

The Old School Henstead



Newsletter
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Letters issued this week Carlton Marshes
Years 1 to 6 Grades
Years 2 and 3 Uniform

Congratulations to Grace Forster, Thomas Wiles, Finney Harrod and Evie Bidnall, all of whom received their Headmaster's Commendation certificates this week. Congratulations also to Joe Wicks and Emily Williams who were awarded silver certificates.

The menu for the week after half term is:

Monday – Burger in a Bun with cucumber, pepper and carrot sticks
Tuesday – Tortellini in Tomato Sauce
Wednesday – Jacket Potato
Thursday – Pasta Bake
Friday – Chicken Goujons

Athletics – Last Friday, children from years 3, 4, 5 and 6 travelled to St Felix School to take part in an athletics meeting. This is not a competitive event, but gives the children a chance to improve their times, distances and heights. In both track and field there were some notable performances and we will have confirmation of these soon to contribute to our athletics award scheme.

Year 1 at the Dinosaur Park – Year 1 have been going dinosaur mad this half term and they have finished off their project this week with a trip to The Dinosaur Adventure Park. They completed a dinosaur trail in the woods, enjoyed digging for fossils, tracking down a T-Rex, whizzing on the zip-wire and climbing the "climb-o-saurus". The go-carts also proved to be very popular!



It was a super day out and all of the children were pleased to receive their dinosaur medals at the end of the day.

Benacre Estate Open Day – This is always a wonderful occasion and we were delighted to have been invited again this year. There were many different activities and presentations to see and do, including

ones about farming machinery, logging, dog handling, pond dipping, game keeping, owl pellets, coastal erosion, thatching and sugar beet. We were also shown a woolly mammoth bone which had been found on the beach! Altogether it was a great day with lovely weather and it was very interesting.
By Natasha Mills



Year 4 Residential Trip – Shopping for provisions, orienteering, preparing and cooking meals, a camp fire and a four mile walk – What a busy first day for Year 4. Mr Griffin made a brief visit to the centre last night and found all in good heart, if a little tired and slightly damp! They were just about to have their supper of pasta bolognese and apple crumble which they themselves had prepared. The children had had a wonderful experience and their enthusiasm and enjoyment was plain to see. We look forward to a full report in the next newsletter.

Trips and Visits – These add much to the curriculum we offer at school and the reports in the weekly newsletter give a good flavour of all that goes on. One thing we rarely dwell on, because it is a normal expectation for us at Henstead, is how delighted we are with the behaviour of the children. Staff always come back reporting enthusiastic behaviour and thus we are very proud of the children in our school.

School Photo – We have now received the proof for the whole school photo and the finished product is not as good as we had hoped. Therefore the photographers will be coming back on the first Monday after half term. Nursery children who are not normally in on that day are welcome to join us. Please be at the Nursery by 9.15am. The photo will be taken at 9.30am, weather permitting!

The Suffolk Show - If you are visiting the Suffolk Show next week do not forget to visit the Suffolk Schools marquee to see the work of our prize winners.

Driving to School – We have been asked by residents of Henstead, Wrentham and Hulver to spread the word about sticking to the speed limits in and around the local villages.

Official Opening of the New Field – We had hoped to be able to “officially” open our new field on the first Thursday after half term to fit in with a cricket match. However, we are going to have to postpone this until later in the term to fit in with the person we have asked to perform the honour! We will let you know the date as soon as it is confirmed.

And finally....I do hope that you all have a super half term holiday.

The week after half term - Monday – School Photo 9.30am
Wednesday - Cricket v The Abbey (A) 2.15pm start
PTFA Meeting 7.30pm
Thursday - Cricket v Widford Lodge (H) 2.30pm start
Friday - 9.15am Ascension Day Church service
Year 1 and Year 4 to Carlton Marshes