



# The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 13 September 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

Welcome to The Old School Henstead and to the new format of the newsletter. We hope that you will enjoy reading about school events as well as keeping up to date with the school calendar.

After the hectic round of summer refurbishments, building and new appointments, it is always a treat to see the enthusiasm of our boys and girls as they return for the new school year. They certainly have shown confidence in recounting their adventures during the holidays!

We are pleased to welcome our new colleagues to the staff and you may well have met them already - you will find out more about them in this edition.

It has been a tremendous start to the year.

**WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed**









# Show Time - '59 Caddy



Some photographs from our recent production of '59 Caddy. We are most grateful to the Harrison family for the photography of the summer shows.





# Show Time - Peter Pan



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More photographs from the summer production of Peter Pan.





# Holiday Club



It was another great time for the pupils who attended our Summer Holiday Club. The next Holiday Club will be held during the October half term. Full details and dates out soon.



SCHOOL COUNCIL.

We are delighted to announce the appointment of Olivia W as our Head of School Council this year. She will be ably assisted in this role by her deputy, Ayla, and their first job will be to organise the school council elections which take place next week.

their fellow pupils feel that they are being fairly represented.

These are also good life skills and this is a wonderful opportunity for the boys and girls to develop these abilities for the future.

All the best to all the candidates.

Mrs Sonn

As election fever takes hold, it will be exciting to find out who will represent each year group on the council. What qualities does an effective school councillor need, you might ask. Well, if he or she is able to demonstrate this half-term's school values of confidence and creativity, they will be off to a great start. A councillor also provides a voice for other pupils, so demonstrating excellent listening and communicating skills is also a must. Lastly, they should be approachable and open to all ideas so that







# SCHOOL OFFICERS.

## Heads of School

Kitty & Penelope

Deben House

Captains Bonnie, Harry S & Isabelle

We look forward to their guidance and encouragement as they take on the demands of the position as outlined below:

To report back results or news to the house.

To receive trophies at end of term assemblies.

## Houses

The House System is central to our core values and we rely heavily on the quality of our House Captains and Vice Captains to lead from the front. The four houses have elected their leaders and the following have bravely stepped forward to face the challenge.

Waveney House

Captain Kitty  
Vice-Captain Penelope

To be a role model in terms of attitude, work ethic, manners and appearance to younger members of the house, providing inspiration and motivation to all pupils in their house.

We believe that these roles will develop invaluable leadership, organisational and decision-making skills. We wish all the appointees a successful year in post.

Yare House

Captain Harry D  
Vice-Captain Olivia

To help organise and plan competitions and events throughout the year, selecting teams or individuals for these and ensure that all pupils have an opportunity to compete.

To help supervise house activities and competitions.

Orwell House

Captain Imogen  
Vice-Captain Ayla

To ensure fairness and equal opportunity for all, irrespective of ability.

To take responsibility for house assemblies on a weekly basis and organise meaningful activities for these assemblies.





NEW FACES.

We are delighted to welcome four new faces to The Old School Henstead:

**Mr Vincent Spencer - Head of Music**

Mr Spencer has been Head of Music at James Allen's Preparatory School, Dulwich, London for seventeen years. Prior to that he spent six years teaching in both the maintained and independent sectors in schools across London and worked as an instrumental teacher and choirmaster in both Iceland and Norway. He has taught across the age-range from Nursery to Sixth Form and adults. His particular instruments are the piano, violin, harp and recorder. "I am really looking forward to continuing and developing the provision of Music at The Old School Henstead. As well as feeling very lucky to have joined a school with such supportive and friendly staff, I am thoroughly enjoying this beautiful part of the country and exploring all that it has to offer!"

**Miss Claire Doughty - Head of Art & Year 4 Form Tutor**

Miss Doughty began her teaching career in 2008, teaching LAMDA drama and singing at a Norfolk performing arts school before heading to university to study art. After being awarded a BA Honours Degree in Art, she studied further for a postgraduate teaching qualification. During her career in education - in the maintained and independent sectors - she has taught in every year group from EYFS to Year 6. Most recently she taught in a Norfolk preparatory school, where she was also a form teacher.

"I am delighted to be working at The Old School Henstead and look forward to supporting Year 4 on their learning journey."

**Mrs Clare Solomon, Year 5 Form Tutor**

Mrs Solomon is a very experienced, primary qualified teacher. She has worked in schools both in this country (initially in Framlingham) and abroad, where she was principal of an international school operating the British curriculum, which grew tenfold in pupil numbers under her management. She is a science graduate and is also TEFL qualified. We are very fortunate to have secured someone of her calibre.

"I am very excited to now be part of The Old School Henstead and getting to know all of the children here and seeing them grow."

**Mrs Lucy Webster, Nursery Assistant**

Mrs Webster holds a diploma in Nursery Nursing and has experience of working in a Nursery environment. We already see her artistic skills on the reception shed, and the imaginative and professional make up for our theatrical productions! Born in South Lincolnshire to an English Father and Spanish Mother, she speaks Spanish as well as the Nigerian language of Yoruba, having spent a lot of her childhood living in Nigeria due to her father's work commitments. She lived in many parts of the world thereafter, eventually settling in Norfolk in 1989. One of her hobbies in the past has been a professional face and body artist. Outside work her family are keen gardeners, grow vegetables, keep chickens and are enthusiastic bee keepers. "I look forward to my future at The Old School Henstead and working with your little treasures."



# Inspired by Cézanne



Year 4 working on their still life pieces, inspired by the artist Paul Cézanne.





RECEPTION NEWS.

Welcome to Reception! We continue to be amazed at the smooth transition from Nursery and delighted to see the children take their next step on the journey at The Old School. A warm welcome to our new members too.

The class has settled into its new routines with tremendous confidence. It is delightful to see their eagerness to come to school. The children have already befriended their year six buddies and are enjoying the opportunity to get to know children from all year groups.

We have started working our way through the phonetic alphabet and practising our handwriting daily. We are very good at blending our sounds and enjoying sharing

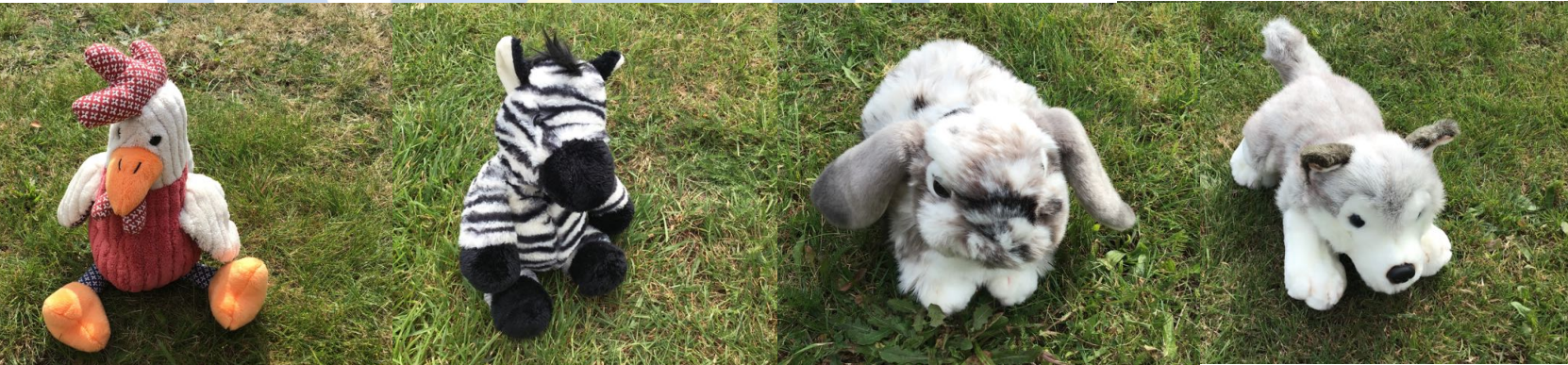
our reading books with our families and teachers.

Our busy week of music, gymnastics, French, literacy, maths and many other lessons, inspired by the children's interests, have come to an end this week with a trip to Ringsfield Old Hall. This is a great opportunity for Reception to work together as a team and show the younger members of our school how great it is to be creative in a natural environment.

Well done Reception - a fantastic start.

Mrs Scriven





## MEET THE MASCOTS.

Our school's value system helps us develop us as people. We encourage pupils to focus on six values that we consider important in society today: Confidence, Resilience, Empathy, Adventure, Teamwork and Excellence (C.R.E.A.T.E.). Each week, teachers award pupils from their classes with a mascot if they have been observed demonstrating the value of the term. Mascot

diaries have documented the mascots' adventures over the week. This academic year we want to encourage pupils to extend their creativity through writing mascot entries that are based on fictional events (for example the mascot visiting space for the weekend and going for a walk on the moon).

In addition to our pastoral values we have a set of academic values, that run concurrently. These are: Creator, Researcher, Experimenter, Analyser, Thinker, Explainer. With this in mind, pupils can be awarded the mascot for demonstrating either a pastoral value, an academic value, or both.

The pupils are very excited to learn the identity of the first mascot winners of the year. May we introduce this year's class mascots, as named by the pupils:

- John the Chicken (Nursery)
- Dash the Zebra (Reception)
- Flappy Sparkles the Rabbit (Year 1)
- Holly Storm the Husky (Year 2)
- Jimmy the Sloth (Year 3)
- Frankie the Daschund (Year 4)
- Gabriel the Guinea Pig (Year 5) and
- Shadow the Wolf (Year 6).







## AWARDS AND NOTICES.

### Mascot Awards

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term - Confidence & Creativity:

Reception: Max for showing confidence at the beginning of the year.

Year One: James for confidently entering Year 1 with a fantastic attitude.

Year Two: Jude for showing confidence while working with different pupils and completing maths activities.

Year Three: Adam for a confident start to Henstead life.

Year Four: Bobby for showing confidence while signing up for LAMDA independently!

Year Five: Philip for growing in confidence and contributing well in lessons.

Year Six: Isabelle for some excellent confidence while making contributions to the Year 6 assembly.

### Whole School Photograph

Final call for photograph order forms for the whole school photograph taken at the end of last term. Please ensure they are dropped into the office by Monday. Thank you. (We have some spare order forms with the proof if anyone has lost theirs.). To avoid paying postage, simply give the school address as your delivery address on the form.

### Macmillan Coffee Morning

*Bake a cake and help those suffering with cancer.*

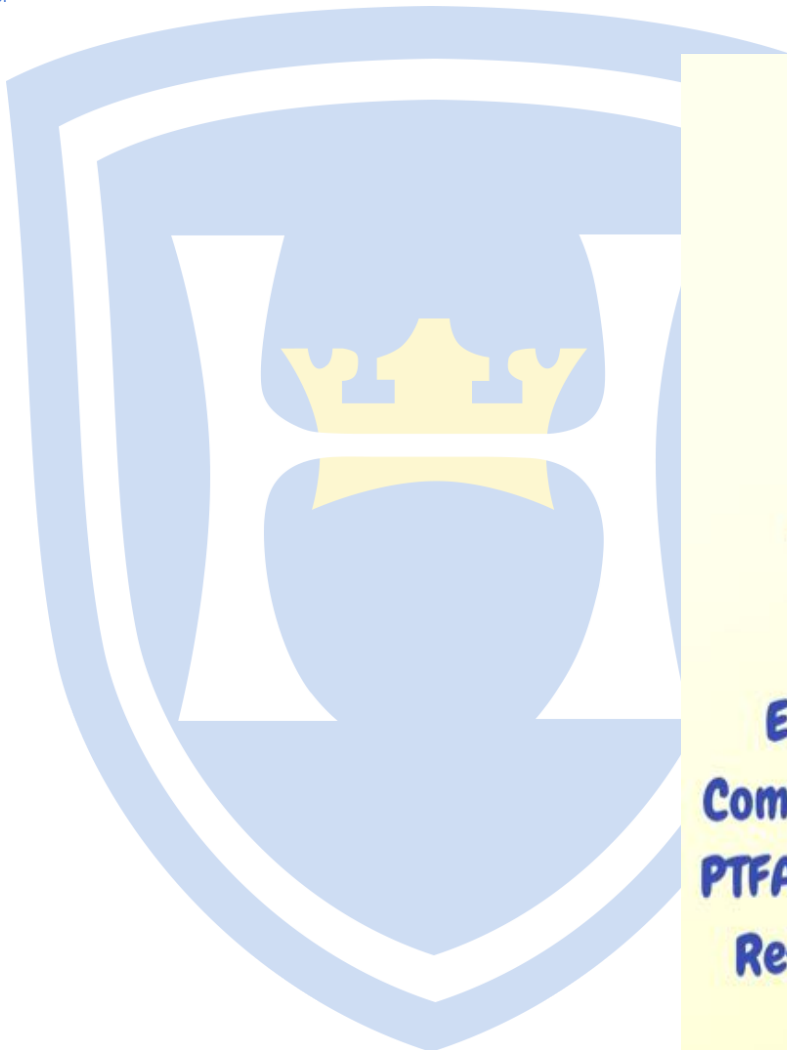
The World's Biggest Coffee Morning is Macmillan's biggest fundraising event. Every penny raised will help Macmillan nurses to give medical, emotional and practical help to someone living with cancer.

We will be holding our annual event on Friday 27 September in the school hall after the Harvest Festival Service at St Mary's Church. Please join us and help us support this vital work.

We would appreciate any donations of cakes and baked goods (MUST BE NUT FREE) which may be brought into the office at end of day prior, or on Friday morning. If you are not a baker, we hope you will come along

and perhaps buy a coffee or slice of cake for the cause. Also, if any parents are free to help with this event, especially decorating the hall or setting out the cakes or serving teas and coffees, please let the office know.

Thank you for your support.



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# PTFA MEETING & AGM

WEDNESDAY 25TH SEPTEMBER

7PM IN THE SCHOOL HALL

**Everyone Welcome!**  
**Come and help us plan the  
PTFA events for this term.**  
**Refreshments provided**

**New Class Reps required for  
2019/20**

