



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 27- Friday 31 May Half Term

Dates for your diary

Monday 3 June

Tuesday 4 June

Thursday 6 June

Saturday 22 June

Wednesday 26 June

Term Resumes

1.30 Nursery, Reception & Year 1 Swimming

2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming

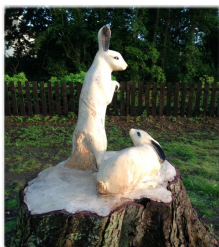
2.30 Years 2 & 3 Gymnastics

1.00 Subject & Class Teacher/Parents Meetings

Outdoor Education Day Years 1-6

Henstead Golf Day

School Photograph, Sports Day, Summer Fayre & Pupils v Parents Cricket



Message from the Headmaster

It was a privilege to be part of the Henstead Hike again this year. We were blessed with wonderful weather, a cooling breeze by the coast and warm enough to make the ice lollies a motivational factor on the way home. It was a challenge and much thanks are due to the many who contributed to making the day such a success - not least Mr Hunter. The boys and girls showed the kind of resilience that makes Henstead pupils so sought after by senior schools. My thanks also to the many parents and legion of canine friends who accompanied us. Emma was there with her family to welcome us. Well done to all!

Mr McKinney

Henstead Hike 2019.

Thank you to everyone who joined us on our Henstead Hike 2019 - a whole school sponsored walk of 13 coastal miles to raise money for CCHS UK. To donate, please go to: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/OldSchoolHenstead> or hand in sponsorship money to the office after half term. Let's raise lots for a great cause.



Henstead Hike 2019.



Getting up Close.



In spite of a drizzly morning, we arrived very excited about our adventure at Jimmy's Farm. First, a stroll down to the butterfly house by way of some very impressive reindeer. We were surprised to notice that their antlers were soft and velvety, and the children had a chance to hold one of these many-branched cranial appendages.

Our guide Peter then led us inside the butterfly house we saw Owl butterflies, Emerald Swallow and Blue Morphos, whose striking wings were the colour of sapphires. The butterflies were very friendly and even landed on our fingers and clothes which was a real treat.

Next, onto the reptile house. The boys and girls were shown a royal python, a yellow bearded dragon called Pancake and a huge black and white Tegu lizard called Terri. They looked with wonder at these prehistoric creatures and were very excited when they had the chance to hold them. Giving the hungry-looking crocodiles an extremely wide berth, we left the butterfly house to find that the rain had stopped and the sun was shining.

After lunch we took a walk into the forest and Peter pointed out holly, ash and hazel trees. This was followed by whoops of delight and some great demonstrations of teamwork as the boys and girls spent a happy half hour building dens.

Back down to the farm to say hello to the meerkats and feed the goats, and then onto the bouncy pillow for a quick jump around before heading for home.

Thank you to all at Jimmy's Farm for a very enjoyable day.

Mrs Sonn and Mrs Dakin





Nursery News.



The children were asked "What makes you smile at Nursery?" Here are some of the answers:

"When Orange Annie comes and does tricks"

"When I go to the crafting area and do a crafting activity"

"Water and Spiderman!"

"I liked it when Curly Shirley made tasks for us"

"Minty is my friend and I like playing hide and seek with all my friends"

"I can do good writing"

"I a big girl. I don't need a nappy"

"Playing with my friends and taking them on the back of the blue bike"

"All my drawings"

"Making my maps and hiding in Nursery from my friends"

"Birthday!"

So many different answers and at first glance the activities mentioned could be seen as "just playing". Miss Butcher and I are challenged daily to make all of their "play" valuable learning experiences. My Friday challenge to you is to go through the children's list and spot the activities that would have concealed maths, phonics, PSHE, literacy, expressive arts, problem solving, gross and fine motor skills.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Well done Frankie. Tilly saw you helping your friends this week when they were feeling sad or worried. Enjoy sleepover this half term.

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Reception Roundup.



As I sit and write this week's newsletter and reflect on the year so far, I am thinking ahead to writing reports and handing over my class to the trusted hands of Year 1. It brings a smile to my face at how much all the children have achieved and flourished.

created our own butterflies in art.

Well done on the Henstead Hike and enjoy your half term rest Reception.

Mrs Scriven



The sun continues to shine on the Reception garden, bugs have moved in and with some tender care, watering and attention, our flowers are growing!

Our sunflower seeds are now too big for their pots so we have transplanted them into our garden. In English we have started our own sunflower diaries, so that we can record how much they grow.



As we develop our mental maths skills using counters we enjoy creating our own addition and subtraction sums.



We really enjoy nature, inspiring our maths lessons, and our focus has been on butterflies. We have learnt what symmetry means and

Allotment Tradition.



Our Year Fives went off site on Wednesday for some local outdoor education and simultaneously contributed to a great English tradition.

Surely left over from feudal times, the village allotment has more than its share of grandads and so it is good to induct our young people into its pleasures and mysteries.

There was nothing medieval about Year Fives enthusiasm as they dispatched a sack of main crop potatoes, each with its helping of compost and chicken poo.

With luck and some rain they will see the fruits (or should that be veggies) of their labours in September!

Mr Butcher



SPORTS ROUND UP

Rounders



A competitive afternoon of Rounders in near perfect conditions saw the Year 5 mixed team come so close to glory.

After getting to grips with the rules, a strong batting performance saw Henstead run riot against an Albert Pye B team, George, Isabelle and Imogen leading the way with multiple rounders as we scored 57 runs. Our fielding was also as impressive, with Bonnie taking a ball to the face but carrying on. Some good catches from Francis, George and Imogen saw us restrict our opponents to only 51 runs and a first round victory.

In the second round we played an Albert Pye C team and we really hit our stride, with all members of the team scoring Rounders. Once again George and Isabelle smashed the ball everywhere and caused havoc. A massive score of 67 runs was once again followed by some excellent fielding, some important stops from Brayden, Harry and Harry along with multiple run outs saw us manage to run the whole team out and take victory before the time was up.

The third round was a battle for the final. A strong Worlingham team could not contain the batting, with once again many rounders being scored and important singles made, we set our opponents 47 to win. Worlingham found it hard going as we were fast gaining admirers for our fielding tactics and ability at both catching and stumping. However even with getting the whole team out we somehow lost the game by 4 runs pushing us down to the 3rd/4th place final game.

Deflated the Henstead team put up a good fight but could not keep pace with the scores required, falling 10 runs short.

A great afternoon of Rounders with all team members contributing in some way to the team performances.

Mr Hunter





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SUMMER FAYRE



3.30PM

WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE

Family Cricket

Wood-fired Pizza

Bar

Baking Contest

Raffle

Games & Stalls



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SATURDAY 6TH JULY FROM 1PM

HENSTOCK 2019

Children's Entertainment
from 'The Tricky Twister'
Music from 'Catch 22'

Seniors Playlist Party!
Pop-up Gin Bar
Auction of Promises



Adults £10 Children £5
Early Bird Discount
until Friday 7th June
(£8 and £4)

Pitch tents from 1pm
Entertainment from
3.30pm
Food available to
purchase. BYOB

Mascot Awards.

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

Reception: Jayden for thinking carefully about his numbers and letters.

Year 1: Sebastian for thinking carefully about the details in his artwork.

Year 2: Ariane for an excellent performance in her maths this week.

Year 3: Lola for working well in teams during the week.

Year 4: Philip for coauthoring a wonderful poem in English.

Year 5: Bonnie for deep thinking during a tricky maths challenge.

Year 6: Daisy for remaining humble during her hockey celebrations this week.



Pupils v Parents Cricket



Our annual Pupils v Parents & Staff cricket match will take place after Sports Day and the Summer Fayre at 4.00 on Wednesday 26 June. It is always a fun event and Mr Hunter would be pleased to hear from any parents interested in playing.



Golf Day



We are holding a Golf Day for parents on Saturday 22 June, start time to be confirmed. If you are interested, please see Mr Hunter. It is usually a great day and Mr Ayres will be defending his title!

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15

Charity Wristbands



Wristbands in aid of CCHS UK will still be available for £2 during the first week back after half term, from the office. Please also ensure any sponsorship forms and cash/cheque payments are returned during the first week, so that we may dispatch the funds raised to the charity.

Save the Dates!

Be sure to check our online calendar for the host of events taking place in the last part of this academic year, including school photograph dates, Sports Day, Summer Fayre, Pupils v Parents & Staff Cricket Match, Summer Shows, Speech Day, Henstock, Trinity College Music Examinations and Holiday Club: <https://theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk/calendar/>



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