



The Old School Henstead

Newsletter

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Calendar for next week

Monday 10 June
Tuesday 11 June

Year 6 Transition Week
Year 6 First Aid Training with Dr M Hardman
1.30 Nursery, Reception & Year 1 Swimming
2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming
2.30 Years 2 & 3 Gymnastics
Year 1 & 6 visit the Dinosaur Park
9.00 Nursery Urban Visit

Wednesday 12 June
Friday 14 June

Dates for your diary

Saturday 22 June
Wednesday 26 June
2-4 July
Friday 5 July
Saturday 6 July

Henstead Golf Day
School Photograph, Sports Day, Summer Fayre & Pupils v Parents Cricket
Summer Shows
Speech Day
Henstock
Trinity Music Examinations
Holiday Club

8-12 & 15-19 July

Message from the Headmaster

The tented village is still in place at the school as I write this message - our Year Three Adventurers have embraced the challenge of residential Outdoor Education and have been supported by our older boys and girls to great success. I trust that the picture gallery will convey the range of activities that were undertaken, from campcraft skills, through the sleeping bag Olympics, learning how to safely climb a tennis court (ask them) - with the outdoor movie to finish the day. Marvellous! *Mr McKinney*



Get Ready for Speech Day.



Our Speech Day will once again take place on the last day of term, Friday 5 July. Pupils must arrive at school in full uniform as always at the usual time. Parents should collect their children from classrooms at lunch time for family picnics on the playing fields before the formal ceremony and prize giving starts in the marquee at 2pm. Tea and scones will be served at the end of proceedings.



Outdoor Ed Afternoon.



Outdoor Education Camp.



Nursery News.



Over the half-term holiday the pirates were busy building a ship in our garden!

The children were delighted at the new play equipment and wasted no time dressing up as pirates and exploring the different levels of the ship and discovering its hidden surprises of treasure maps and a hold full of stolen gold.



The children have certainly been in charge of their learning this week with the pirate songs they are choosing to sing, the pirate stories they are bringing to storytime and their elaborate role play with the pirate ship as the focus.



Miss Butcher and I have thoroughly enjoyed adding to the learning with pirate and mermaid based maths and literacy activities. The week has flown by. For all of this, we would like to give a hearty "thank ye" to Mr Vince Smith who designed and built the ship for us in the half term. We have a feeling the pirate theme will continue for a while.



Nursery Star of the Week ★

Well done Carter. You have shown Tilly how much you care and have been a really helpful boy at tidy up this week in nursery. Enjoy sleepover.

Mrs Vorster and Miss Butcher



Reception Roundup.



Excellence is on everyone's mind this week as we embrace the term and our water topic. We have focused our learning this week around seahorses and how we can help to protect our oceans. We have been writing some interesting facts about seahorses, creating an underwater scene in art and we even wrote a letter to the Prime Minister about pollution.



In maths we have been looking at capacity and how much water different containers hold, learning vocabulary such as more, less full, empty and nearly. This fun activity has helped us to keep the garden flowers watered. Our sunflowers are thriving and we are seeing an increasing number of bees and bugs in the garden which is prompting much discussion. We have measured our sunflowers and started recording them in our sunflower diaries.



Thursday afternoon was a fantastic opportunity to get outside and enjoy the warmer weather. We enjoyed a host of team games and mixing with the older children. Meanwhile, we welcomed parents to the meetings for this term and were pleased to inform all about their child's fantastic progress and give them the opportunity to look at their books.



Mrs Scriven

Magnetic Attraction.



Over the last few weeks, the boys and girls in Year 3 have been busy at home conducting some fascinating experiments to complement our current science topic about magnetism. They have also been expertly demonstrating these experiments to the rest of the class.

We have learnt about whether the force of magnetism is strong enough to travel through things, with a super example of a maze and a miniature wire person being pulled through said maze by a magnet located underneath. We have also been treated to the sight of a magic floating paper clip, harnessing the power of magnets to make the paper clip appear to be suspended in mid-air. In the words of a famous magician, 'just like that!'

Fantastic fact: did you know that the Earth acts like a giant magnet and attracts other magnets towards its north pole? Well, we also observed an experiment which, using two magnetised needles, demonstrated how this works, and we discovered that it's an accurate way of finding out where north actually is.

Well done Year 3 (and thank you parents), and may the magnetic force be with you!

Mrs Sonn





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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 - **Excellence & Explanation:**

Reception: Violette for striving for excellence in her reading and writing at home and school.

Year 1: Henry for excellent telling of the time to the hour and half past the hour.

Year 2: Sam for showing excellence in our time unit in maths.

Year 3: Oliver for excellence in many areas, especially listening.

Year 4: James for explaining coordinates in our Describing Position unit.

Year 5: Harry S for remembering and explaining rotations and reflections using maths vocabulary.

Year 6: Emily for her excellent Show and Tell daffodil sculpture and explanation of the cutting and welding process.



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!

PTFA Prize Request



The PTFA would be very grateful for any of the following donations for the Summer Fayre and Henstock:

- Raffle prizes
- Toys or games for the games tombola
- Any small patio plant pots or bedding plants for the plant tombola
- Lots for the Auction of Promises!

Save the Dates!

Be sure to check our online calendar for all the forthcoming events, 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/>

UNIFORM SHOP

Opening Times
Term Time

Mondays 8.15-9.15
Thursdays 3.15-4.15



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