



The Old School Henstead

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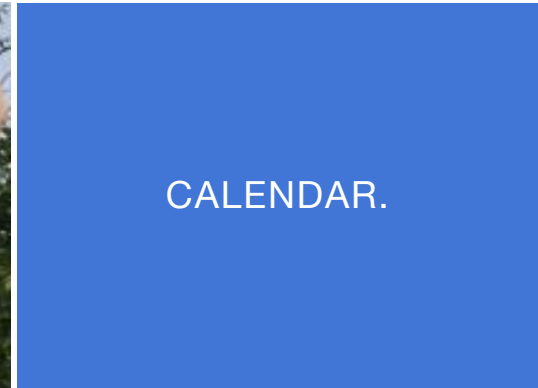
MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

The week has delivered a steadily increasing level of Christmas festivity, culminating in the annual Nursery Post Office visit to send our letters to the North Pole and the Christmas parties for each of the year groups, with the opportunity to fold a balloon or throw some shapes on the dance floor. Thanks as ever to the PTFA for its organisation of the event.

Next week turns us to the real meaning of the season as all of our boys and girls perform in welcoming the Holy Child. It is one of the highlights of the year. Welcome all!

WJ McKinney MA Hons PgDip MA Ed





Calendar for Next Week

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| Tuesday 10 December | 2.30 Nursery (pre-schoolers), Reception & Year 1 Gymnastics |
| Wednesday 11 December | 9.15 EYFS Nativity at St Mary's Church Henstead (Nursery & Reception - Parents and Grandparents welcome) |
| Thursday 12 December | 1.30 Years 2 & 3 Swimming
2.15 Years 4,5 & 6 Swimming
7pm Carol Service (Years 4-6 singing) at St Mary's Henstead (all invited, with mince pies and refreshments back at school after the service) |
| Friday 13 December | 8.50 School Nativity (Years 1-3) at St Mary's Henstead (Parents and Grandparents welcome)
Christmas Lunch |

Dates for your Diary

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| Mon-Wed 16-18 December | Holiday Club (please return your booking forms as soon as possible) |
| Tuesday 7 January 2020 | Spring Term Begins |



A Nursery Christmas Adventure



What an adventure! We went to the Southwold Post Office to post our letter to Father Christmas. We were really excited to buy a stamp and post the letter in a real, red letter box. Then we had a stroll down to the sea and decided it was too cold for a paddle so we headed into Coasters for a much needed hot chocolate and a biscuit.

Nursery Star of the Week

This week John the Chicken will be going home with Bethany who has been trying really hard to be independent in Nursery. John the Chicken is looking forward to his sleepover. Mrs Vorster





Inter-House Christmas Competition



As adults the most significant thing about Christmas is that it invites us to reflect on the most important things in our life — our faith, our family, and our freedom.

For our children Christmas is a time of excitement and anticipation. A happy time, a time to remember, a time to work together and a time to share.

In the Inter-house Christmas competition the houses planned and developed their own unique presentation. Houses shared, entertained and delighted all in equal measure.

We were treated to *Jingle Bells, Frosty the*

Snowman, Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer, Last Christmas and the X-Mas Factor - complete with a very grumpy Brayden Cowell!

I looked for confidence in performance; resilience to continue when plans fail; empathy for the less confident performers; adventure to avoid the safe option, daring to be different; teamwork and excellence, with every member doing their best.

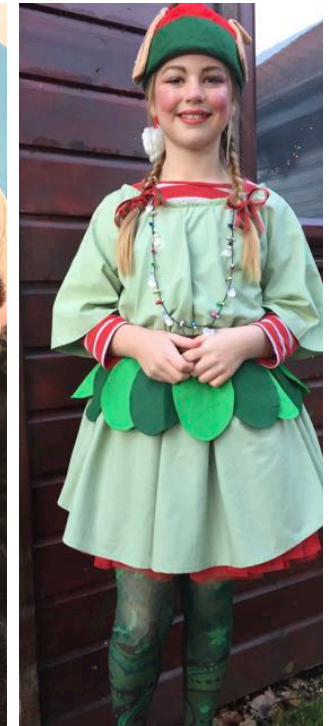
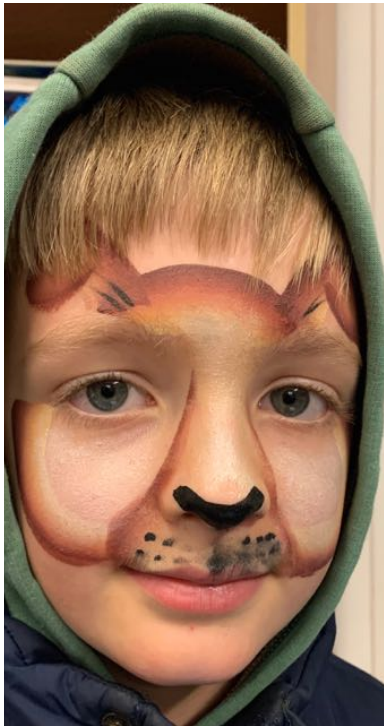
I witnessed all of these in abundance and deliberated at length.

1st Waveney
2nd (equal) Yare, Orwell and Deben

Well done everyone.
Miss Clifton



Christmas Fayre



A huge thank you to the PTFA and all members of The Old School Henstead for delivering another successful Christmas Fayre.



Christmas Elf Post



The children of The Old School Henstead have been busy writing, enveloping and sending plenty of Christmas cards this week. Fortunately, we came across seven mysterious elves to assist...

Maintaining the tradition of the Christmas Elf Postal Service, Year Two fulfilled their roles as postal workers excellently this term. Collecting, sorting, organising and delivering the post is a tricky role to fill, but armed with precision and responsibility, the elves have achieved what has been expected of them well.

The manner and conduct they demonstrated while working both collaboratively with one another and communicating with staff members has been a pleasure to witness. Indeed, their 'elf esteem will surely benefit from being so positively received by classes as they delivered the post this week.

Mr Hunt





Reception News



Inter-house Christmas party, Christingle making, reindeer food and we still have our Nativity, Christmas lunch and end of term festive fun and games to go! Despite this busy week, the children continue to show extreme resilience. We have had some fascinating conversations about why we celebrate Christmas and how we can bring hope and happiness to others through our kindness.

As I finish my report writing it again amazes me to see what fantastic progress children at four and five years old can make in such a short space of time. Well done Reception!

Mrs Scriven





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: Eddie for resiliently writing.

Year One: Violette for resiliently responding to feedback and improving her work.

Year Two: Chloe for resiliently working despite feeling unwell.

Year Three: Elliot for researching eggs to hatch in Outdoor Education.

Year Four: Jack for resiliently getting on with his work.

Year Five: Charlotte for resilience in maths.

Year Six: Isobel for resilience in everything she does.

Duffle Coats, Hats, Scarves, Gloves

As the temperature is much colder now, please ensure children are sent into school with their school hats, scarves and gloves (all named please, to ensure we are able to reunite any lost items to their owners). Our school duffle coats (or winter jackets for

Nursery) also provide warmth for the children, especially with icy winds, as blazers alone are not sufficient for the heavy winter period. All these items are available from our Uniform Shop on site. May we remind parents that only school uniform clothing and accessories should be worn to school.

Christmas Holiday Club

Our Christmas Holiday Club will run for three days during the first week of the holidays: Monday 16 - Wednesday 18 December. Please return your booking forms to the office to secure your child's place.

Christmas Post

Once again Year Two has been employed by the Elf Postal Service to collect, organise and distribute the many Christmas cards written by and to members of the school. Children may drop their post off in the Christmas post box outside the Headmaster's study.

Final collection time is at 9:05am each morning, so to avoid missing the day's post, try to post early! The elves remind you to include both the addressee's name and their year group to avoid confusion.

Happy writing!

