



The Old School Henstead

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MESSAGE FROM THE HEADMASTER

As Winter seemed finally to arrive this week, and our Nativity and Carol Service rehearsals continued apace, it has led us to thinking of how it must have been for the Holy Family, taken from home at the behest of an occupying power, with so far to go, no medical support and nothing more than a blanket to soften the donkey-ride. The Junior nativity will give more on the donkey's point of view...

We look forward to welcoming the whole school community to the Christmas Fayre. All that glitters...

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DATES FOR YOUR
DIARY.

Dates for your Diary - calendar updated weekly with additional events, fixtures and excursions.

- Saturday 4 December - 11:00 - 13:00 Christmas Fayre (The Old School Henstead families only)
- Tuesday 14 December - 8:50 Nursery Nativity, St Mary's Church, Henstead
- Wednesday 15 December - 8:50 Lower School Nativity, St Mary's Church, Henstead
- Thursday 16 December - 7 pm Carol Service (by candlelight) at St Mary's Church, Henstead
- Friday 17 December - Autumn Term Ends



Junior Art Club.



The children finished their beautiful clay decorations then made some Christmas cards and giant baubles.

It was lovely to hear them chatting to each other about their upcoming Nativity play.

. Mrs Webster





The Science of Life.



This week in science, Year Six has been learning about the lifecycle of humans. We had a fascinating discussion about all of the changes we go through during our lives and the girls and boys identified which changes they have already experienced.

We also looked at how important hygiene is, when storing and cooking food, as well as of a personal nature, and noted that taking sensible precautions helps us fight infections and diseases.

Lastly we examined micro-organisms, and the pupils were interested to learn that not only are there millions of these tiny living things in our bodies, but that they are also all around us in soil, air, water and even in our food! Some are useful and others can be extremely dangerous. We talked about how scientific discoveries which have led to the creation of vaccines and antibiotics mean that today we have the chance to live long and healthy lives. - Mrs Sonn





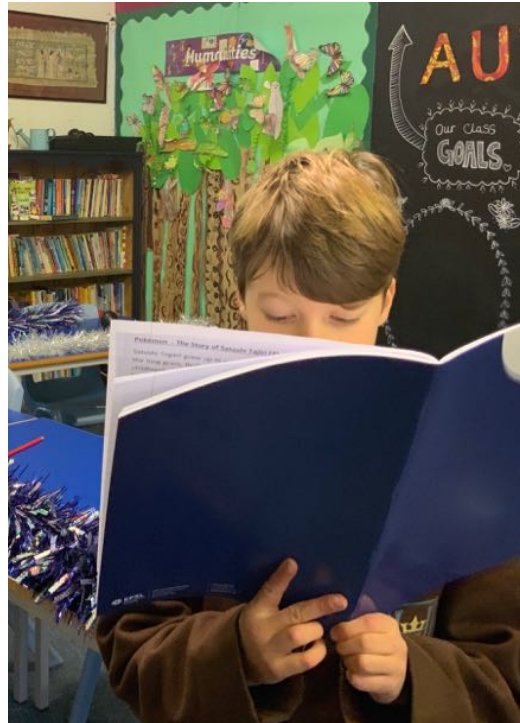
Swimming Gallery - Survival Skills.



The photographs show pupils learning how to react calmly if they were to ever fall into the water. All pupils engaged well and particularly liked to practise shouting 'Help'!



Haikus.



This week, Year Four started studying syllabic poetry. Where initially our focus was directed towards Japanese culture for inspiration - looking at art work and literature - we soon started to find ideas for our own poems. After collecting some noun phrases we liked, the pupils wrote their haikus against a series of media.

The class really enjoyed working both on creatively writing and counting syllables. As a result, the pupils produced some wonderful haikus and seemed to enjoy the lessons thoroughly.

Well done, Year Four. - Mr Hunt





Reader Leaders.



Year Two has truly shown its resilience this week by the boys and girls challenging themselves across the curriculum.

This week, the class held a reading competition with the aim to see who could read the most pages of their reading book in one week. The response was fantastic with some children reading whole books overnight. This enthusiasm for reading, not only for pleasure, but to make progress with their phonics knowledge and comprehension was really fantastic to see. Well done to Saffie who came in first place, reading a whopping 62 pages, and to Betsie and Minty who came in second and third places respectively..

This week was also assessment week. Taking assessments is a skill in itself and the children have approached them with a fantastic attitude.

Another superb week, Year Two.
Well done! - Mrs McCarthy





Christmas in Reception.



The Christmas festivities have already begun in the Reception class. We have been very busy! We made baubles using 2D shapes, used our maths skills to work out how much paper we need to wrap up different presents and put our phonics to the test writing gift tags and letters to Father Christmas!

Our nativity rehearsals are well underway too and we have learnt so much about the story of the first Christmas.

- Miss Doughty





OTHER NEWS.

Mascots

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

Reception: Teddy for excellent nativity singing.

Year One: Jonah for resilience in nativity rehearsals.

Year Two: Toby for working hard on his reading in lessons.

Year Three: Emily for resilience in English.

Year Four: Grace-Marie for excellent research into Japanese culture.

Year Five: Elliot for his resilience in swimming this week.

Year Six: Luca for scientific research ,answering questions on shadows.

Children in Need

We are delighted to announce that we raised £386.13 for BBC Children in Need from our sponsored sing and cake sale. Thank you to everyone who sang, sponsored, baked and bought! We are most grateful.

Christmas Elf Post

Our Christmas postal service commences on Monday 6 December, for pupils wishing to send cards to others in the school. Pupils should make sure they write the name and form on envelopes to assist the Year Two elves with their express delivery service!



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