

The Old School Henstead



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Letters issued this week: PTFA Christmas Fair
Year 6 French Trip

Bonfire Night - Despite the weather this was a really great evening and it was so good to see so many people there. Thanks to all who made the evening such a success. It raised £445 for PTFA funds

William Stoner – We wished William luck for the ISA National Swimming competition in last week's newsletter and I am pleased to report that he had a tremendous Gala. In his first race, the medley relay, he brought the East Anglian team from 6th place to 2nd and they finally came home in 3rd. William went on to win both of his individual races, gaining gold in the butterfly and freestyle. This is a brilliant performance – well done William.

Year 3 Trip to Sutton Hoo - The children of Year Three spent a rather damp and very windy day at Sutton Hoo on Monday. We began in Tranmer House by studying some strange objects. We were challenged to say what we thought they might be and to think of the questions we needed to ask to find the answer. In this way we learnt about some of the skills an



archaeologist needs. I wonder if YOU would have correctly named a lyre case, a spade (wooden!) and a girdle carrier. In the Exhibition Centre a full size replica of the Anglo Saxon ship containing the remains of King Raedwald helped us to understand why Sutton Hoo is so important. Mr Butcher explained what could be learnt about the Anglo-Saxons from all the objects found beside the King and told us how the ship was made. A short film explained how much of our everyday life was learned from the Anglo Saxons including the names of many of our towns and villages, 80% of our language, the basis of our system of law, and even the habit of putting butter and cheese with bread. Then, the most exciting part of our visit, we went on a tour of the burial mounds, we stood where Anglo Saxons had stood, we wondered how they had dragged such a large and heavy ship up the hill from the river to where it was discovered, we imagined how Basil Brown must have felt when he began to uncover the boat, we experienced the unique atmosphere andwho was that character in the helmet riding a horse in the dusk?!

Reception Assembly – We were treated to our first reception class assembly of the year today. They spoke about what they would do if they were super heroes and then told the story of the magical vegetables, especially written for them by Mrs Suffolk.



Children in Need – Congratulations to the Senior part of the school who sang brilliantly this morning in Beccles to raise money for Children in Need. Thank you also to all those who produced cakes, those who helped set up and run the stall and to Miss Sindall for her musical direction. I hope that we will have some photos for next week's newsletter. We raised a magnificent total of £373.34!

Traffic – Can I please remind all parents and others who drop children off and pick them up by car that the speed limit through the village is 30mph. Also, please take particular care when turning into and out of Toad Row.