

# The Old School Henstead



Newsletter  
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**Letters issued this week**      Year 4 Castle Museum Trip  
Reception and Year 1 Spring Concert  
Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 Parents' evening times

**Congratulations to** William James-Geddes, Stephen Moyse, Honey Lamdin and Alex 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

**Ceilidh at Raveningham Barn – Friday March 18<sup>th</sup>**

This promises to be a really super evening for all the family, with dancing, hotdogs and refreshments. PLEASE BUY YOUR TICKETS SOON which are available from the school office.

**Bag2School** – Our last collection raised £104.00 for the PTFA so thank you to everyone who brought in items. The next collection is scheduled for Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May so do keep collecting!

**Pottery Workshops** – On Tuesday we welcomed Mr Rutterford in during the school day to work with Years 4 and 5. The children had a fantastic time, Year 4 producing 2D and 3D boats to link in with the lifeboats theme, and Year 5 producing miniatures to link with their current art project.

**World Book Day** – During this week the children have been discussing, developing and submitting ideas for a story. The Reception children thought about the characters and then each class has in turn developed the story before handing it on to the next year group. On World Book Day itself we had a special assembly to hear how it was going and we were all delighted with story of Bridgette, Ben, Rosie and Ash the dog, and their fantastical travels. On Monday we shall hear the concluding part of the story which has been developed by Years 5 and 6. Today, children in Years 3, 5 and 6 have been working on illustrations to go with the story.

**Netball with The Abbey** - On Wednesday afternoon the senior girls were invited to the Abbey for a friendly netball match. The girls had never experienced a 7 aside game before and I was astounded how quickly they adapted to the full game. The girls were divided into the yellow and blue teams and although evenly matched on the court, the superior shooting skills of the yellow team were the

deciding factor. The afternoon was a great success and we hope to arrange a return fixture for later this term.

**Cross Country** - On the last Friday before the half term holiday, 24 of our children participated in the St Felix school cross country. All of the children gave an excellent account of themselves, but particular mention to Tom Wicks and Sonny Dakin-Butler who although in Year 2 ran in the U9 event. Many thanks to our wonderful supporters whose encouragement was not diminished by the freezing weather.



**Progress on the New Field** – The last two weeks have seen tremendous progress on the school field. The Nursery now have a canopy over the patio and the garden has been extended and a path for them to ride around added. About 200 plants have been put in by Mr and Mrs Lincoln and



Miss Sindall. This week we have been delighted to see some willow structures appearing thanks to Mr and Mrs Wicks and Mr and Mrs Taylor. All in all it is very exciting!

**Many Congratulations** to all of our Year 6 children who have gained places at their first choice schools:

Callum Aizlewood – Academic Scholarship to Langley School

James Briggs – Woodbridge School

Christian Burgess – Woodbridge School

James How – Langley School

William James-Geddes – Langley School

Luke Marriott – Langley School

Alexander Mills – Woodbridge School

Natasha Mills – All Round with Music Scholarship to Langley School

Stephen Moyse – Norwich School and Academic Scholarship to Langley School

Their hard work has certainly been rewarded and we are very proud of their achievements.

**Notice boards** – You may have seen that two new boards have appeared near the garden. One will be used for urgent day to day notices and the other is an initiative from the PTFA. It will be available for parents and friends to advertise their businesses for a small charge that will go straight into PTFA funds. A letter with a tariff will be sent out soon. The PTFA notice board is now situated by the kitchen door.

**Lunch Bills and After School Activity Bills** – Please ensure that these are paid by Monday at the latest.

**Year 6 Trip to France** – Final payment for this is now due.

**Open Day** – This will be held on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March between 10.00 am and 12.00 noon. Please let anyone you know who may be interested. Many thanks.