

The Old School Henstead



Newsletter
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Letters issued this week: **Cadarn Riding for Years 5 and 6**
 Parents Evening times for years 3, 4, 5 and 6
 Year 6 French Trip
 After School Clubs and Activities
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 Summer Dresses – by email

Congratulations to Ruby McDowell, Alex Scott, Alice Cotton, George Taylor, Oscar Taylor and Honey Lamdin, who received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week.

Young Art East Anglia - We are proud to announce that from a record number of entries (over 3000) the following children have had art work selected to be included in this prestigious exhibition: Alice Cotton , May Drinkell, Madeleine Jarney, James King-Gardiner, Jemima Taylor, Harry Daines and Flynn Drinkell. Many congratulations to them. Their work will be on display at the Peter Pears Gallery in Aldeburgh on March 12th,13th and 14th. This is always a most colourful and vibrant exhibition and with all proceeds in aid of Cancer Research it is well worth a visit. (It is best to avoid Saturday lunchtime as this is set aside for presentation of the certificates and becomes very crowded).

Prom in the pews concert 31st January *Magdalen Way Methodist Church, Gorleston*

Some pupils from school took part in a concert to raise money for poor people in Moldova and a local swimming group, "The Special Olympians" for disabled and able bodied children and adults. Scarlett Baxter sang "Do re mi" and played "Happy Birthday" on the piano...thankfully when the audience joined in singing she was completely professional and was not put off! Her brother Jack sang "On the street where you live" from "My Fair Lady"; Arabella Nourse made the audience giggle with "Mrs. Worthington" by Noel Coward and finally Alexandra Hubbard sang "On my own" from "Les Miserables". All the pupils performed to a high standard and received some lovely comments afterwards. I would like to thank them, and their parents, for their support. Some are pictured here playing the spoons!



Candlemas Service – It was good to see parents join us for our service this morning. The Rev'd Payne talked to us about Candlemas and how it spells the end of Christmas and makes us look towards Lent. Thanks to all those who took part, readers, singers, guitarists, recorder players and candle holders – a super occasion.

Police Visit Year 5 and Year 6 – Not as bad as it sounds! On Monday the children in Years 5 and 6 welcomed PC Stephenson to school. He gave them an important and informative talk on how to stay safe at home and when out and about. For Year 6 in particular this is really important as they begin to think about moving to senior schools.

Non Uniform Day – We have decided to have a non uniform day on Thursday 25th March. Donations of £1 or more will go to ShelterBox who provide much needed resources to those who have been made homeless in disasters around the world. They are currently very active in Haiti. Each box costs about £490 and we hope that over the course of the next few months we shall be able to raise enough for at least one. For more information please go to www.shelterbox.org

Football v St Felix – Sadly this away match was cancelled due to the weather. We have a return match arranged for next half term.

Swimming – I am sorry that some of the children did not get their usual amount of time in the pool this week. Unfortunately the coach was very late arriving at school for the first trip and this made the timetable for the morning difficult. Also, the diversions around Beccles made the journeys to and from school longer. I do hope that this will not happen again.

Reports – These were issued today for all children in Year 1 to 6. I hope that parents find them useful. Appointments to discuss them have been timetabled for the first two nights after half term and all parents should now have had a copy of the schedule.

Uniform – Please can I ask that all parents check that their children's uniform is correctly named and that children only have their own games kit, not anything belonging to anybody else. Also, I would ask you to ensure that your child has the correct uniform, including school hats, gloves and scarves only please. It is important that we keep up the excellent standards of the uniform as it is so distinctive and smart.

Advance Warning! – On Tuesday 2nd March, as part of our book week, we will be asking each class to dress up as a character from a specific book. Following much discussion the following books have been decided for each class:

Reception –	Peter Pan
Year 1 -	The Wizard of Oz
Year 2 -	Winnie the Pooh
Year 3 -	Charlie and the Chocolate Factory
Year 4 -	Pinocchio
Year 5 -	Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs
Year 6 -	A Series of Unfortunate Events

I hope this gives you ample time to arrange some costumes.

Finally – I wish you all a very happy half term holiday!