



Issue 2 - December 2019

Henlow Heart

Dear Parents

What a busy term it has been! I would like to thank you all for supporting all of our endeavours. Christmas lunch was appreciated by over 400 children and staff with festive music, hats, crackers, Christmas jumpers and a lot of Christmas cheer. Our Christmas concert and Key Stage 2 performance of 'Tinsel and Tea Towels' were sold out on both evenings with over 300 family members in the audiences. The performances included pupils at various stages of their musical and acting careers. A huge well done goes to all for having the confidence to play and act in front of such a large audience. I would also like to thank the staff involved for putting in all the time and effort it takes to organise such brilliant performances.

The Christmas card competition has been another great success this year with the winning design being an amalgamation of Olly's and Lola's designs. The winning card, year group winners and a few 'special editions' are within this newsletter.

We say goodbye to one of our Teaching Assistants, Mr Kevin McCumskay who has been with us for four years. I know many pupils will join me in wishing him every success in new endeavours and offer huge thanks for his calm and supportive approach in the classroom.

Mrs Armitage has been lured by the sea and is relocating to Dorset! She has taught at Henlow Academy for two and a half years and her English lessons have helped many pupils make progress. She has given her time unstintingly to ensure our Key Stage 2 Christmas performances are memorable! The 'Xmas Factor', 'Mr Partridges Amazing Performing Troop' and 'Tinsel and Tea Towels' have impressed us all. We would also like to thank Mrs Quirke for the listening ear she has provided for many of our students during the last ten years. As part of changes we are making to pastoral care we are widening our approach to counselling.

During the Christmas break, please spend a few minutes completing the area wide consultation on the move to two tier schooling. This term brought recognition from Ofsted that we are a Good school according to the new framework. Our ethos and community feel remain a strength that we are justifiably proud of alongside the best academic attainment and progress results Henlow Academy has ever gained. The Christmas present we are hoping for is the permission for our flourishing school to extend its age range to 9 to 16.

Finally, we often take a moment at Christmas time to think about the needs of those less fortunate than ourselves. Our children and staff have already raised £1945.85 for charities dear to all our hearts for which they should all be very proud.

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year for 2020.

Yours sincerely



Mrs Caren Earp

Headteacher

School Action Group



It's been an incredibly busy term for School Action Group! Now School Action Group is open to all pupils our numbers have dramatically increased. Our regular group is diverse and all year groups are represented.

Our main event this term has been Children in Need. We ran the first ever Henlow Loose Change War which created a huge buzz around the school! There was a lot of fun counting our classes contribution, turning these into points and then choosing which class to steal points from. This event raised a fantastic £671.48. We then celebrated Children in Need with a colour themed mufti, this raised a further £632.89. This was a truly stunning amount raised.

6TR's winning coin design



£1304.37

We have now planned out activities throughout the year and will be supporting charities at a local, national and international level with a variety of fundraising events planned. School Action Group have also chosen to raise awareness of different issues. During the spring term will be supporting both Young Carers and the Moebius Syndrome. We are also looking forward to welcoming the Watoto Choir to Henlow Academy, raising awareness and money to support their cause. During March we are looking to smash the amount of money we raised for Comic Relief with supporting Sport Relief!



School Action Group counting the change up

It was the best way to raise money for charity because we got to be creative with the money as well as having a competition to see who could raise the most money. It was good that this was all so fun but used for a good cause.

Dylan B, 6NS

Autumn Term Roll Of Honour



Joey G, 7NC

Donating his £100 raffle prize winnings to The Need Project

Charlotte L, 7RT

Since joining us in September has waited in reception to greet a student and help them to class.

Verity S, 7AC

Having her hair cut for the Little Princess Trust.

Morgan L, 7BF

Helping Year 5's with daily tasks such as organising themselves, approaching them with such a kind nature and smile.

Kayleigh L, 5SM & Daniel J, 5JF

For speaking in front of a hundred parents at the Year 4 Open Evening.

Sophie R, 8GB

Always helping with another pupil - always smiling and happy & regularly offering her help to office staff.

Ben S, 8SP

Always being so jolly in and around the school, being extremely polite and helpful and a great tour guide.

Freddie P, 6MW

Always offering to and helping staff around school.

Daniel B, 8SP

Always being so polite and helpful. Playing a violin solo in the Christmas concert.

Emilie C, 8BW

Playing violin solos in the Christmas concert.

Jessica G, 8GB

Being actively involved in school gardening since Y5. Always hardworking and loyal.

Charlotte B, Caitlin B, Izzy McD, Ollie S, Jack R & Sam B, 8BW

For being reliable helpers in the science labs throughout the Autumn Term.

Francesca B, Imogen C, Jorja-Rose E, Ben H, Ashton I, Archie J, Freya L, Rakitha W, Eilis F, Poppy G, Grace N

Helping at the Year 5 Greek day, serving food and drink and talking to the Year 5's in Greek

Issy N 7LC, George N 5JF & Siena P 6RB

Holding a charity bake sale in Henlow Park for RSPCA raising £130.

Autumn Term Roll Of Honour



Ollie S, 8BW

Won an award for the ultimate Scout on the Scout survival camp.

Megan G, 7LC

Won a shield for highest score at club gymnastics competition.

Mackenzie K, Joe C, Devon L, Harry W, Fraser K, Finley T, Harley T

The Futsal team getting through to the County finals.

Izzy New, 7LC

Passing black tag at Taekwondo grading.

Devon L, Fletcher T, Will C, Zak S, Flint B, Harvey H, Izzy N, Katie B, Jacob K, Celice C , Leland E, Ashton E

Receiving a Scout award for taking part in a 28 mile hike and survival camp.

Kristian H, Mason P, Sam B, Ollie S

Helping set up the stage between items for the Christmas concert.

Bailey D, Mia R, Trixie W, Beatrice R

Helping with the light and sound for the Christmas Concert and KS2 production

Izzy MacD & Eva H

Passing Grade 1 Piano with Merit.

Chamber Choir

Performing in the Barnardo's Christmas Concert that raised £25,000 for the charity and exemplary behaviour at Zizzi's for dinner!

Holly W, 5SM

Two headteacher awards and one deputy headteacher award in her first term including excellent work in French

Bella H, 6RB

Passing her brown with 1 stripe belt at karate.

Josh S, 5CC

Amazing progress in reading

Mrs Pigram

For completing her Post Graduate Certificate in SEND Co-ordination.

Lucy McS, 8BW

Taking part in the Young Persons Work Experience at Aspire 2019 Trailblazing Leadership Conference. Feedback was that 'Lucy is amazing, she has completely and utterly succeeded at this experience'.

School At Work



On Thursday 7th November we hosted our annual 'School At Work' evening for prospective pupils and their families to come and look at us in action. As always it was an incredible evening with record numbers coming to look at what we have on offer. With over 250 of our own pupils attending to act as tour guides or take part in demonstrating our activities, they showed all our visitors how brilliant our pupils are. We have had lovely feedback from those who have visited about how much they loved seeing Henlow Academy in full swing and what a credit our pupils are to us.



The Henlow General Election



The votes are in, have been counted and verified revealing a landslide victory for the Green Party winning a seat at the Henlow Church of England Academy constituency.

Henlow Academy have been learning about politics by holding a mock election. Year 8 pupils worked in groups representing the main parties. The candidates were Adam G (Brexit Party), Brenna P (Conservative Party), Ben S (Green Party), Jess G (Labour Party) and Daniel B (Liberal Democrat Party).

Along with their teams, the candidates have worked tirelessly on their campaigns. Each party

prepared presentations and answered questions from every class. Alexandra R in year 6 said, "They knew a lot about their party and answered our questions confidently. It was really fun and we learnt a lot." All of the party's presentations are available to see on the school's website.

The Labour campaign was visited by Julian Vaughan, the North East Beds Labour candidate, who worked with them to help craft their message and answer their tough questions. Julian said, "the children were brilliant and so switched on."

Joe Irwin from the MBCA admin team worked with the Conservative party helping them understand key messages that would win over young voters. "I was surprised to see how mature the pupils were to talk about policies and current affairs."

Our Candidates



The Henlow General Election

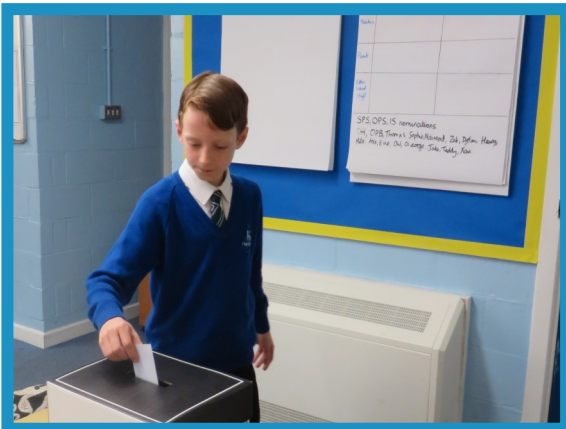


On Election Day classrooms were transformed into polling stations and all pupils and staff had the chance to vote. Finley C described his experience.

“Our classroom had all of the elements of a real polling station: the Polling Clerk asked us to confirm our name and address then they gave us our ballot paper and directed us to the polling booth to cast our vote which was placed in the ballot box. I thoroughly enjoyed taking part and learnt a lot about politics and our democratic process.”



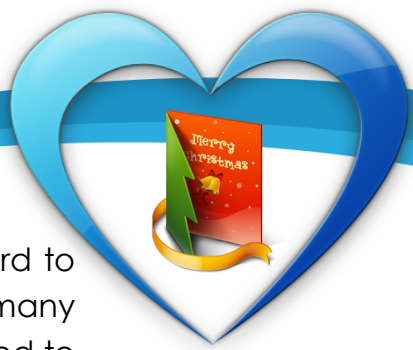
The day ended with a whole school assembly. All of the candidates took to the stage to hear the results ready with their victory speeches. However, it was Ben S, for the Green Party, who got to deliver his. “The Green party’s message of hope touched the hearts of the school and gained us this victory. I feel elated and very proud.”



This experience created a buzz amongst the pupils and lead to some insightful and intelligent discussions. We hope that the experience will encourage the children to vote and get involved with politics. With any of the candidates, the country would be in safe hands.



Christmas Card Competition



This years Christmas card competition to design Mrs Earp's card to send out was incredibly difficult to judge. There were so many brilliant designs that Mrs Earp chose to have 2 designs combined to make the final design. All finalists attended a tea party with Mrs Earp and each of the finalists designs were used on Christmas cards sent to staff in school. Well done Olly T and Lola C for contributing to the winning design.

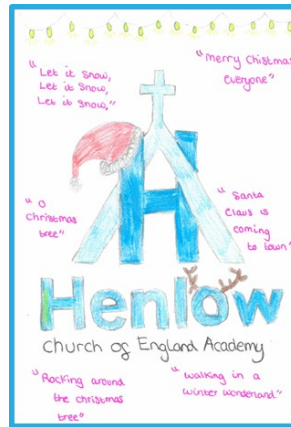
Bailey D 7BF



Emily M 6SG



Mae HP 8GB



Rebecca B 5JF



Leah D 8SP



Harry C 8GB



Ben G 5CC



Jessica G 8GB



Olly T 8GB



Winning Design



Lola C 8GB



HONESTY - ENTHUSIASM - NURTURE - LOVE - ORIGINALITY - WISDOM

Year 5 Greek Day



Greek day was fantastic! I really enjoyed the Greek alphabet with Mrs Farrington and the Greek pot making with Miss Cave and Mrs Newman. We dressed up and made Greek scrolls with our names on.

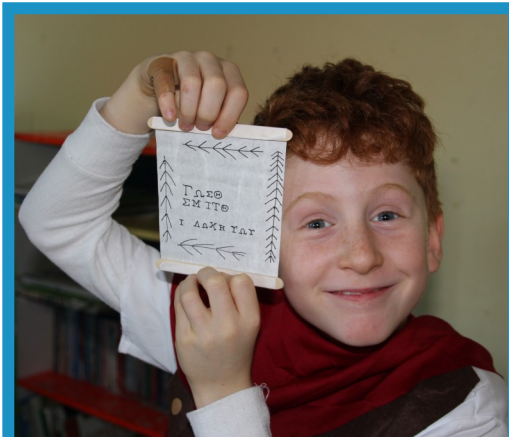
Freya C

On Greek day I enjoyed philosophy and archaeology. Philosophy was awesome especially when we got to make shadow puppets with Mrs Coster. Archaeology was a blast, the best part was when we had to go under this cave and shine a torch at the ancient Greek pot.

Zoe S

Greek day was amazing! My favourite subject that day was Philosophy because we made shadow puppets.

Zach M



Greek day was really good and I enjoyed it. I learnt some Greek words and the Greek alphabet. I especially enjoyed Mrs Murphy's activity where we found Greek letters that made a code and we had to figure it out. It was a brilliant day!

Jamie F

Year 5 Christingle



There was much merriment in the Year 5 area as the children made their Christingles ready for the church service. The children learnt all about what the orange represented and then enjoyed their time in church singing, saying prayers and various readings. We were lucky to have Mrs Earp, Mrs Fordham and Mrs Ryan accompany the children's beautiful singing. The highlight was obviously the lighting of the candles during the service and eating one or two sweets on the way back to school.



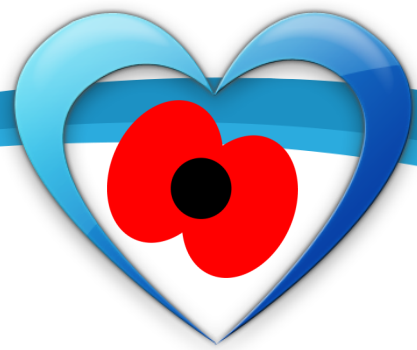
Year 5 ~ Anthony Glen - A Christmas Carol

'Anthony Glen was a great experience because he was a great actor and I could tell what he was acting even if he didn't tell us. The best bit of it was when he called people up to be the spirits. He also had some very funny lines. Anthony Glen is a one man show and he does a variety of different shows. The show we watched was called A Christmas Carol. He would tell funny jokes and make us wear funny costumes if we were acting with him.' Sophie B 5AW

'The Anthony Glen experience was very funny. He acted like the funniest Scrooge ever!' Archie C 5AW



Henlow Academy Remembers



House Sports



House sports took place just before half term. The boys played rugby and the girls played netball. Many people took part and spectators made the games very exciting. Sports Captains umpired/refereed the games as part of their role. The results were:

- 1st - Addington
- 2nd - Gribble & Lennox-Boyd
- 3rd - Raynsford
- 4th - Tilley

Can you help us?

We are looking for helpers for our mock SATs and SATs tests. If you are able to support children in school from Monday 2nd March to Thursday 6th March between 9am and 12:40pm and again from Monday 11th May to Thursday 14th May between 9am and 12:40pm we would love to hear from you. Please contact Mrs Pigram on mpigram@henlowacademy.org.uk



Year 7 & 8 Girls basketball tournament



Year 7 Results

Etonbury	6 v 8	Henlow
Henlow	2 v 14	RBA
Woodland	0 v 16	Henlow
Arnold	0 v 10	Henlow

The Year 7 team showed some exceptional skill and talent. They were undefeated bar one game!

Year 8 Results

Etonbury	2 v 8	Henlow
Henlow	9 v 14	RBA
Woodland	6 v 0	Henlow
Arnold	14 v 6	Henlow

Year 7

Year 7		Points
1st	RBA	12
2nd	Henlow	9
3rd	Arnold	6
4th	Etonbury	3
5th	Woodland	0

Year 8

Year 8		Points
1st	Woodland	10
2nd	Arnold	10
3rd	RBA	6
4th	Henlow	3
5th	Etonbury	0

Year 6 Hazard Alley



During November Year 6 went to Hazard Alley. The coach journey was about an hour, but I enjoyed chatting to my friends. Once we arrived at Hazard Alley (Milton Keynes) we went inside and started our day by eating lunch!

Then the real experience started. Hazard Alley teaches you all about Health and Safety. We did various activities about health and safety. Three of the activities included going to a phone box and calling 999.

Inside the centre there were real life scenarios including houses, a railway line, petrol station, shops and much, much more. We learnt about how to keep ourselves safe and what to do in an emergency.

It was very educational and I enjoyed it very much. Luckily I haven't had to use any of my news skills but I am glad I would know what to do if I was involved in some sort of emergency situation.

By Finlay C 6NS



Tagtiv8



Year 6 enjoyed Tagtiv8 Active Learning visiting to work with them on their English skills. Tagtiv8 combines traditional subjects with physical education.

'Tagtiv8 was really fun! The activities really helped me make more interesting words and helped me with spellings.'

Phoebe B 6TR

'I enjoyed the fact that it was so fun and it didn't feel much like an English Lesson. The best part was when we have to try tag people to get letters for the words we made.'

Millie C 6TR

The Travels Of Henry Henlow



Henry had a lovely time in Ukraine. We visited the #1 place in Ukraine which is The Sofiivskyi Park. Henry had a great time there, we went on a boat around the Love Island, saw the Snake Fountain, bought some souvenirs, and much more. We also visited the town where I was born Kropyvnytskyi, it is famous for the first theatre built in Ukraine.

I hope that Henry enjoyed his journey to Ukraine.

From Ann H, 7GS.



As an extra special treat for Henry we let him go on a Christmas day out!

When we arrived at the polar express we found out that our carriage name was Donner. When we went onto the train the waiters and the conductor started singing songs from the polar express movie. A few minutes into the journey they came out dancing with cookies and hot chocolate singing the hot chocolate song. Soon we arrived at the North Pole and Santa was waving outside to us. He gave us the first present of Christmas which was a bell. He also gave one to Henry Henlow and we wrapped it around his wrist. After that we ended up back at the start and that was the end of our journey. Rhoshlyn, 5CC





Christmas Concert and Key Stage 2 Drama

Well done to all the performers in the Christmas Concert and Key Stage 2 Drama this week.

The concert included a range of groups from the school including the Chamber choir, Young Voices, Orchestra as well as violin solos from Daniel B and Emilie C.

This years Key Stage 2 Drama was 'Tinsel and Tea Towels'. The actors were superb following the directions of Mrs Armitage and the Yr 5 Choir sang with gusto.

Music Exam Results

Jhnelle Roberts
Grade 1 Violin

Isabelle McDonald
Grade 1 Piano with Merit

Eva Hurst
Grade 1 Piano with Merit



Henlow Academy Chamber Choir Support

Barnardo's at Westminster Cathedral

A huge congratulations goes to the Chamber Choir who performed at the Barnardo's Christmas Concert at Westminster Cathedral on Tuesday 10th December. The Chamber Choir performed Feliz Navidad. In previous years we have performed as part of a massed choir with other schools, this year we performed by ourselves which was a daunting task.

The choir performed superbly and received many comments from the audience about how smiley our pupils were when they performed.

The school will be supporting Barnardo's again in May 2020 when we will be performing at The Barbican in the Young Supporters Concert.

Well done to the Chamber Choir as the concert raised £25000 for Barnados!



Library News



Busy and 'buzzing': With the festive season upon us, the library has continued to be a popular place for pupils to visit at break and lunchtimes. Various clubs and activities are held during these periods including book/drawing/writing, chess/board games, Chromebook sessions and Warhammer. There have been some very interesting ideas for new clubs which can be held in the library, so there may be some new and exciting ones in the near future.



Warhammer: This club runs on a Wednesday and in addition, we have a small group of pupils who get together to paint the new models for the club. They are doing a fantastic job and we hope that more models and figures can be acquired in the future.

Acts of Kindness: Trish and Adele who run our Christian club, have organised a wonderful activity for our school community. With the theme of 'Let your light shine' (Matthew 5:16), pupils select an 'act of kindness' card from one of the envelopes from the prayer table. Once the suggestion has been carried out, pupils write what they did for someone on a lantern. We have a wonderful display of lanterns on the board which demonstrates our school community really has been thinking of others at this special time of year.

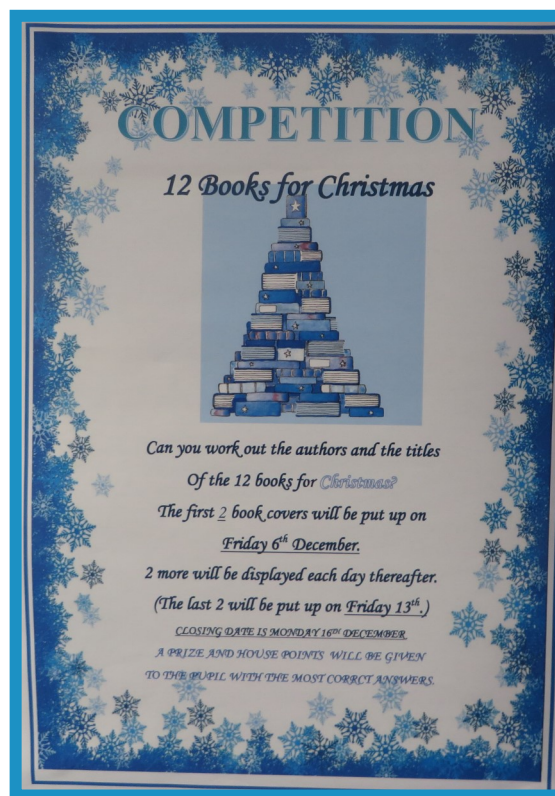


Book fair: 'Primary Books' held a book fair in the library and all pupils were given the opportunity to have a look at the new books for sale. Parents and carers were also invited during the week. The fair was very successful and we would like to thank everyone for supporting this. The school received 25% commission on all sales which has provided our library with over £400 worth of new books. We hope that pupils enjoy reading the books that they have purchased and will be pleased with the new collection of resources that the library has gained.

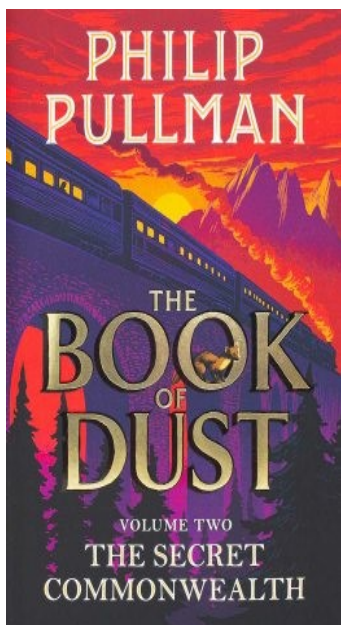
Library News



12 books for Christmas: During December we held a competition whereby 12 book covers of children's Christmas stories were displayed. Pupils had to work out the author and titles of each one. Prizes and house points were awarded to the winners. Well done to everyone who entered.



Book of the month: Useful websites:



Pupils have access to useful books and reading websites via google

library classroom. There are so many on the internet but here are a few which parents/carers may also find helpful.

<http://virtual-library.culturalservices.net/cgi-bin/bedford-cat.sh>

<https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/>

<https://www.worldbookday.com/>

<https://literacytrust.org.uk/>

<https://www.lovereadng4kids.co.uk/>

Watoto Choir



Some of you may remember that we were fortunate to have the [Watoto children's choir](#) visit us last year. They gave a concert in school to years 5 and 7 and then a longer free concert at school in the evening.

I am pleased to let you know that the choir will be visiting us again next year, on January 29th. They will spend the day in school with a short concerts for all pupils during the day and a free concert for anyone who wants to come in the evening.

I am looking for families who would be prepared to host members of the choir for the three nights. We will need nine host homes, each with preferably two rooms (though the group can share one room if needed). Each home will host one adult (or possibly two if a married couple is travelling) and two or three children. Two Watoto children can share a double bed and futons / blow up beds are also fine. The host families will need to provide supper after the concert, and breakfast and a packed lunch on the day of departure. Hosts will also need to drop the choir members off at Henlow Academy in the morning and collect them from the school after the evening concert (probably around 9pm).

We also need to find bed and breakfast or self-contained accommodation for three drivers and the choir coordinator. If any of you can offer this, please let me know.

If you are interested in offering to be hosts, or can help with the accommodation for the coach drivers and choir coordinator, please contact me before the end of this month by email (ccoster@henlowacademy.org.uk) with details of what you can offer. I will contact those who respond in early January.

Further details of the concerts will be sent out in due course



The Adventures Of Dave The Dog



Hello!

I'm Dave and in case you haven't seen me before, I'm a Pets As Therapy dog who visits the school every week with Mrs Price. When I'm not in school I live with Mr and Mrs Price and my bossy sister. Over the summer I've been able to run around at the beach and paddle in the sea. This half term has been a really busy one for me! For the first time I got to come to School At Work. It was SO exciting! I got to meet lots of people and got more fusses than I've ever had!

I've recently had a very nice haircut so I'm soft and fluffy for the children to stroke.

I do enjoy dressing up and this half term as well as my usual school tie I've enjoyed being a bat for Halloween and working my way through my Christmas wardrobe!

I currently support over 50 pupils in school but many more come to see me when I'm walking to get a cup of tea in the staffroom.

If I'm really lucky I get to stop off and see Mrs Jando who keeps dog treats in the office just for me!

My new haircut



Auditioning for my next job as Bat Dog!



Getting in the Christmas spirit!



The Langford Welfare Trust



In February 1899 the Langford Welfare Trust distributed 2cwt (51kg) of coal to each family they considered in need and one loaf of bread to each child attending the Board School. Today things are different but there are still people who need some financial support to pay for important things in life.

In the last financial year there were five disbursements of funds to Langford people for travel and accommodation costs for school trips to residential centres for education and development.

The trust derives its income from investments, a gift from the parish council, the rent of Town Land, and the letting of fishing rights.

Every year the Langford Welfare Trust makes disbursements in the community to assist families who are in financial difficulty. If you live in Langford and are having difficulty with paying for something that is important to you and your family why not see if a payment can help you out? The trust can provide funds for such things as basic items of furniture, school uniforms, books, travel costs, tools, equipment, training costs, or any welfare related item.

Extract from a recent letter received. "I am writing to express my sincere thanks to the trustees for your generous donation to two of our pupils. As you know your support is enabling these children to attend the residential trip which will be a fantastic experience for them. Thank you for your kind support.

The Langford Welfare Trust is most grateful to the parish council for the funding provided in February 2019 to help the Trust to help the people of Langford. Thank you. All the funds will be used for the benefit of Langford. There are no administration costs as all involved are volunteers.

To enquire about a grant or to enquire for eligibility, please write to the Trust, c/o 3 Old Mill Close, Langford, Biggleswade, Beds., SG18 9QY, or 'phone [01462 700650](tel:01462700650). Or send an email to j.m.shipman@ntlworld.com



Wrap Around Care



At Henlow Academy we offer a range of wrap around care to help with childcare. If you would like anymore information about what we have on offer please contact Mrs Marshall on 01462 813733 or email jmarshall@henlowacademy.org.uk



Breakfast Club

8:00am - 8:30am

£3 per day

No booking required

Pay through ParentMail or pay by cash

Homework Club

3:35pm - 4:45pm

Free



4:45 Club

4:45

4:45pm - 5:45pm

£6 per day

No booking required

Pay through ParentMail or pay by cash

2020/2021 School Dates



Please find below the academic calendar for the school year 2020 - 2021 for your information.

Henlow CE Academy Academic Calendar 2020/2021

School Holiday



Bank Holiday



Pupil Day



Training Day



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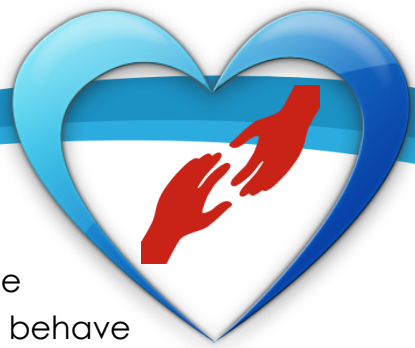
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Request For Absence

We are not able to authorise holidays during term time. Please complete a request form if you require for your child to be absent from school for any reasons, other than illness. Forms can be obtained from the school office or downloaded from our website.



Parking at The Five Bells



If you drop off/pick up your child from The Five Bells pub, please make sure that you park considerately and that your child/ren behave respectfully. Please do not allow children to run around the garden or go inside the pub.

There is no formal agreement between the pub and Henlow Academy to allow you to use the car park, however they kindly allow the use of the car park at present so please don't abuse their generosity.

Thanks for your continued help and support.

Change To Catchment Area

Henlow Church of England Academy has been consulting on a slight change to its catchment area for the eight weeks spanning 18th October to 13th December 2019.

We have received three responses to this consultation, all of which were positive and in favour of this slight amendment to the catchment area.

One respondent has requested that we also consider expanding the catchment area further to include Astwick. This is not something the Henlow Church of England Academy is considering at the current time.

To this end, the Governing Body has decided to uphold the proposal and extend the catchment area of the school to include the new development to the south of Lower Stondon. This will be effective from September 2020 in readiness for the academic year 2021/22.

We Are Here To Help

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 tolerated.

You will be asked to leave the premises and the police may be informed.

Thank you for your co-operation.



Attendance Matters!



Things to remember:

- ☒ You can be prosecuted if your child has unauthorised absences from school.
- ☒ 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 and waiting in for deliveries are not valid reasons to keep your child off school and will be marked as unauthorised absences.
- ☒ 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. Absences taken without permission will be recorded as unauthorised and a fine will be issued.

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.

Our Attendance Team

Attendance Officer: Kelly Jando

Education Welfare Officer: Caroline Northover

Useful Numbers

School Office: 01462 813733

App - Parentmail

School Arrival

8:40am Warning Bell

8:45- 9:00am Registration

9:00 –9:15am Late mark will be issued

9:15am onwards Unauthorised absence

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.
- ☹ 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 and in extreme cases sent to prison.

General Reminders



Please ensure all money sent into 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. If your child has lost any items please make sure they check lost property ASAP.

The school office aren't always able 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 and the canteen no longer sells bottles of drinks. Bottles can be purchased from the school shop.

If a club/fixture is cancelled on the day it is meant to occur, we will send a message home via ParentMail. Your child will be sent to the homework club after school which finishes at 4:45pm unless you contact the school providing alternative arrangements which you would like them to do. We are unable to ring all parents individually and ask what their preference is for their child.

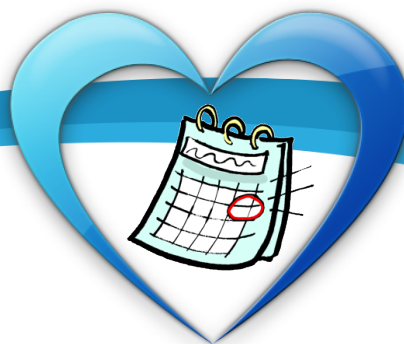
Please can all parents and carers check their child/ren's ParentMail accounts and ensure they are in credit. We are not able to provide snacks at break time to anyone who is overdrawn.

Please be aware that Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am until 8:30am.

Staff are not available to supervise children before 8:00am and therefore children are not authorised to be on site before this due to safeguarding and health & safety.

If you are interested in your child attending Breakfast Club, the cost is £3 per day.

Coming Up Next Half Term



Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 7th January	First day of the Spring Term	
Friday 10th January	Year 6 church visit	
Week beginning 6th January	Reports sent home	
Tuesday 21st & Thursday 23rd January	Year 5 & 8 parents evening	
Wednesday 29th January	Watoto Choir concert	
Friday 30th January	Young Carers Day	School Action Group will send out more information in the new year
Tuesday 11th February	Year 7 - Anthony Glen Macbeth	
Tuesday 11th February	Year 8 - Anthony Glen Midsummer Night's Dream	
Monday 17th - 20th February	Half term	