

# The Old School Henstead



Newsletter  
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**Letters issued this week** Reception and Year 6 National Measurement Letter  
PTFA Bags2School and Christmas Fair

**Congratulations to** Ruby McDowell and Sonny Dakin-Butler who received their Headmaster's Commendation Certificates before half term and to Joe Wicks and Callum Aizlewood who received them this week.

## **Next week is Menu 1:**

Monday – Jacket Potatoes  
Tuesday – Creamy Chicken Pasta  
Wednesday – Sausage, mashed potatoes and beans  
Thursday – Pasta Bolognese  
Friday – Fish Fingers, Croquettes and Beans

**Reception Class Assembly** – Think of a world without any colours was the hymn we sang this morning as we heard about the delight and pleasure that all the colours in our world give us. They also told us the story of Noah's Ark with the link to the rainbow. It was a wonderful performance - Well Done Reception! (Photo next week)

**Year 5 and Year 6 Exams** – Well done to the children in Years 5 and 6 who sat exams this week. These are very testing papers to assess suitability for next schools. Results will be sent out to parents on Monday.

**Congratulations to** .....Stephen Moyse in Year 6 who has once again been selected to play for Suffolk County Cricket at Under 11 level. This is an impressive achievement, very well done.

**Bonfire Night Party** – Many, many thanks to Richard Baxter and his construction team for the magnificent bonfire for tonight's party, and also to the PTFA for all of their hard work. We are expecting a lot of people and so can I remind you that safety is paramount. I have spoken to the children and reminded them that they should stay with their parents at all times and that they should not cross the barriers to the fire area. Please ensure that extra care is also taken in the car parks.

**Christmas Boxes** – The piles of boxes for Operation Christmas Child have grown rapidly this week and we are very grateful to all those who have contributed to this fantastic effort. If you are still planning to bring one in, we shall be counting them on Monday morning during assembly so it would be great if they could all be in school for that occasion.

**Years 3 and 4 Trip to Minsmere** – We are planning to take part in the Great Garden Birdwatch in January and a visit to the RSPB nature reserve at Minsmere was an ideal way to begin preparations. Every child was issued with a pair of binoculars and shown the best way of using them before we set out to the bird feeders to learn how to do a bird tally. Chaffinches proved to be most abundant but a highlight was a very close view of a pheasant and a chance to appreciate the amazing colours of its plumage.



The children visited three hides and some were lucky enough to spot the marsh harrier.

Work was also done on identifying trees - can you tell the difference between a Turkey oak and an English oak? We had a most enjoyable and informative day learning about the importance of looking after the diverse and beautiful area in which we live.



**Parents' Meetings** – Parents of children in Years 1 to 6 have the opportunity to meet with Form teachers next week. If you have not signed up for an appointment and would like to, the lists are at the entrance to your child's form room.

**Next Week –**

**Monday – Years 5 and 6 to Chelmsford Water Works**

**Wednesday – Year 2 to The Elizabethan House in Great Yarmouth**

**Friday – Remembrance Service at Church – 9.15am**