 School Christmas Lunch

7pm Carol Service at St Mary's Henstead

Message from the Headmaster



It is entirely fitting that our values of resilience and research fall in this week of remembrance, as our boys and girls put back together in their minds the sacrifice of those who gave their tomorrow, so that we might have today. There has been much to find out about the hardships that were endured and we were also pleased to plant crosses for local servicemen who had lived in Rushmere and Mutford on behalf of the Royal British Legion. We will remember them all.

Mr McKinney

Music Tuition.



If any parents would like their child to try the violin or drums, for one-to-one tuition, please contact Miss Sindall or the office to request a free taster lesson with our strings or drum teacher. We have only a few spaces available, so please contact the office as soon as possible.

We will remember them.



This Sunday marks 100 years since the Armistice was signed in November 1918, bringing an end to the First World War.

Big Ben sounded in Parliament Square to ring in the news as thousands gathered in Westminster and outside Buckingham Palace roaring in celebration, sparking three days of jubilation across Britain, with members of the public climbing the lions in Trafalgar Square and tearing down advertising hoardings appealing for investment in war bonds to burn on bonfires.

But of course there were very many people who did not feel like celebrating.

In Shrewsbury, Susan Owen - mother of the famous poet, Lieutenant Wilfred Owen – received a telegram informing her of his death at Sambre-Oise in France at the precise moment local church bells rang out in euphoria, a bitter irony indeed.

Over the next two years, 5,000 war memorials were erected in towns and villages nationwide, solemnly recording the sacrifices of local soldiers

rather than revelling in glory. Monuments that stand today as reminders of the past and warnings to future generations not to repeat the mistakes of history.

Today we gathered by the memorial in Henstead to remember both those members of the school community who have lost family members as a result of war as well as those lost from the village.

Our service was led by the Reverend S. Slatter. The choir confidently led us all in the hymns and sang a special Remembrance Song. Mr McKinney gave us a stark illustration of the devastating loss of life in the First World War by telling us of the community of Portree in Skye where twenty five young men who volunteered in 1914 found themselves on the Somme. Only four returned home.

And so we thoughtfully laid our crosses to the evocative sound of the Last Post.

Miss Sindall



Preparing for the future.



The journey of a thousand miles begins with one step....

The Henstead journey begins with one small step through the school gates. It is all about discovery. Our aim is to empower pupils to discover themselves as individuals and as members of a wider community. Like shepherds, we watch over our flock as they travel through towards their future destination. The greatest joy of all is to witness our Year 6 pupils nearing the end of this journey and knowing that they are ready to move seamlessly forward and begin the next stage of the wider journey of life.

As I watch, I observe the Year 6 pupils offered and accepting structured daily challenges. I see decision making, problem solving, creative and critical thinkers.

Embedded within increasing responsibilities and expectations comes opportunities to develop self-awareness, empathy and assertiveness.

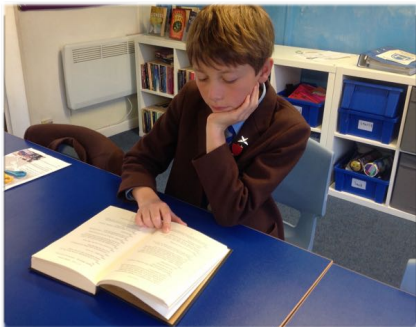
One sixth through the academic year and our Year 6 flock have led from the front. Prefects, School Council leaders, house leaders, team leaders, Reception mentors, Open Morning guides and pupil voice providing the platforms to embrace both pastoral and academic school values. Eight weeks into our school year and the progress of each Year 6 pupil is clear to see. Step by step they

become better at being the best they can be.

Our recent visit to the Crumble Bots Challenge evidenced all that I see – happy, polite, articulate, focused Year 6 pupils who are happy in their own skin, willing to take a risk and to work as part of a driven team.

As I have, take time to observe the Year 6 pupils, they have and are developing further the life skills that will give them the ability for adaptive and positive behaviour that will equip them to deal with the demands and challenges of the future that lies before them. They took one small step through the school gates, they began their Henstead journey. In time they will look back and know that they have covered immense distances.

Miss Clifton





Early Years News.

NURSERY

At the beginning of the week we looked at the story told by pictures in the book "Journey". The children were fascinated by the detailed pictures of the magical and sometimes dangerous journey of a lonely girl and her magic crayo. This has inspired the making of a magical den in nursery where the children enjoy going in to draw pictures and have a quiet time with their friends.

We have also been imagining our own magical journeys and have made special tickets that we can use on the ship, boat, car and bus that the children have been playing with. Keeping with the transport theme we have been learning the song "We all go travelling by".

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Congratulations to William. Tilly has noticed the effort you are making to share with friends and help them when they need something. Enjoy your sleepover!



Reception Roundup.



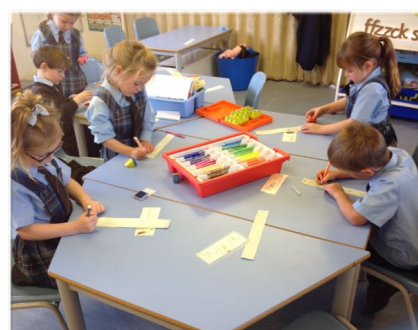
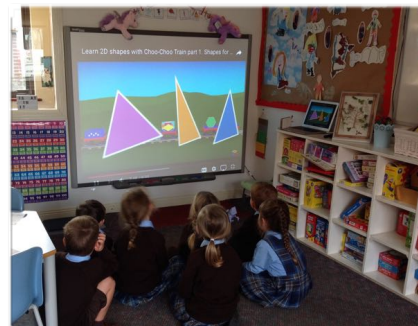
Welcome back. We hope you all enjoyed your half term break! We have already embraced this term's topic - fire - with some interesting research about Guy Fawkes, how fireworks are made and bonfire night safety.

We have enjoyed creating our own firework pictures in art in anticipation of the school bonfire party and used our knowledge of 2D shapes to help create some cracking pictures!

As part of science we made our own risk assessment and had some indoor fireworks to see how fire can change materials in different ways.

Our resilience continues to strengthen as we develop our numeracy and literacy skills. We enjoy practising CVC (consonant-vowel-consonant) blending and segmentation in this phase and applying knowledge of blending and segmenting to reading and spelling simple two-syllable words and captions. There are 25 new graphemes to learn, most of them comprising two letters (e.g. oa). We will also learn letter names during this term and research different ways we can use the alphabet. Watch out for some more tricky words to learn and have a go at spelling some of these words.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



SPORTS ROUND UP

Rugby



RUGBY V FRAMLINGHAM PREP

First week back and the boys headed over to Framlingham Prep School for an Under 10 contact Rugby match. Full of excitement and enthusiasm, the boys began the game in fine fashion.- straight from the kick-off Caleb found himself powering through the tackles to score a try immediately. This also set the tone and energised the Henstead defence, which was straight into the action, taking down their biggest player with a fine tackle, Francis turning over the ball and driving his way to the try line. The Henstead boys were dominant in the scrum, and with some quick pick ups and play found themselves 3 tries to the good.

Some changes were made to the team and Framlingham started to show their skill and power. However this only spurred the boys on, with William, George and James flying into try-saving tackles. At the other end Harry D and Johnny found themselves fall just short of the try line.

Framlingham did manage to pull some tries back before half time.

A quick change in personnel for the second half and it was much the same Henstead driving forwards at every opportunity. Bertie and Gabriel made some breaks through the line, allowing Francis to score. As the scores ebbed and flowed in the second half, Henstead were always in the lead. However with what turned out to be the last play of the game, Framlingham managed to even things up, with a final score of 7-7.

A fantastic game thoroughly enjoyed by all spectating, with the Henstead team showing what potential they could have as a group in the future.

Mr Hunter



Mascot Awards.

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - **Resilience and Research:**



Reception: Margot for being a resilient learner when practising her number writing

Year 1: Henry for showing real resilience in his reading

Year 2: Ariane for a desire to be an inquisitive researcher

Year 3: Lolah for showing resilience when tackling tough science tasks

Year 4: Caleb for a resilient performance in Rugby

Year 5: Harry S for resiliently trying to write more in the time allowed

Year 6: Louis for listening to advice and adjusting his mathematical research techniques

Children in Need



Please come along to support our choir singing in Beccles town centre (opposite Boots and HSBC Bank) next Thursday 15 November, at 10:30am, to raise money for *Children in Need*.

Calling all Bakers!

We would be most grateful for cakes and buns to sell in Beccles next Thursday while our choir performs for *Children in Need*.

Please drop off all baking donations to the hall on Thursday morning at drop off time. (All nut-free please.)

Also, we would appreciate any volunteers able to help sell the cakes on our stall. Please contact the PTFA team or the office.

Hats, Gloves & Scarves



Just a reminder that only uniform hats, scarves and gloves are permitted to be worn at school and on trips. These items are all available from our Uniform Shop.

Fireworks Success



Thank you to our wonderful PTFA team for a great bonfire and fireworks event and to all the families who supported it. Special thanks to the Blois family for their gift of Blythburgh sausages for the event.

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

PTFA News Extra

Children in Need Cake Stall Thursday 17 November, 10:30 Beccles Town Centre, alongside the choir singing. Cakes and volunteers to help man the stall wanted.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 1 December. Please spread the word.



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