

# The Old School Henstead



Newsletter  
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**Letters issued this week** Junior School Nativity  
Senior School Carol Service  
Year 6 French Trip  
Hot Lunches for next term (Nursery and School)

**Congratulations to** Edward Drake, Emily Williams and Natasha Mills who received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week.

### Next week's menu is:

Monday – Chicken Noodles with Peas and Carrots  
Tuesday – Beefburger in a Bun with Salad  
Wednesday – Christmas Party

**Nursery Nativity** – Christmas officially began at Henstead on Wednesday morning of this week with our first Nursery Nativity. It was a truly wonderful occasion with all the nursery children taking part in the Christmas Story. Dressed in fantastic costumes, they had learnt some super songs with actions and movement as well! Some had lines to say and all of them seemed to thoroughly enjoy themselves, as did we, the audience. Our thanks goes to parents who helped with costumes, Mrs Scoggins, Mrs Rawlings, Miss Butcher, Mrs Dakin and Miss Goddard. Many, many congratulations to our wonderful Nursery class.

**Year 5 Trip to The Elizabethan House** – We are very lucky to have some really good museums on our doorstep and on Tuesday Year 5 went to Great Yarmouth to the Elizabethan House to find out about Christmas in Tudor times. They learnt a Tudor dance, had a go at writing with a quill and ink, tried on some of the clothes from that era and found out about the food that the Tudors would have eaten on Christmas Day. It was a super morning. Thanks to Miss Clifton for organising it.

**Southwold Lights** – A good number of our senior pupils, a few junior ones too, braved the winter weather on Friday to sing carols at the switching on of Southwold Christmas lights. It was bitterly cold but despite this they sang really well. Thanks also to the parents who came to listen and enjoy the festive atmosphere.



**Bungay Choral Society** – A rather smaller group were able to join children from two primary schools to sing with Bungay choral society the next evening. This is also a super occasion and it is great for the children to experience this type of music making at such a young age. Well done to our six valiant choristers and thanks to their parents for coming along to support.

**Good Luck To.....**Two of our pupils are appearing in Panto this Christmas. Darcy Innis is in Snow White in Lowestoft and Grace Forster is in The Wizard of Oz in Gorleston. “Break a leg”girls!!

**Uniform Shop News** – Separate fleece jackets are now in stock and are priced at £20. We also have a number of “home use only” rain coats. These are the same as the school ones but without a logo. They are available for only £10. Finally, we have had a number of requests for the new team tracksuit tops. If you are definitely interested, please speak to Mrs Mills in the office who has samples that you can view. Depending on numbers, they should be priced at around £35 - £40. Finally, we have taken delivery of new team shirts for the boys and girls at the top of the school. We are thankful to Sprake and Kingsley (Solicitors in Bungay) and also the second hand uniform shop for their sponsorship and support for these kits.

**Toys for Nursery** - The new nursery is always trying to offer a variety of play experiences and is continuing to extend the resources to offer to the children. If you are having a clear out before Christmas we are planning to change the farm shop into a cafe in the New Year and would be grateful of any good quality play food, crockery and role play toys. Small world plastic animals /toys, and any babies/dollies accessories are always popular. Thank you very much.

**BBC** – Look East are hoping to come to school next Wednesday as part of a news item on James How. They will be filming some general shots around school. We will let you know when it is going to be shown.

**Next Week** There will be no after school activities next week.  
There will be homework Club on Monday, but not Tuesday or Wednesday.  
Tuesday – 2pm Junior School Nativity at Church  
7pm Senior School Carol Service at Church  
  
Wednesday - Christmas Lunch (party food supplied by school this year)  
3.30 – Nursery Term Ends  
3.35 – Junior School Term Ends  
4.10 – Senior School Term Ends

**Next term** begins on Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> January. If the weather is bad, we will put an update on the home page of our website.

**And Finally.....**As this will be the last Newsletter of the term, can I take this opportunity to wish you all a very Happy Christmas, a joyous New Year and a restful holiday.

