



# The Old School Henstead

Newsletter 8 November 2019

## MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

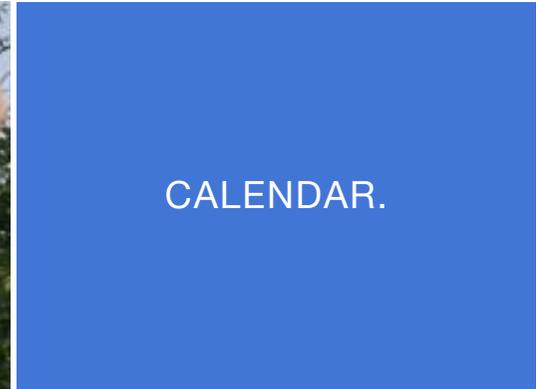
During the early days of the Second Battle of Ypres a young Canadian artillery officer, Lieutenant Alexis Helmer, was killed on 2 May, 1915 in the gun positions near Ypres. An exploding German artillery shell landed near him. He was serving in the same unit as a friend of his, the Canadian military doctor and artillery commander, Major John McCrae.

As the brigade doctor, John McCrae was asked to conduct the burial service for Alexis because the chaplain had been called away somewhere else on duty the evening. It is believed that later that evening, after the burial, John began the draft for his now famous poem "In Flanders Fields." These are the words that our Senior Choir sang, whilst our Junior Choir's song had the simple message that, despite the passing of the years, we resolve to keep the memory of the Great Sacrifice alive.

It was a privilege to read once again the Roll of Honour for the Old School Henstead community. Lest we forget.

**WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed**





## Calendar for Next Week

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| Tuesday 12 November  | 2.30 Nursery (pre-schoolers), Reception & Year 1 Gymnastics  |
| Thursday 14 November | 10.30 Choir Sings for Children in Need in Beccles (new location - Exchange Square, close to previous location) |
|                      | 1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming  |
|                      | 2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming  |



## Dates for your Diary

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| Friday 22 November   | Non-Uniform Day (for PTFA Christmas raffle hampers & bottle tombola)      |
| Friday 29 November   | 8.50 Advent Service at St Mary's Henstead                                 |
| Saturday 30 November | 2.00 - 5.00 PTFA Christmas Fayre (stalls, games, food & Father Christmas) |
| Friday 6 December    | PTFA Children's Christmas Parties   |

# UPCOMING

## EVENTS



**Thursday**

**14th November**

Choir performance  
and cake sale for  
Children in Need in  
Beccles.



**Friday**

**22nd November**

Non-uniform day for  
raffle hampers and  
bottle tombola.



**Saturday**

**30th November**

Christmas Fayre 2pm  
- 5pm. Stalls, games,  
food and Father  
Christmas.

PTFA NOTICES.



## Commemorating Remembrance Day in Art



In art this week, the Year 1 children have been busy using their printing skills to create poppy fields in honour of Remembrance Day. Miss Doughty



# Reception News



We welcomed the children back to an exciting start to the term. Our topic this term is 'Fire'. The story of Guy Fawkes and why we celebrate bonfire night was a great introduction to the subject and an opportunity to look at how we can keep ourselves safe. On Thursday, we were given the opportunity to meet the firefighters on Green Watch in Lowestoft South Fire Station and look around the fire engines and all the equipment that is needed to fight fires.

We continue to learn new sounds such as j, v, w, x and have been learning how to write and read he and she. Our literacy lessons supported our understanding of why we celebrate Remembrance Day, how a church can be the right place to reflect and remember people that are no longer with us.

In maths, we started to learn all about shape, space and measures. We are thinking and discussing ways we can use mathematical terms to describe different 2D shapes. We found lots of shapes around the school and had fun using familiar objects and common shapes to create and recreate patterns and build models.

Mrs Scriven



## Fire Station Visit



We are most grateful to Green Watch at Lowestoft South Fire Station, who gave our curious Reception pupils a fascinating and informative tour of the fire station on Thursday morning.



## Junior Arts & Crafts Club



This week in junior arts and craft club the children made poppies using egg boxes, straws and buttons. They loved the end result and were excited to show what they made! Mrs Webster



# Nursery News



Our Nursery children have been thinking about the word “peace” and explaining in their own words what it means. “No fighting”, “not hurting people”, “not kicking our friends”, “being quiet”. We looked at the different sorts of poppies that people are wearing for remembrance and made our own poppies with our hand and finger prints.

This week John the Chicken would like to spend a sleepover at Evangelos’ house. He likes the way Evangelos tries so hard to be a good friend, sharing the toys and talking kindly to the other children.

Mrs Vorster



# Firework Toast



Year 1 couldn't believe their ears when they were instructed to eat their art!

Our canvas was a humble piece of bread and food colouring mixed with milk provided us with the necessary paint.

Fireworks were our source of creative inspiration. Catherine wheels, rockets and colourful gunpowder explosions were carefully painted on to the bread and then toasted to produce culinary masterpieces. The result: art that tasted as good as it looked.

Mrs Loader



## Sports News - Unihoc



This week saw the Under 9 Unihoc team head to Sir John Leman trying to better the result from last year where we made it to the finals... only to come up short. Eddie Jones take note.

It felt a lot like déjà vu, for, in a successful group stage we won both games. Millie was ferocious in the tackle, with Amelie and Lola finding room up front to score a couple of goals in each game. It left the boys to rotate as goalkeepers and to fill in the defensive duties - this they accomplished with ease, seeing off both Brampton and Albert Pye. There was some confusion before the semi-final fixture (VAR was not required however) which, once rectified, saw us play a very competitive Ringsfield side. Once again the boys shone in defence and when Rafferty found the net it seemed the final was in our sights, only for us to be pegged back late on. Spirits remained high and Luca popped up with a wonder strike to give us a 2-1 victory and passage to the final. Our encounter with Reydon was a tight affair with no real chances, but we did have a goal disallowed and a fluke strike from distance cost us the match.

A fantastic afternoons play from all the boys and girls involved and a well-deserved silver medal.

Mr Hunter



## AWARDS AND NOTICES.

### Mascot Awards

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

Reception: Betsie for showing resilience in her morning school routine.

Year One: Freddie for showing resilience in mathematics and English.

Year Two: Raef for demonstrating resilience in all his learning.

Year Three: Aydin for consistently being an excellent researcher.

Year Four: Amelie for resilience in sports, never giving in and reaping the rewards of hard work.

Year Five: Zak for showing resilience when working in mathematics, solving tricky problems right to the end.

Year Six: Penelope for being resilient when trying challenges in lessons.

### Children in Need



Our Upper School choir will be singing to raise money for Children in Need next Thursday 14 November, at Exchange Square in Beccles (a few yards from our usual location).

The PTFA will run a cake stall whilst the choir is singing - also to raise funds for Children in Need. Please bring any cake

donations into school on Thursday morning or join us in Beccles to listen to the singing and buy some cakes! Thank you for helping us raise money for such a great cause which makes such a difference to children's lives.

