



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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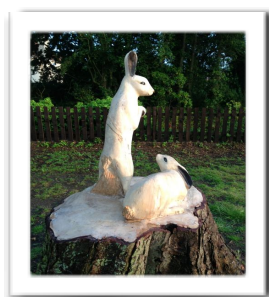


Calendar for next week

Tuesday 11 December	1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming 2.15 Years 4, 5 & 6 Swimming 2.30 Reception, Year 1 & Nursery Pre-School Gymnastics 9.15 Early Years Nativity
Wednesday 12 December	2.00 Lower School Nativity at St Mary's Henstead
Thursday 13 December	12.00 School Christmas Lunch (all pupils invited)
Friday 14 December	7pm Carol Service at St Mary's Henstead, followed by refreshments & mince pies back at school Term Ends

Dates for your diary

Monday-Wednesday 17-19 December	Holiday Club (booking forms have been sent out)
Tuesday 8 January	Spring Term Begins



Message from the Headmaster

May I wish every member of The Old School Henstead community a blessed, peaceful Christmas and a happy New Year.

Mr McKinney

Christmas Lunch.



In keeping with tradition, the whole school will eat Christmas Lunch together next Friday. (No need for packed lunches unless you choose to send your child with one.) It is always a happy occasion with all the trimmings, crackers and heaps of festive spirit.

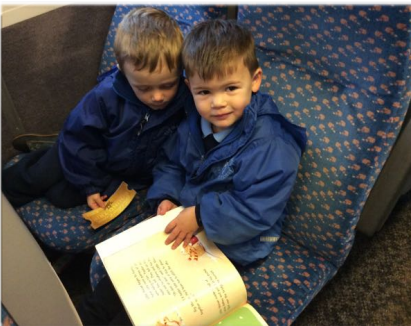


Early Years News.

NURSERY

The first week of Advent has been busy. The children have been set a variety of maths challenges by Rufus our Christmas dog. He has high expectations and has been testing the children's brain power with sequencing, sharing, pattern and counting tasks. He is also revealing the Christmas story day by day as he sniffs the child's name out of the bowl to determine who will open the calendar on that day. Alongside the grueling rehearsals for next week's nativity, the children have had great fun reading *The Polar Express*, role playing the story, writing letters to Father Christmas and crafting a nativity scene for the wall. They have decorated Nursery, tastefully, written Christmas cards and made salt dough decorations. So much learning happening and all so much fun!

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Congratulations to Rafferty who is having a sleepover with Tilly this weekend. She has been watching him play such fun and sensible games at Nursery.



Reception Roundup.



As the term draws to an end the excitement of Christmas develops, routines in Reception are taking a festive twist. The Nativity dress rehearsal was a success and we look forward to performing for our families on Wednesday at St Mary's Church.

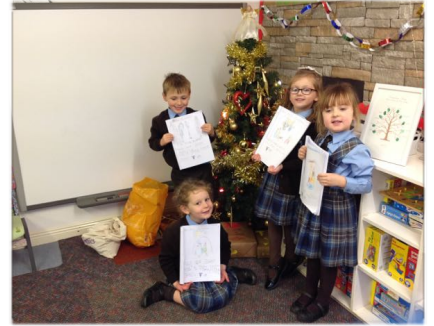
In Literacy, the Christmas story has inspired us to create our own sentences and pictures. We loved using our sounds and fantastic handwriting skills. We all received an AI for our hard work, and a Christmas chocolate from the Headmaster's Christmas tree.



Maths concepts have progressed from addition to subtraction using a number line. We continued our maths focus on shapes and patterns by creating work out of blocks and our classroom furniture.

We enjoyed hearing from Mrs Scriven all about her trip to London where she met Robin Ince. This sparked curiosity amongst us to learn about space and what we thought it might look like. We read a special story written by the astronaut, Chris Hadfield, who we watched brushing his teeth in space - it was not easy! Working as a team we went on a mission and created our own universe picture.

Mrs Scriven & Mrs Dakin



HOUSE UPDATE.



DEBEN

What a successful start to the school year we have had in Deben! Joint first winners in the inter-house art competition and second in the inter-house quiz competition. With creativity and brains, we are truly blessed in Deben House. According to recent house point totals, we are in second place. Our dynamic teamwork and positive spirit are our greatest strengths. Obviously, having heaps of fun along the way helps!

We are hoping to continue our successful streak in the upcoming inter-house Christmas song competition. In the festive spirit of good will, may the best house win!

ORWELL

Orwell have been demonstrating all of the school values as they confidently display their team spirit and prepare for the annual school Christmas singing competition. Ducks for ever!

YARE

The bears of Yare House are currently limbering up and practising scales and arpeggios in preparation for



our offering in the inter-house Christmas song competition next week. Currently in third place, our aim is no less than world, well, school domination by the end of this term. Will the bells ring out for a Yare House victory this festive season? Will we have ourselves a merry little Christmas, or will it be a silent night? Who knows but we'll give it our very best shot. Go Yare Bears!

WAVENEY

Waveney House have been busy in the lead up to the annual Christmas singing competition. No expense has been spared in the endeavour to maintain our position at the top of the leader board. It would be foolish to think that the Waveney House motto could be anything other than "Veni, vidi, vici!" The hit song "All I Want for Christmas is my Two Front Teeth" is the song of choice as we battle it out on the stage next week. Developing a singing lisp has been an enjoyable experience for the children - stopping the lisp post singing is another issue altogether. An added edge this year is a Butcher-inspired mini-play that is sure to wow the judges and give us the winning edge over our competitors.





Fun at the Fayre.



The preparations began on Friday and the school was transformed - a wonderful grotto in readiness for the arrival of Father Christmas and stalls laden with crafts and produce of every kind. There were beautiful Christmas gifts, soft toys aplenty, wreaths, guess the weight of the cake, name the snowman and Christmas games, to name just a few.

A huge thank you to everyone who contributed to last Saturday's Christmas Fayre. We are grateful to parents, children, staff and the wonderful PTFA who worked tirelessly to stage the event.



SPORTS ROUND UP

Unihoc & Swimming



UNILOC

A busy afternoon lay in wait for our Under 9 Uni Hoc team, with 14 teams entering a tournament the games would be coming thick and fast.

In our first game we faced a Worlingham side, who put up a good fight but found the Henstead team in fine form. Goalkeeper James was a spectator for most of the game which we won 5-0. Straight on again, we played a Beccles side who found us in top form, Millie letting nobody past in defence whilst Caleb, George, Charlotte and Evelyn were scoring for fun, coming away 6-0 victors. Our final group game was our toughest test to date - finding ourselves 2-0 down, we battled back to score 3 quick goals to win an entertaining game 3-2.

The semi final was upon us in a flash, a physical Gillingham side scored first. This woke up team Henstead who managed to score 5 goals without reply meaning a spot in the final was ours.

In the final we came up against a very good Reydon side who dominated the first half scoring 3 goals unanswered, however the second half was total Henstead domination we just couldn't turn it into enough goals. Final score 3-1.

A fantastic achievement from the boys and girls who played as a team throughout the tournament.

SWIMMING

Following success in the regional heats, Emily was selected to compete in the national finals of the Independent Schools Association swimming event, held at the Olympic London Aquatics Centre. She competed in the Freestyle Relay race and came 5th. The ISA East Anglia team achieved 3rd position overall, which is a fantastic result.

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: Chloé for showing resilience in her handwriting

Year 1: Autumn for showing resilience in her spellings

Year 2: Christabel for resiliently accessing tricky learning challenges

Year 3: Raff for resilience in the classroom and in his recent club football matches

Year 4: Bertie for being a resilient sprout in the Year 4 assembly

Year 5: Imogen F-T for paying close attention to feedback in her work, and resiliently making changes to improve her final product.

Year 6: Charlie for resiliently overcoming a hand injury and continuing with his school work

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While you are Christmas shopping online, why not help raise funds for our PTFA at no extra cost to you. Simply register with easyfundraising before proceeding to your usual online shops. After a simple registration the first time, you simply continue to go on to your usual sites via:

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/oldschoolhenstead/>

That way all your online purchases earn a commission for the school.

Hosted Buffet Lunch

Next Wednesday 12 December lunch will be a buffet style menu, cooked by our usual wonderful chef, but hosted by the School Council. No need for pupils to bring packed lunches, unless preferred.

Holiday Club



Our Christmas Holiday Club will run from Monday 17 to Wednesday 19 December. The programme of activities and booking forms have gone out. Bookings may be made for individual days or all three. Book early to secure places.

Christmas Post



The children of Henstead have been busy writing, enveloping and sending letters and cards this week. Fortunately, we located hard-working elves who have taken it upon themselves to organise the sorting and distribution on a daily basis. Taking care of the 'elf 'n safety was an integral part in ensuring that the letters were distributed well.

Please ensure that you include the year group of the recipient on all envelopes. Thank you.

Mr Hunt

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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