

The Old School Henstead



Newsletter
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Letters issued this week Summer Dresses
MiniMonsters Roadshow
New Eccles Hall Cross-Country

Congratulations to Lily Theobald, Grace Forster and Michael Olaleye who received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates this week.

Next week's menu is:

Monday – Macaroni Cheese with peas and sweetcorn
Tuesday – Sausage, Mash and Baked Beans
Wednesday – Chicken and Noodles with peas and carrots
Thursday – Cottage Pie with cauliflower and carrots
Friday - Fish Fingers with Croquettes and Baked Beans

How have the wild birds fared after our cold weather?

- Most of the children took part in the RSPB Bird Count on Wednesday. Year Four's classroom became a bird hide for the day and, although bird numbers are down following the hard winter, all the children were able to



see and identify a variety of garden birds including robin, blue tit, great tit, coal tit, chaffinch, blackbird and collared dove. Numbers will now be forwarded to the RSPB who will be collecting data from all over the country. The resulting totals will be available later in the year.

RNLI Fundraising – A magnificent **£1750.09** has been donated for the **RNLI** so far, from our fundraising efforts last week. This is a staggering amount from such a small community, and I cannot thank you all enough for your positive support and generosity. It has been heart-warming to discover how highly people think of these volunteers, and numerous stories have returned, about relatives, friends and colleagues almost queuing up to sign sponsor forms, in order to support the

RNLI. Sincere thanks again to both the children, who worked so hard to complete over 600 rescues between them, in the pool, and to families and friends who gave so generously on both Thursday and Friday. It was an enjoyable experience, as well as being extremely beneficial to the local lifeboats, and we hope to present cheques to RNLI representatives before half term, but after the Beetle Drive evening next Friday (11th), which is being organised and run by Y2 parents, also in aid of RNLI. A very grateful Pat Suffolk.

Beetle Drive – This event, organised by the Year 2 parents will take place next Friday at 6.30pm. It promises to be a fun evening for all the family. Tickets, which include food, are available from the office and are priced at £3 per person. All proceeds will go to the RNLI.

MiniMonsters Roadshow – Tuesday will be an exciting day for all the children in the school as we will be visited by the MiniMonsters Roadshow. Children from the nursery to Year 6 (and adults!) will have the chance to learn about and handle a range of ‘creepy crawly’ creatures, from Giant African Land Snails through to Corn Snakes.

Sports Fixtures – Next Wednesday will be a busy sporting day. Several children will be travelling to New Eccles Hall School in Norfolk to take part in the ISA regional cross-country championships. On the same afternoon, the senior boys will take on St Felix at football. This match is at home and starts at 2.30pm.

Church Service – Next Friday sees our first church service of the term. It is to celebrate Candlemas, the time when we remember Jesus being presented in the temple and recognised as a light for the world. The service is scheduled to start at 9.15am. If any parents can help with transport, please let either Mrs Mills or your child’s form teacher know and also do the same if you are happy for your child to travel to or from the church with another parent.

Summer Dress Sales – There will be a sale of second hand summer dresses and the opportunity to order new ones from the uniform shop on Thursday 10th February, between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. This replaces the other advertised time and will take place in the school hall.