

# The Old School Henstead



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**Letters issued this week**      Year 4 Trip to Norwich  
   Year 6 Trip to Norwich

**Congratulations to** Ella King-Gardiner, Ellen Sherwood, Joe Wicks, Charlotte Mills, Emily Williams and Florence Scott all of whom received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week.

### **The menu for next week is:**

Monday –      Jacket Potatoes  
Tuesday –      Meatballs, tomato sauce and pasta  
Wednesday – Cod, mashed potatoes, peas and sweetcorn  
Thursday –      Lasagne  
Friday -        Chicken Goujons

**Deben, Orwell, Waveney or Yare?** - The House Captains have been challenged to produce a book about the river that gives their house its name. All members of the house must have some input and house meetings are becoming a hive of activity. The completed books will be assessed by an independent judge and could win an outing to a chosen destination on or near the river! I know that some of the house captains have written to parents asking for help collecting information, photographs etc and if you have time to help I know it will be much appreciated. How about a weekend visit to the source or the estuary? Your child could provide vital information for their house and help them win that outing.

**Easy Fundraising** – A few years ago we set up a link to a website which allowed people to shop on line at no extra cost but that would raise funds for the PTFA. I had hoped to bring this to the attention of everyone again but we don't seem to have the log on details. If anyone does know them, please could they let us know!

**Reception Assembly** – This morning the Reception class told us all about their own pets as well as revealing the results of a whole school survey they had done over the past few days.

What a lot of fish we have between us! The assembly finished with a visit to the Vets' Surgery where Veterinary Surgeons Daisy and Finney treated a wide variety of ailments in a wide variety of animals brought along by their classmates. A lovely assembly. Well done Reception!



**Football v The Abbey** – Last Friday the under 11 team travelled to Woodbridge to play The Abbey. Despite having several chances in the first half we found it difficult to break through their defence. Their attacking was potent and they often pulled our defence out of shape. At half time we were four-nil down but our best was yet to come. In the second half, not only did we keep a clean sheet, defending with much better marking, but we also played much more attacking football. Elliott Smith scored from one of these moves and we were delighted to have put on such a pleasing performance against a much bigger school than ours.

**Year 5 Trip to Seething Observatory** – The sky was clear at 5 o'clock and we all hoped for a wonderful view of the stars. Alas it was not to be – the evening turned very misty and the only heavenly body in sight was the Moon. But what a consolation prize that turned out to be. The view of the Moon through the two large telescopes was, as many of the children said: truly “awesome”! The visit to the telescopes was preceded by an interesting talk by Norwich Astronomical Society’s David Balcombe, who explained, amongst other things, how we are all quite literally made of ‘star dust’. It was a fascinating evening and our thanks are due to the NAS and all those parents who accompanied us into the wilds of Norfolk to find the observatory on Seething Airfield.

**Year 6 and Year 4 Trips to Norwich** – During this week, both Year 4 and Year 6 have visited the Synagogue in Norwich. On both occasions the children were able to learn more about the Jewish faith, the festivals, worship and the symbols that appear in the building. Year 6 also went on to have a tour around Norwich Cathedral. Here they learnt about the history of the building, the life of the monks who lived and worked there, and also were able to enjoy the atmosphere of this amazing building. The pictures show Year 4 in the Synagogue today.



**Open Day** – Next Friday we will be having an Open Morning for prospective parents. If you do know of anyone who might be interested in the school please do encourage them to come along.

**Netball v St Felix** – This match will take place on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March at St Felix.

**Please note** that we will also be sending an updated version of the parents’ handbook next week. Although there are no major changes, I would still encourage you to have a look at it.