

The Old School Henstead



Newsletter

Autumn Term 2010 – Issue 1

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Letters issued this week: **Year 6 Science letter**
 After School Activities List (Yr1 to Yr 6)
 A Note from Matt and Petra How (attached to this newsletter)

Welcome to the 34 new children who have joined the school this term and to their families. We hope that you will all be very happy here. Welcome also to Miss Butcher and Mrs Rawlings who are working in the Nursery and Reception and to Mrs Oliver who returns to teach languages.

Developments - I hope that you will have seen all the developments which have taken place over the summer holidays. Most of the outside of the buildings have been painted, as have the fences around school. The new fence around the nursery and Reception rooms adds greater security and the nursery garden is now looking great. The new nursery classroom is fantastic and the children have really enjoyed being in their new environment. The new field is also now taking shape. It has been sown with grass seed and thanks to the rather disappointing holiday weather at the end of August, the seed has taken extremely well. We hope to be using it by Easter next year. I would like to thank all those who have helped to make this possible. Many governors, parents, staff and friends of the school have given a huge amount of time and energy and we are all very grateful to them.

School Lunches - We have now started our two weekly rota of hot lunches for children in the main part of the school, something that I hope we will be able to extend to the nursery very soon. In order to help the children (and parents) remember if they are having hot lunch, we will publish the following week's menu in the newsletter.

Next week is Menu 2:

Monday –	Chicken with Noodles, Peas and Carrots
Tuesday –	Beefburger in a Bun with Salad and Coleslaw
Wednesday –	Cheese and Potato Pie with Peas and Sweetcorn
Thursday –	Cottage Pie with Cauliflower and Carrots
Friday –	Chicken Goujons, Croquettes and Beans

Homework Diaries - Those children in Years 3 - 6 have been issued with a new style homework diary. I have had many positive comments about it and I hope that you will all find it useful. Don't forget that parents should sign these every night.

Dropping off and picking up - Can I please remind parents that school age children who arrive at school before 8.35am should be taken to the hall or, on Fridays, to Year 5. Also, they should please not be left before 8.15am. Nursery children should be taken straight to their room, no earlier than 8.30 please. With more children arriving at school, please take extra care in the car park in the mornings and evenings. When the field is dry enough, we will endeavour to open the gates so that parents can use it for parking if the car park is full. Please do not block the drive to the farm.

Nursery – After the fantastic transformation of the nursery over the past months, it has been super to see the children enjoying life here at Henstead. Mrs Scoggins reports that the children are all doing brilliantly and they look super in their uniform!



Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA) - This is open to all parents at the school and is a fundraising and social group, organising events throughout the year. The first event this term will be the Bonfire Night Party to which you are all invited - details later in the term. However, these super events are only possible through the hard work of the committee which is again open to all parents. The first meeting of this term will be on Tuesday 21st September, NOT Tuesday 14th September as previously listed, at 7.30pm in the school hall. Do come along if you would like to, you will be very welcome!

Charity Jump – Mr Andy Bidnall (father of Eve Mai and Joshua in Recep. and Y1) is bravely doing a Skydive for the Rainbow Trust Children's Charity (please see the poster on the outside noticeboard). He hopes to raise at least £800. If anyone would like to contribute, there is a sponsorship form in the school office.

Ballet - During the holidays, four of our ballet dancers took their first ballet exam, (I.S.T.D. Pre Primary Class Test Ballet). They are pictured here just before they went in to the exam room! By all accounts they performed really well and we hope to hear their results very soon.



New Team Tracksuits - The school hockey and rugby teams will be sporting new tracksuit tops this term. Pictured are Year 6 modelling them earlier today! They are shower proof and fleece lined and will keep the children dry and warm when they visit other schools for matches.

Football – Over the summer Marley Flute and Callum Aizlewood took part in the Independent Schools Football Association Development Camp for 10-11 year olds, aimed at the most talented players in ISFA schools

The aim of the camp, which was under the direction of Manchester United Academy Coach Tom Statham, was to enable the best players within the ISFA system to develop further by playing against other outstanding players and thus stretch themselves. The main emphasis was on having fun and playing lots of football - so the sessions were hard work but not too serious. Can you spot Callum and Marley in the course photo?



Senior School Open Days – I have had notification of the following Open Days for entry into year 7 at Woodbridge School on Saturday 18th September at 10.00am and Langley School on Saturday 2nd October at 10.00am.

Calendar – The school calendar for this term is given below. Please note that any dates which have been changed are in bold on this version.

Autumn Term 2010 Calendar

September –

Friday 3 rd	Staff Meetings
Tuesday 7 th	Term Starts
Tuesday 14 th	Yr 2 Beach Trip
Tuesday 21st	7.30pm PTFA Meeting
Wednesday 22 nd	2pm Yr 4, 5 and 6 girls - Hockey at The Abbey
Friday 24 th	Harvest Festival
	9.30am Macmillan Coffee Morning in the Hall
	New Parents' Evening
Tuesday 28 th	8pm Governors' Meeting

October –

Friday 1 st	Rugby v Brandeston Hall (H)
Tuesday 5 th	Yr 6 Geography Day at Framlingham
Wednesday 6 th	Hockey v St Felix (H)
Friday 8 th	Greshams Cross Country
Tuesday 12 th	7.30pm PTFA AGM
Friday 15 th	Under 11 Football at Langley Prep
Wednesday 20th	Open Morning
	Half Term Begins
	Form Tutor Reports issued

November -

Monday 1 st	Term Resumes
	Individual Photographs
Tuesday 2 nd	Yr5 and 6 Exams
Friday 5 th	PTFA Fireworks (Provisional)
Monday 8 th	Parents' Evening Week
Wednesday 10 th	Yr2 to Elizabeth House
Friday 12 th	Remembrance Day Service
Wednesday 17 th	Hockey v St Felix (A)
Wednesday 24 th	Rugby v St Felix (A)
Thursday 25 th	House Quiz
Friday 26 th	Advent Service
Monday 29 th	Instrumental Concerts
Tuesday 30 th	Bags2School

December –

Thursday 9 th	7.30pm – Governors' Meeting and AGM
Tuesday 14 th	2pm Nativity
	7pm Carol Service
Wednesday 15 th	Term Ends
	Grades issued