

# The Old School Henstead



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## Letters issued this week

Year 6 French Trip  
Music Lessons

**Congratulations to** Alexander Mills, Tom Scoggins, Ruby McDowell, Ethan Hillier, James How and Sebastian Shorrocks, all of whom received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week. Congratulations also to Jemima Taylor who was awarded a Silver Commendation for reaching fifteen A1 awards this year.

## The menu for next week is:

Monday – Jacket Potatoes  
Tuesday – Meatballs, tomato sauce and pasta

**U7 Football v The Abbey** - On Monday the Y2 boys had an exciting time at the Abbey School in Woodbridge, playing some brilliant football, and enjoying a fantastic lunch afterwards. The score was 7-0 to Henstead, but it was debatable which the boys found more pleasing – the game or the food! The Abbey were superb hosts, and showed tremendous sportsmanship in the face of defeat. It was good to have support from several of our parents at the match, and particular thanks go to the team coach, Mr Wicks, who also gave so freely of his time and energy, in the run-up to the event. Well done to all!



**Y2 “Boules” Competition** - Meanwhile, back at school, (while the boys were merrily playing football at the Abbey), the Y2 girls took part in a “boules” tournament, under the watchful eye of Mrs Dakin. Everyone enjoyed the competition and the eventual winner was Ella King-Gardiner! Well done, Ella!

**Easter Bonnets and Eggs** – A reminder from the PTFA that these need to be brought in to school on Monday of next week for judging. Winners will be announced on Tuesday during the cake sale and raffle.

**Cake Sale and Raffle** – This will take place on Tuesday afternoon in the hall from 3pm. All donations for the cake stall will be greatly appreciated. Please leave them in the school office. Raffle tickets are still available from class PTFA reps or from Mrs Mills in the school office.

**Horrible Histories** – On Tuesday morning the children from Years 3 to 6 travelled to Norwich to see an exciting Horrible Histories production about the Ancient Egyptians. The story started in a dusty museum somewhere in England from where we were magically transported back to banks of the River Nile some 3000 years ago. Our guide through the various stories and traditions of Ancient Egypt was none other than Rameses II, the Ozymandias of the well known poem. Some light hearted humour and stunning 3D special effects all helped to make this a very entertaining and educationally worthwhile event.

**Easter Concert** – What a delight the Reception and Year 1 Easter Concert was. The Story of the Little Red Hen was told in song and actions and all the children taking part simply oozed enthusiasm for their roles. Our thanks to Miss Sindall for organising it and rehearsing the children and to all the mums (and others) who helped to provide costumes.

**Netball v The Abbey** – Wednesday afternoon saw the return match with the Abbey. Again our girls were mixed with the visitors, creating the blue and yellow teams. It was fantastic to see how much the girls had improved since the first fixture. The whole afternoon was tremendous fun and played in a fair and friendly (yet still **very** competitive) manner. It was an excellent match to watch. Well done girls! **NG**

**Inter-House Cross Country** – this morning's senior cross country race was a unique event, making use of both school fields, the old and the new. In a very exciting and well run race Callum Aizlewood found his place at the front early and held onto it, coming home first and taking the individual trophy. However, throughout the race he faced a strong challenge from Ethan Hillier from Year 4! This will surely be a name to watch in future years. In the Junior event (Years 2 and 3), which took place on the old field, the individual winner was Joe Wicks, closely followed by his brother Tom with Sonny Dakin-Butler close on his heels. Yare were the overall winners of the Junior event and the House Cross Country Champions this year are Waveney. Well done to all competitors for running so hard and making this such a lovely event and congratulations to the winners and winning houses.



**Non-Uniform Day** – thanks to all who contributed to the collection for today’s non-uniform event. Some £73 was collected. This money will be sent to the East Anglian Children’s Hospices.

**Next Week** – Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April

- 9.15am Easter Service at church
- Verse Speaking for the Senior School

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> April

- Gorleston Festival – Junior Choir at 9.40 and Senior Choir at 11.45 .
- PTFA Easter Cake Sale, Raffle and hat/egg competition in the hall
- 3.30pm – Term ends for Nursery
- 3.35pm – Term ends for children in Reception to Year 3
- 4.10pm – Term ends for children in Years 4, 5 and 6.

**Next Term** – Please note that next term begins on Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April. We will be at school for that day and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April. The school will then be closed for the Bank holidays on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> and on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> May (except for Year 6 who leave for France on the Monday).

**This will be the final newsletter for this term. I do hope that you all have a super Easter holiday.**