

# Autumn Days

Dear Parents and Carers

'The Four Courts' is now open and we are feeling very fortunate to have such an amazing facility. The sporting possibilities are endless and as our Harvest Festival demonstrated, the whole school can now meet and celebrate together. As some of you may be aware, prizes awarded in the gym involved a race around the outside to collect because making your way through the audience wasn't possible! The pictures included in this edition give an indication of its size but I hope you will come and view it first-hand to fully appreciate it.

Our new classrooms opened at the start of term and similarly, we feel their size, layout and facilities are conducive to excellent teaching and learning possibilities.

I have enjoyed awarding Head Teacher Awards for river projects and essay writing in particular this half term and can see pupils stretching themselves regularly in their endeavours.

This week we have held the first of two open evenings that we are holding. Many of our pupils offered to help illustrate our school to prospective year 5 pupils and parents. Thank you all for facilitating this.

This week Year 6 have been experiencing a SATS 'trial run' which will help them prepare for the type of assessments they will face in earnest in May. A few nerves are inevitable and this run through helps us to suggest ways of preparing for future exams.

This half of the Autumn term is traditionally busy and preparations for the anti-bullying concert, Christmas concert and play are already in full swing. I'm sure 'The Twelve Days of Christmas' will be a popular choice of play.

Yours  


Caren Earp



# Hall, Harvest & Hymns

The beginning of October saw the school getting the keys to our brand new sports facility. This meant we were able to hold a whole school Harvest Festival assembly in our lovely, spacious sports hall. This was a very special time for the school as we came together to celebrate.

## New Sports Hall



## A Time Of Giving

We had a huge amount of produce was donated at our Harvest Festival for The Need Project which we are proud to support here at Henlow.



# School At Work



Last night we hosted our annual 'School At Work' evening for prospective pupils and their families to come and look at us in action. It was an incredible evening with record numbers coming to look at what we have on offer. As always we are so proud of our pupils who helped out on the evening. The feedback we have had from those who have visited is testament to the amazing pupils we have here.



# Remembrance



We have held our own Remembrance Service in school around our Memorial Garden which has been beautifully tidied and re-planted by our Gardening Club. Pupils who have parents in the forces attended RAF Henlow for their Remembrance service and our Year 8 pupils attended the Church for a Service of Remembrance.



# Henlow Composes

We asked the pupils to write extra verses' to one of our favourite hymn's, Autumn Days. We had so many excellent entries that Mrs Earp couldn't pick a single winner. Parts of numerous entries were collated to create these additional verses which shall be forever part of our Harvest Festivals.

## Winning contributors were:

Caitlin Butler, Izzy McDonald, Daphne Muriritirwa, Chris Sherwood, Rhys Roseblade, Arabella Hawes, Lucy Matthiae, Chloe Houghton, Sienna Patch, Alexandria Sandilands, Fraser Kotrys, Mackenzie Lewis, Thom Ford, Tomas Igoe

## Henlow's Autumn Days Verses

Crunchy leaves falling all around me,  
And the farmers working in the fields.  
Spending time with your friends and family,  
And butterflies still flying.  
So I mustn't forget  
No I mustn't forget  
To say a great big thank you I mustn't forget

I love the colours of the autumn breeze  
Red and orange and yellow and green.  
Hedgehogs ready as the earth begins to freeze,  
An idyllic scene!  
So I mustn't forget  
No I mustn't forget

To say a great big thank you I mustn't forget  
  
Winter's day when the snow starts falling,  
And the birds come out and chirp away.  
Friends are meeting in the park, I hear them calling.  
I watch these things all day.  
So I mustn't forget  
No I mustn't forget  
To say a great big thank you I mustn't forget  
  
Lovely leaves in the sun they start to shine,  
Our new sports hall is sparkly and clean  
We give a great big thank you at harvest time,  
For this wonderful scene.



# Help Needed

From time to time we need the help of volunteers to ensure we have an appropriate number of adults to run trips. We also need many extra helpers for SATs exams for pupils who need support to enable them to complete their work.

We need

YOU!



## SATS Helpers



Key Stage 2 tests

Could you spare a few hours to volunteer to help children during their Mock SATs and the real thing?

No experience necessary as training will be given.

Are you available on any of these dates?

Mock SATs - Monday 4th March to Thursday 7th March from 9:00am-12:30pm.

SATs - Monday 13th -Thursday 16th May 9:00am-12.30pm.

Please contact: [mpigram@henlowacademy.org.uk](mailto:mpigram@henlowacademy.org.uk) (Head of KS2)

## Kingswood July 2019

Would you like to volunteer to come on our 2019 Year 6 activities week at Kingswood? Maybe you know someone else who'd like to?

Are you free from Monday 8th July until Friday 12th July 2019?

If so we would LOVE to hear from you. We desperately need some more adults to come with us on our Year 6 residential. Ideally if you are DBS checked that would be even better!

Please email Mr Gully, Head of Year 6 on [jgully@henlowacademy.org.uk](mailto:jgully@henlowacademy.org.uk) if you can help.

# School Dinner Update

We have had an excellent take up of our new school dinner menu. Remember that you do not have to sign up to school dinners everyday. If your child currently has a packed lunch but there are certain school dinners they like the look of, you can decide each day which they'd prefer.

We have a new menu which will run from November until April. Also there will be certain theme days as the school year goes on. We have already had a delicious Harvest and Bonfire specials.

**LUNCHTIME CO.**  
**FRIDAY 14 DECEMBER 2018**

**ROAST TURKEY AND STUFFING**  
**ROASTED VEGETABLES AND FETA PARCELS (V)**  
**ROAST POTATOES, BRUSSELS SPROUTS, CARROTS AND ROAST PARSNIPS**  
**CHOCOLATE CAKE WITH CREAM**  
**SLICED FRESH FRUIT**

**LUNCHTIME CO.** *Week 1*  
 Commencing • 29th Oct • 19th Nov  
 • 10th Dec • 7th Jan • 28th Jan • 25th Feb • 18th March

**Available every day:**

- Packed Lunch option
- Jacket potato and fillings (Tuesday & Thursday)

*Some of our food may contain allergens. Please ask our chef for advice.*

**Our mission** is to make your lunchtime meal the highlight of your day.

# LUNCHTIME CO.

## Week 2

Commencing • 5th Nov • 26th Nov  
• 17th Dec • 14th Jan • 4th Feb • 4th March • 25th March



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Freshly baked bread</b>	Garlic bread	Wholemeal bread	Focaccia	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Garlic & herbed ciabatta
<b>Menu choice 1</b>	Cheese and tomato pizza	BBQ chicken with new potatoes	Shepherd's pie	Roast chicken, roast potatoes & yorkshire pudding	Battered fish & chips with tomato ketchup
<b>Menu choice 2</b> 	Cheese cauliflower & broccoli bake	Vegetable stir fry and rice	Chick pea & lentil ragu with rice	Vegetarian quesadillas	Vegetable wrap
<b>Sides</b>	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads
<b>Desserts</b>	Apple crumble & custard <i>Sliced fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, cheese &amp; biscuits</i>	Flapjack <i>Sliced fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, cheese &amp; biscuits</i>	Pancake with sauce <i>Sliced fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, cheese &amp; biscuits</i>	Mixed fruit cheesecake <i>Sliced fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, cheese &amp; biscuits</i>	Chocolate sponge cake with chocolate sauce <i>Sliced fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, cheese &amp; biscuits</i>

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# LUNCHTIME CO.

## Week 3

Commencing • 12th Nov • 3rd Dec  
• 31st Dec • 21st Jan • 11th Feb • 11th March • 1st April



	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<b>Freshly baked bread</b>	Garlic bread	Wholemeal bread	Focaccia	Rosemary wholemeal bread	Garlic & herbed ciabatta
<b>Menu choice 1</b>	Sausage with mash potato	Sticky chicken with rice & peas	Beef burger in a bun with lettuce & tomato	Roast turkey with roast potatoes and yorkshire pudding	Fish and chips
<b>Menu choice 2</b> 	Macaroni cheese	Moroccan spiced chickpea and vegetable ragout	Vegetable lasagne with garlic bread	Broccoli & tomato pasta bake with melted cheese	Vegetable flat bread pizza
<b>Sides</b>	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads	Seasonable vegetables Selection of salads
<b>Desserts</b>	Apple sponge pudding with custard <i>Sliced fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, cheese &amp; biscuits</i>	Banana cake <i>Sliced fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, cheese &amp; biscuits</i>	Jam sponge & custard <i>Sliced fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, cheese &amp; biscuits</i>	Ice cream <i>Sliced fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, cheese &amp; biscuits</i>	Bakewell tart <i>Sliced fresh fruit, natural yoghurt, cheese &amp; biscuits</i>

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# Must read - Important Update

We have been notified by Central Bedfordshire Council that upon talking with other local authorities they have decided to move the 2020 February half term to align with the dates they have issued. As an Academy we are able to choose whether to follow this move. We are aware of many families who have children in different local authority areas and therefore have chosen to move our half term to fit with these new published dates.

**Half term in February 2020 will now be Monday 17th February to Friday 21st February.**

# Well Done Tom!



We love hearing about our pupils achievements outside of school.

Tom attends County School of Dance, Reading . Recently Tom competed in Blackpool winning 1st place in Jive and 2nd place in Ballroom. An amazing achievement! We look forward to following Tom's ballroom and Latin career as he progresses with further qualifying competitions in November and May.



# House Captains

The new school year means new house and sport captains for Henlow. We are proud to announce the following

## Addington

Morgan Horton-Smith  
Lewis Amner

## Gribble

Natasha Vaughan  
Duncan Waller

## Lennox Boyd

James Moulton  
Charlotte Reynolds

## Raynsford

Frederik Simmen  
Niamh Robson

## Tilley

Isabella Byers  
Aaron Nahani

# Henlow Values

## The gift of technology

Our children may well have told you about the wonderful improvements which have been made to the ICT room over the summer. New benching has been installed, new seats provided and new computers purchased. As a result we found ourselves with some computers which we needed to dispose of. These were around seven years old.

In my work in Kenya, I have bought some new computers for Utange Primary school from a company called Camara. This company has offices world wide and work by collecting donations of old computers from organisations which then have their hard drives wiped (with the necessary certification of this provided) and appropriate software installed before being sent out to developing countries to be sold on at a low cost to schools there.

Camara collected the old desktops and a number of old laptops from school, along with some computers from staff. We have received notification that all 51 computers collected will be sent out to Africa. Each computer there will benefit, on average, 21 children.

If you work in a company which has computers to get rid of, please consider donating them to Camara or a similar organisation. More information on donating through Camara is at <https://camara.org/gb/give-computers/>. These computers make a real difference in developing countries. If you need further information, feel free to contact me through school.

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# Vacancies

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## Assistant Caretaker

Required as soon as possible

**Hours of work:** Flexible

**Salary:** NJC Scale Point 10 (£8.74 per hour)

Assisting our Site Agent with after school and weekend lettings with occasional day time tasks.

**For application form and job description please visit [www.henlowacademy.co.uk/jobs](http://www.henlowacademy.co.uk/jobs)**

**Closing date:** Monday 26th November

## Midday Supervisor

Required as soon as possible

**Hours of work:** 12:35pm - 1:35pm Monday to Friday

term time only (5 hours per week)

**Salary:** NJC Scale Points 7-10 (£16,495 - £16,863 pro rata)

Assisting with supervision and care of our pupils during lunchtime.

# Competition Time

Can you design Mrs Earp's 2018 Christmas Card? Mrs Earp is looking for a pupil of Henlow Church of England Academy to design the Christmas card which will be made and sent out by the school to friends of the school. The closing date is Monday 12th November. Please submit your entries to Mrs Henshall.



The annual Extra Art competition prompted over 50 pupils to enter a piece of work with the theme of Honesty. We saw all sorts of work including portraits of Pinocchio, drawings of eyes as the window to the soul, drawings of the honesty plant with its translucent seed pods and sculptures of hands.

Mrs Henshall had the difficult task of whittling the entries down to a final selection of 25 who will be able to attend the Extra Art group with its five after school sessions across the school year. The following pupils have been award-

Dominique Shackleton 5MW

Sophie Davis 7BW

Sophie Raybould 7SP

Izzie Cooke 5NS

Cerys Reynolds 7SG

Lucy White 8LC

George Lerpiniere 5NS

Natalie Chan 7SG

Millie Jones 8LC

Ruth Blair 6AW

Evie Hayward 7SG

Alice Jarvis 8BF

Ellie Hoy 6AW

Charlotte Rose 7SG

Rianna Blott 8BF

Tilli Gardner 6RB

Ella Norman 7SG

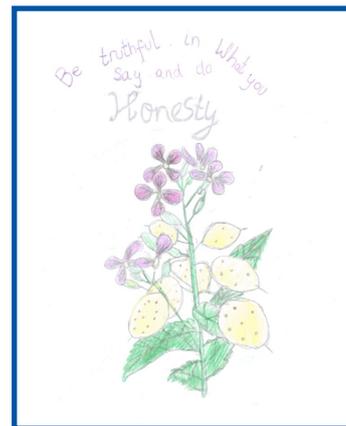
Chloe Gumley 8BF

Emilie Chudley 7BW

Lois Treadaway 7SP

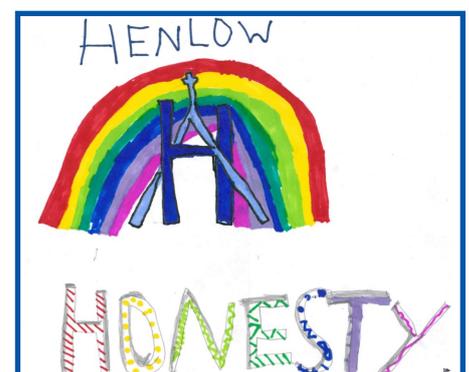
Natasha Vaughan

Lois Treadaway 7SP and Izzie Cooke 5NS were our overall winners, with their designs being made into our new Value postcard designs.



Our groups will include a Christmas clay project, a visit from a local ceramist who will help us to sculpt some architectural plaques, and several other art projects which will provide extra opportunities for our most creative students.

If you did not get a place this time, please do not be disheartened - Years 5-7 can always apply again next year and on Tuesday Week A lunchtimes, the art room is open for you to come along and finish off art work or draw.



# Langford Residents

In Langford, the process of developing a Neighbourhood Plan has just begun and the most important principle is to gather the views of all Langford residents - adults and children - who wish to contribute.

To kick things off the steering group has chosen four themes to explore and consult on:

- Environment
- Transport
- Infrastructure (services, schools, shops etc.)
- Planning

But these are not fixed and will be influenced by what residents want for the village. The project group wanted to connect with Langford residents through our school community so if you live in Langford please do follow the link below to access the questionnaire.

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMlf-av627yRZh37LuPNS9wR-bU4VdFOH\\_YV4maQCBwckcg/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLScMlf-av627yRZh37LuPNS9wR-bU4VdFOH_YV4maQCBwckcg/viewform)

or go to

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## Help us to help you

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Please treat our staff with respect.

We are doing our best to help you and  
your child(ren).

Swearing, abusive language, threats and physical  
violence against our staff will not be tolerat-

# Library News

## Poetry Competition

Last month we ran a poetry competition to coincide with National Poetry Day. Many of our pupils entered and submitted some fantastic poems, so well done to you all. However, this made the job of picking winning entries extremely difficult!

A decision was made and congratulations to the following pupils who were all presented with a certificate and a £5.00 book voucher.

Olivia Pickering

Evie Roberts

Oliver Atkinson

Charlotte Reynolds

## Harry Potter Club

We have been running a Harry Potter book 'n' movie club. This club has been very popular and club members have been reading 'Chamber of Secrets' and we will al-

## Design a wand competition.

A competition was held just before the half term holiday and pupils were invited to decorate a wand. We have received some wonderful creations and pupils have really used their imaginations.

Well done to all pupils who entered.

1st place - Ruby



## Beautiful Autumn Time

Leaves that sway in the wind far away  
Gently dancing down from the trees  
Resting softly on the ground  
A kaleidoscope of colours are found  
Oranges, reds, yellows and browns

Farmers with their heavy ploughs  
Working on the land  
Gathering all the wonderful crops  
At this special Harvest time

Orchards bearing sweet ripened fruit  
Now gathered for us to enjoy  
Golden wheat that shone so bright  
Is cut to make fine bread to eat

The autumn brings many changes each day  
Cool watery skies from blue to grey  
Geese slowly leave our shores this season  
In fine formation they have good reason

All of nature's creatures big and small, gently adapting to the cold  
Gentle breezes, sun setting low, dark days but glorious starry nights

Oh how they give us such wonderful sights

## Forthcoming events: Book fair

Monday 3rd December to Thursday 6th December we will be holding a book fair. Pupils will have the opportunity to have a look at the new books for sale and they can if they wish, buy a book for themselves.

# PTA Fundraising



Henlow Academy Parent Teacher Association are now organising their Christmas Fayre to be held on 2nd December 2018. Each year we raise much needed funds to enable the school to purchase vital new equipment and ensure they can tap into extra services for which the school budget does not allow. We also plan enjoyable events throughout the year which encourage high levels of pupil participation making a difference to the journey of each child who attends our amazing school. If you feel you would like to support us this year, we would hugely appreciate any donations however small towards our Christmas Raffle. Thank you for any assistance you feel able to provide.

**Friday 30th November 2018**

**Key Stage 2 Disco**

**Friday 7th December 2018**

**Key Stage 3 Disco**



# Attendance Matters!

## Our Attendance Team

Attendance Officer: Kelly Jando

Education Welfare Officer: Caroline Northover

## Useful Numbers

School Office: 01462 813733

App - MyEd

## School Arrival

8:40am Warning Bell

8:40- 9:00am Registration

9:00 –9:15am Late mark will be issued

9:15am onwards Unauthorised absence



## FAQ

**Q. My child has a tummy bug and isn't well enough for school. What do I need to do?**

A. Call the school office on 01462 813733 before 9:00am to let us know. Children should not return to school after a sickness bug for 48 hours after their last episode of sickness/diarrhoea.

**Q. I need to take my child to the dentist next week, do I need to let school know?**

A. Yes please! Please inform the school office. Where possible please try to make appointments outside school hours/during school holidays. If that is not possible please make them for the start or end of the school day.

**Q. I sometimes struggle to get all of my 3 children to school before the school gates close, being 5-10 minutes late doesn't really make that much difference does it?**

A. It is important for all children to be in school on time as it can be upsetting for the child and disruptive for the rest of the class when children are late. Children who are late need to arrive via the school office and will get a late mark.

## Did you know?

- ☹️ 97% attendance means your child will have missed 6 days of school throughout the year.
- ☹️ 90% attendance means that your child will have been absent for the equivalent of one half day every week.
- ☹️ This also means that your child will have missed the equivalent of 4 whole weeks throughout the school year!
- ☹️ If you take a two week holiday during term time your child's attendance will automatically be reduced to less than 95%.
- ☹️ A two week holiday each year in school means a total of 14 weeks teaching time missed. This is the equivalent of a whole term and can have a real impact on your child's literacy and numeracy skills.
- ☹️ If your child does not attend school regularly and you fail to work with the school and The Education Welfare Service you may be fined up to £2500

## Things to remember:

- ☒ Keeping children away from school is a criminal offence.
- ☒ If you do not let us know why your child is not in school their absence will be marked as unauthorised.
- ☒ Looking after other children, going shopping, waiting in are not valid reasons to keep your child off school and will be marked as unauthorised absences.
- ☒ Some parents believe that their child is automatically entitled to up to 10 days out of school a year. **THIS IS NOT TRUE!** Parents can request to take children out of school during term time by writing to the Attendance Officer. However, holidays are only granted in exceptional circumstances. Holidays taken without permission will be recorded as unauthorised and the

# Dates To Remember

Date	Event
Monday 12th - Friday 16th November	Anti Bullying Week
Friday 30th November	Key Stage 2 Disco
Friday 7th December	Key Stage 3 Disco
Wednesday 12th December	Christmas Concert
Thursday 13th December	Christmas Concert
Friday 14th December	Christmas Dinner
Friday 14th December	Christmas Jumper Day
Wednesday 19th December	Year 5 church visit
Wednesday 19th December	Last day of term
Thursday 3rd January	First day of spring term

## General Housekeeping

- **URGENT - Please remember to fill in the 'bad weather forms' that were sent out before half term to make sure we know what you would like us to do should we need to close the school during a school day.**
- Please ensure all money sent in to school is in a sealed envelope and has your child's name, class, what the money is for and the amount of money on the front.
- Please make sure that all your child's clothes and property is clearly named. Our lost property is already full!
- The school office are unable to call home if your child forgets something they need that day at school. Please ensure your child checks their timetable and brings all they need each day.
- **ALL** children are required to bring in a named water bottle daily. The school do not have cups to provide to children who do not bring a water bottle.