

The Old School Henstead



Newsletter
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Letters issued this week PTFA Christmas Fair and Children in Need

Congratulations to Faye Hickey-Martin, William Gladwell, Emily Coleman, Stephen Moyse and Aaron Carver who received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week.

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

Bonfire Night – Thank you to all parents, teachers, family and friends who supported Bonfire Night. Your support by either helping out with cooking, on stalls or with the car parking, or simply just attending the event is really appreciated. Everyone helped to make it a fantastic success which raised an incredible £953 profit. This money will go towards buying new playground equipment for the new school field. It was certainly a wonderful occasion and we hope that you all enjoyed it. Particular thanks go to Mr Baxter and his team for the fantastic "Houses of Parliament" bonfire and to Mr Scoggins for a superb display of fireworks, and also to the PTFA committee for organising this wonderful occasion.

Reception Assembly – As promised this week we have a picture of the children in reception from their assembly on Noah's Ark last week.

Artist's Success - Many congratulations to Tom Scoggins. His painting of an autumn tree won the regional Independent Schools Art Competition held at Finborough School recently. His work now goes to the National Final in Crewe in two weeks time- a fantastic achievement.



Operation Christmas Child - A sincere thank you to all those who filled a shoebox for this year's Operation Christmas Child Appeal. The initial count on Tuesday revealed a total of 54 boxes, with several more, promised for next week! Consequently, we can expect an OCC representative to arrive during the afternoon, on Thursday 18th November, to collect our contribution, and hopefully tell us where the boxes are bound for. Well done, and THANK YOU again! P. Suffolk (on behalf of OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD).



Years 5 and 6 to Chelmsford Water Treatment works - On Monday Years 5 and 6 braved some fairly atrocious weather to make the journey to Chelmsford to visit Anglian Water's Sewage Treatment Works. This was part of their science work for the term and also, in the case of Year 5 fitted very well into their Geography studies.

The Chelmsford STW is specially equipped for receiving visitors and has a wonderfully well-equipped classroom as well as a specialist teacher to show visitors around and lead activities. Judging from the Year 5 responses in their 'thank you letters' the visit went down well. Here are a selection of comments:

"Thank-you for the tour around the sewage treatment plant, yesterday. You really made us think about how we use our water sensibly."

"Even though the weather was playing up you made the trip fun and interesting!"

"Now I think more about where the water I use has been to and is now going to."

"Our favourite bit was making the sewerage soup, it was fun and weird at the same time."

"I will remember that trip for a long, long time!"

And finally from Emily, an acrostic poem.

Water is valuable.

Always take care of it.

Treatment is important.

Even though it smells, it's interesting!

Rare illness can spread from dirty water.



Our thanks to Mr How and Mrs Innis for helping with the transport. We hope that they didn't get too cold!



Year 2 Trip to The Elizabethan House - On Wednesday, Year 2 headed for the Elizabethan House Museum in Great Yarmouth, to experience being a Victorian servant for the day. There were lots of things to see and do, including wash day in the scullery, preparing food in the kitchen, setting the dining table and doing the 3 "R's" with a very fierce Mr Squires in the schoolroom! We then had a short walk (in the sun!) to the Time and Tide Museum for lunch, and visited the Victorian exhibits before departing for school. It was a great day out, and was made all the more interesting by the fabulous costumes the children wore....my sincere thanks go to all those parents, grandparents (and elder brothers!) who excelled themselves beyond all my expectations, with their wonderful interpretations of Victorian wear! Appreciative thanks to Mr Butcher too, for giving his time to help with the trip. P. Suffolk



Remembrance Service – We were pleased to be joined by many parents at St Mary’s church this morning for our annual service of Remembrance. The service was a moving occasion, the choir both sang and recited beautifully and the very short, but particularly fitting address by the Reverend Payne will be remembered for a long time to come. The sun shone as we gathered around the memorial where Mr Griffin read the Roll of Honour for those associated with the Old School. One could not but be affected.



Children in Need – Next Friday we will be raising money for Children in Need. The children in Years 4, 5 and 6 will be singing in Beccles between 10.45 and 11.15. A letter with final arrangements will go out early next week but we would be very grateful for help with transport. All children should come into school in uniform that day but we would be delighted to see some spotty accessories, eg headscarves, hankies, socks etc. and we ask that they might make a donation of £1 for Children in Need. This is a most worthwhile cause and I do hope that as many of you as possible will take part.

Advance Notice - Years 4, 5 and 6

Southwold Christmas Lights Evening Friday Dec 3rd

Bungay Choral Society Christmas Concert Saturday Dec 4th

All details will be issued next week

Pantomime Time – Mrs Forster (mum of Grace in Year2) once again has tickets for the Lowestoft Player pantomime which is Robin Hood, Prince of Sherwood. They are for Saturday 29th January at 2.30pm. Priced at £10.50, they are for the front stalls. If you would like some please speak to Mrs Forster.

Next Week

Monday – Year 5 Tudor Workshop in school

Tuesday – 7.30pm PTFa Meeting

Wednesday – Hockey v St Felix (A)

Friday – Children in Need