

# The Old School Henstead



Newsletter  
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**Letters issued this week:** Year 6 parents' meeting invite.  
Whole school Parents' Handbook (by email)

**Congratulations to** Toby Hillier, James King-Gardiner, Poppy Le Quesne, Jemima Taylor, Stewart Brown and Joe Wicks, all of whom received Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week.

**Instrumental Concerts** – Well done to all those who took part in the concerts on Tuesday. There were some super performances and it has been good to see the progress made. We will be inviting the children to perform in assembly each week from now on to give another chance to develop their confidence. Those children who have violin lessons will have the chance to perform to parents later in the term.

**PTFA Meeting** – This was due to take place next Wednesday, however we have had to change the date to the following Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> January, starting at 3.30pm. Please come along if you are able.

**The Bad Weather** – Thank you for your understanding last week when the poor weather hit this part of the country. Hopefully we are over the worst of it now!

**Parents' Handbook** – You should receive by email a copy of the new Parent's Handbook. It will also be available on the school website and I hope that you will find it useful. Please do have a read of it, particularly the section on snacks and the section on uniform! Any feedback is gratefully received.

**Website** – You may have seen that the school website has changed over the last week or so. We now have much greater control over it, being able to add or change content very easily and to have pdf documents available as well. Again, I hope that you will find it useful and offer any feedback to Mr Lincoln or myself.

**Walpole Christmas Words and Music** – Many thanks to those parents and children who braved the elements and made it to Walpole Chapel on December 19<sup>th</sup>. The children performed admirably and I know their presence was much appreciated by both the organisers and the congregation. Well done!

**Year 6 Trip to France** – Just a reminder that the final payment will be due on the first day back after the half term holiday.

**Finally** – may we please ask that parents check that all items of clothing are clearly and appropriately named and that your son or daughter actually has the clothing belonging to him/herself. Several children have mislaid things recently including expensive coats and blazers, and without names it is often very difficult for us to discover to whom things rightfully belong.