



# THE OLD SCHOOL HENSTEAD

INDEPENDENT PREPARATORY SCHOOL



School Newsletter  
Spring Term  
15th March 2024





Never in the history of Henstead has it been so red!

What a fabulous effort from our boys and girls. You all looked fabulous! The money raised will help so many others who desperately need assistance. Very well done and thank you to everyone, both pupils and parents.

Also, a big thank you to all those families who supported the PTFA Bingo. Money raised is used to directly benefit the children, generating new resources for classrooms and outside. The gain is evident at break times, with basketball hoops being extremely popular and used by all ages!

- Miss Clifton





## Key Dates:

**Tuesday 19th March** - Inter-house Cross Country

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**Thursday 21st March** - Easter Service - St Mary's Henstead

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**Thursday 21st March** - Easter Disco - 4.10pm - 5.15pm

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**Friday 22nd March** - Easter Bonnet Parade - 9.00am

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**Friday 22nd March** - Last day of Spring Term

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**Monday 25th - Thursday 28th March** - Easter Holiday Club

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**Monday 15th April** - Summer Term Commences

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**Friday 17th May** - PTFA Quiz Night

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**Friday 24th May** - Henstead Hike

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**Saturday 8th June** - Henstead Half (Adults Hike)

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**Wednesday 19th June** - Sports Day & Summer Fair

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**Friday 5th July** - Speech Day

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Full details regarding each of these events will be provided nearer the time and more dates will be added weekly.



# EASTER

## Holiday Club

**MONDAY 25TH TO THURSDAY 28TH MARCH**

**9AM – 3.30PM**

**For Children in Reception Onwards**

### MONDAY

#### EASTER ARTS & CRAFTS

WIND CHIMES  
EASTER BUNNY GARLANDS  
EASTER BUNNY MANNEQUINS  
UKRANIAN EASTER EGGS

*with Miss Bennie & Mrs Solomon*

### TUESDAY

#### EASTER BAKING DAY

EASTER EGG NESTS  
SHORTBREAD BUNNIES  
BUNNY BUNS

*with Miss Bennie & Mrs Braidwood*

### WEDNESDAY

#### OUTDOOR CRAFTS & GAMES

BUG HOTEL  
FAIRY HOUSES  
BIRD FEEDERS  
CAPTURE THE FLAG

*with Miss Bennie & Mrs Sonn*

### THURSDAY

#### EASTER PARTY & MOVIE DAY

MOVIE WITH POPCORN  
& SQUASH  
PARTY GAMES  
EASTER EGG HUNT

*with Miss Bennie & Mrs Leggett*

**£40 Per Day**

**Book Online:** [www.parents-booking.co.uk/tosh](http://www.parents-booking.co.uk/tosh)







# Reception

The children in reception have been enjoying learning all about life under the sea. They've listened to stories, created art, danced like jellyfish and researched their favourite creatures. Most importantly, they've learnt all about the dangers of plastic pollution! We hope the reception parents enjoyed their assembly performance too. Great work, everyone.

- Miss Doughty







## Year Two

We are working on a new Humanities topic about transport, comparing transport from the past to transport now. As there were no aeroplanes a long time ago, people occasionally flew by hot air balloon! We have started making our own hot air balloon models using papier-mache. It was fun sticking the paper onto the balloons, but just a little messy and rather sticky!!! We are looking forward to them drying out so we can paint them.

- Mrs Solomon



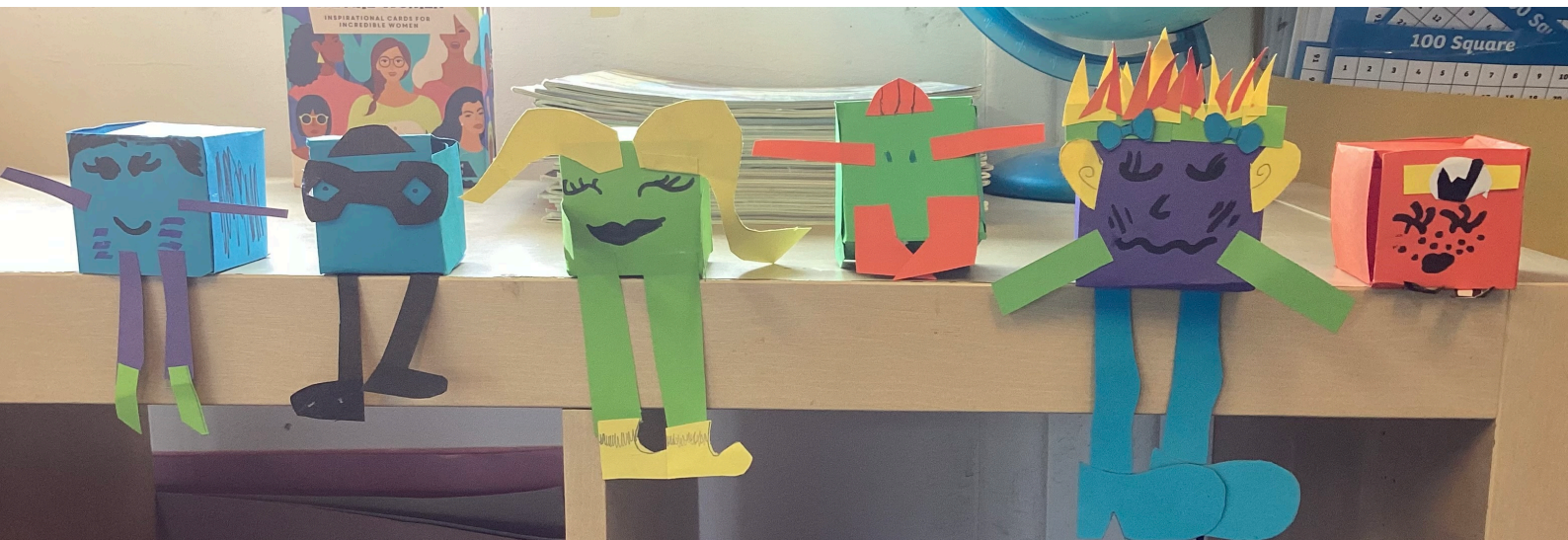




## Year Four

Exploring maths in a tactile (kinesthetic) way can help children to better understand and retain mathematical concepts. To that end, this week the Year 4 pupils have been making their own 3-D shapes. This activity enables them to develop their visualisation, measurement and geometry skills. Oh yes, and it's also great fun!

- Mrs Sonn







# PTFA Donation

The PTFA have made a kind donation to the school towards some new resources. Here are some of the items purchased so far, with more arriving soon which we will share with you. Thank you, to the PTFA and to you all for supporting the fundraising events.



Keyboards for our ICT lessons!



Basketball Hoops for break time fun!







# PTFA Family Bingo

Thank you to everyone who came along to our PTFA Family Bingo. It was a full house with lots of fun and chocolate prizes won by our lucky winners! Thank you, to our PTFA for another wonderful event for our school community.







# Easter Service

On Thursday 21st March, children from Reception onwards are required to attend our Easter Service at St Mary's Church, Henstead. Please could you bring your child/children to church for 8.50am. You are warmly invited to attend. If you are unable to attend and need to drop your child at school, at the normal time for them to travel on the minibus, please email the office - [office@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk](mailto:office@theoldschoolhenstead.co.uk)

**Please note there will be no Nesy session on Thursday.**



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## EASTER BONNET PARADE

**22nd March 2024**  
**9:00am in the Orchard**

You are invited to take part in this years Easter Bonnet Parade!

Please create an easter bonnet to wear in the parade at the end of the term.

This years categories are:

- The most detailed.**
- The craziest.**
- The tallest.**

**Visiting Judge and prizes to be won.**







# **THE HENSTEAD HALF**

## **ADULTS CHALLENGE**

**SATURDAY 8TH JUNE**  
**13 MILE HIKE**

In addition to The Henstead Hike, this year we have a fundraiser for the adults too – The Henstead Half! We are looking for at least one representative from each year group to come and join us!

Let's challenge the children and go head to head to see who can raise the most –  
The Henstead Hike (Children) or  
The Henstead Half (Adults)

Please let Mr Hunter know if you would like to take part!

**(The Henstead Hike will be Friday 24th May)**



# School Mascots

Mascots were awarded this week to the pupils best demonstrating our school values for this half term: Adventurer and Analyser.

Well done to all of our mascot winners from this week:

Reception - Robert  
Year One - Arthur  
Year Two - Aurora

Year Three - Darcie  
Year Four - Sonny  
Year Five - Alex







# EASTER DISCO

Thursday 21st March, 4.10pm - 5.15pm

Tickets on sale now from the office - £3 each

## Swimming Lessons

Swimming lessons will commence after Easter for Year One, Reception and Pre-Schoolers on Tuesday Afternoons.

Swimming trunks, costumes and hats can be purchased online at Screens Schoolwear. We do have limited stock of some sizes in the school Uniform Shop with 50% discount.

[www.screensschoolwear.co.uk](http://www.screensschoolwear.co.uk)

## Summer Dresses

When the weather allows, summer dresses with white ankle socks may be worn in the Summer Term.

## Trousers and Shorts

All pupils may wear trousers or shorts for school, purchased from Screens or our Uniform Shop. Navy trousers and shorts, for girls will be available on Screens website this week.

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## Lunch Menu - w/c 18th March

MONDAY	Chicken Fajitas, Rice and Tortilla Chips and Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i)
TUESDAY	Cheeseburger, Fries and Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i)
WEDNESDAY	Meatball Pasta Bake, served with Garlic Bread and Salad Bar (A,b,d,g,i)
THURSDAY	Roast Chicken, Yorkshire Pudding, Stuffing & Roast Potatoes, Served with Seasonal Vegetables (A,b,d,g,i)
FRIDAY	Fish and Chips, Garden Peas or Baked Beans and Salad Bar (A,b,d,e,g,i,n)

Daily - Selection of Fresh Fruit, Yoghurts, Cheese and Biscuits with a Sweet Treat on a Friday<sup>(g,b)</sup>

*Alternatives for vegetarian, vegans and food intolerances.*

(a=celery, b=gluten, c=crustaceans, d=eggs, e=fish, f=lupin, g=milk, h=molluscs, i=mustard, j=nuts, k=peanuts, l=sesame seeds, m=soya, n=sulphur dioxide)





# World Book Day

Our World Book Day pictures were posted in the Beccles and Bungay Journal this week...





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