



Letters this week

Parents' Evening

The menu for next week is:

- Monday – Macaroni Cheese, Peas and Sweetcorn
- Tuesday – Chicken Pie, Potatoes and Vegetables
- Wednesday – Sausage, Mash and Beans
- Thursday – Meatballs in Tomato Sauce with Pasta and Salad
- Friday – Fish Fingers, croquette potatoes and beans

Golds – Winners of the week! – This week the junior winners were Daniel Jones and Daisy McDowell with 22 golds each and in the seniors Scarlett Baxter was top with the same score. Very well done to all of them.

Congratulations to Faye Hickey Martin and Ellen Sherwood who received their Headmaster's Commendation certificates this week.

Operation Christmas Child - Shoeboxes: It has been exciting, seeing some shoeboxes appearing at school during this week, and I understand that more are on the way! Please be reassured that next week is the week when we would like to gather the boxes together, for a grand "count", but this probably won't happen until Thursday 10th Nov, so there is still plenty of time to complete your box and bring it to school if you are still working on it! Your support is much appreciated and more news will follow after our grand count.



Drums – Just before half term we took delivery of a new drum kit for the school. Lessons with Mr Bacon are very popular and the children have thoroughly enjoyed using the new kit both in lessons and during break. Pictured is Scarlett Baxer who brilliantly accompanied the school singing in assembly yesterday, with Mr Griffin on piano and Mrs Suffolk on guitar. X Factor here we come!

Inspection – We have been delighted to welcome back the inspection team from the Independent Schools Inspectorate this week. Their final report should be published either just before we break for Christmas or at the beginning of next term.

Madame Oliver – Over the Summer Madame Oliver moved to Norwich and has kindly continued to commute to school this term to teach French and Spanish. This week was her last at Henstead and we are very grateful for everything she has done over the past few years. For the rest of this term her role will be taken by Madame Siddall who is a very experienced languages teacher. We look forward to welcoming her to our school next week.

Teamwork Assembly – Year 4 gave us a thought-provoking assembly this morning centred around Aesop's fable 'The Bundle of Sticks' and reminding us that we do all need to work together if we are to achieve our best.



PTFA Fireworks – Speaking of teamwork, what a fantastic team our PTFA is!

The dragon which appeared yesterday in the orchard has now migrated to centre stage on the school field for the firework party this evening. Those of you who are coming are reminded to park either in the school car park or on the field using the entrance on Toad Row. The fun begins at 6.30pm with the fireworks themselves at 7.00pm. In the interests of safety children have been told not to play on the school field apparatus at this event.



The New Building – Thanks to the PTFA also, our new one to one teaching room is complete and has been in use this week by the inspection team. We are hugely grateful to Mr Baxter and his team not only for completing this project in such a short time but also to such a high specification. This building was funded by the PTFA and we are all very grateful to the committee for their hard work to make this possible and to all parents and friends who have contributed to their funds. We are very much looking forward to using it to its full capacity.



Parents' Meetings – meetings with Form Teachers take place next week. If you would like an appointment, please see the notices on your child's form room door.

Year 2 Trip – Next Wednesday, Year 2 are off to the Time and Tide Museum in Great Yarmouth for a day of study on the Victorians. We look forward to hearing all about it next week.

Remembrance Service – This year we will be joining with the people of Henstead to mark the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month and so our service will be held a little later to enable us be at the War Memorial at 11.00am for the period of silence.

The service will begin a few minutes before this, but more details and a form about transport arrangements will be sent home on Monday. We do hope that many of you will be able to join us.