



# Autumn Term Newsletter



**7<sup>th</sup> October 22**

I love the Autumn- Such beautiful colours in our school grounds and leaves crunching beneath our feet in the glow of the autumn sunshine. As the weather gets colder, it is important that the children come to school with a coat as we will aim to be outside in all weathers.

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The children in both schools have been very busy over the last 2 weeks. Helmington children were lucky enough to have a visit from a friendly farmer with a tractor. Thank you Mr Clarke- the children really enjoyed exploring the parts of the tractor and sitting in the driving seat.

The Children at Henley have enjoyed taking part in the Harvest festival at the local church. Thank you to all who took part and all the donations of food and produce which will be going to FIND. This has supported the children's understanding of responsibility to others and learning how to be a respectful active citizen.



In Helmington this week KS1 children have been investigating a disturbance in the forest behind the school. It was reported that noises had been heard and the children arrived to find lots of clues about who may have been present... an empty basket, animal footprints and a red cloak. They decided that it may have been Little Red Riding Hood and the not so friendly wolf.



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KS2 children at Henley have also been lucky enough to watch a concert at Ipswich School. The band was an army band from Colchester who had played in the Queen's funeral procession so the children were able to make links with their learning about the Queen. They really enjoyed this experience.

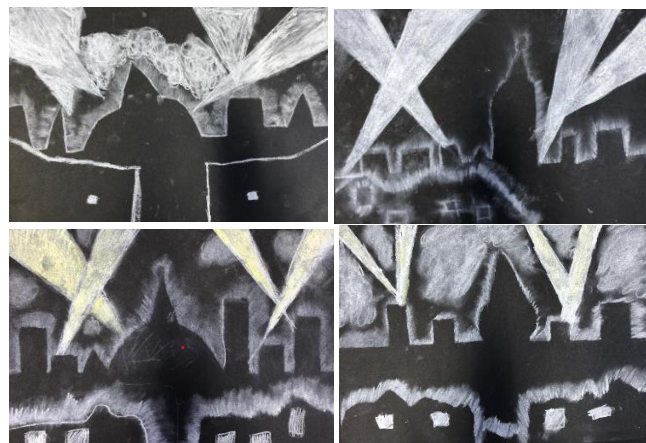


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Some of our children have taken part in the U11 Boys Football competition at Whitton Sports Centre this week too. They were amongst 18 teams, played 4 games and won 2 of them. Well done boys for representing our schools positively!

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The children have been looking at the picture St Paul's Survives by Herbert Mason. They have created their own interpretations of this work using chalks and pastels on black paper.



## WHAT ARE YOUR CHILDREN LEARNING IN CLASS?



Please make sure you are checking your **child's class pages on the school website** for the most up to date

information about their learning. All classes will be adding information for their topics and recommending resources that you might be interested in sharing at home.

### TOPICS FOR THIS TERM INCLUDE:

Eagles and Class 4 (Barracudas): **World War 2**

*Barracuda and Eagles parents - the deadline to consent to the trip to **Duxford Imperial War Museum** is Friday 14th October.*

On 4<sup>th</sup> November both classes will be taking part in a **World War 2 day** at Henley. We look forward to seeing their rationed pack lunches and experience being part of the war effort (See your letters that have been issued).



Class 3 (Dolphins): **Rainforests** *(If you'd like your child to part in the trip to **Kew Gardens**, don't forget to consent before Wednesday 23rd November.)*

Hedgehogs, Foxes, Class 2 (Seahorses) and Class 1 (Jellyfish): **Japan**

There have been many conversations about how to get to Japan including "By boat because I haven't learnt to swim yet", "By rocket because it's the fastest way to get there" and "On a quad bike as it's speedy like flash".

## Curriculum Visions

Please continue to use the Curriculum Visions website- the collection of books and videos support our topics and are easy to access at home. The login details are below.

The user name is: **henley.primary/0001**  
Password: **jungle**

### Dates for your diaries:

**Helmingham Halloween bake sale:** Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October @ 3.15pm

**Autumn Parent Consultations:** Wednesday November 2<sup>nd</sup> 3.30- 6.00 and Thursday November 3<sup>rd</sup> 3.30-7.00

**Helmingham School Photos-** Individual and Sibling groups: 17<sup>th</sup> November

**Christmas Carol Service-** KS2 Henley and Helmingham @Henley Church **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> @2pm**



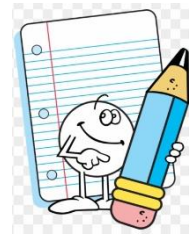
**Henley Nativity EYFS and KS1:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December @Community Centre (pm time to be confirmed)

**Spring Parent Consultations:** Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> March 3.30-7.00 and Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> March 3.30- 6.00

**Henley Sports Day:** Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> June

**Helmingham Sports day:** Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June

**KS2 Summer play Henley and Helmingham:** July 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> @ Henley Community Centre (Evening performances)



## NOTES FROM THE OFFICE!

**Mrs Lloyd** will be working at the Henley office on a Tuesday from now on. Any Helmingham queries, please contact the office at Henley 01473 831556 on a Tuesday.

**ADMIN ON ARBOR:** Could I remind parents and carers to check their Arbor accounts for any consents they have not completed. You will see these under "notices" on the left hand side. If you have any questions, please contact the school office.



On Tuesday 18th October our new Reception children at Henley will be appearing in the Ipswich Star's First Class supplement.

Please can we remind you that children should wear flat shoes to school - no boots or heeled shoes should be worn.



Hair Bands must be plain (without large bows stuck on them!)

**COST OF LIVING CRISIS:** We are all very aware of the rise in costs in all of our households. There is some information for families on financial help available to you at the following website. Please also speak to the school if you are struggling and we will do all that we can to help:  
<https://suffolk.pagetiger.com/cost-of-living-support/scc1?ptia=n>

Henley parents- Our Halloween costume swap shop is after school on Friday 14th October. Please bring any good quality second hand costumes in before Friday.

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## A Few Regular Reminders



**We do expect** children to read at home throughout the week. The national recommendation is

**KS1 and EYFS- 10 mins daily/ KS2- 20 mins daily** but we ask that you try to fit in 5 times a week as a minimum. This does

have an impact on their progress and attainment in school.



Times Tables Rockstars - a fun way to learn times tables! Times Tables knowledge is a fundamental part of the primary

curriculum. The children in KS2 all have their own login details and have been set times tables to practise. Please support your child to use TTR as often as possible.

We continue to celebrate the children's achievements on our WOW board in school. If your child has won awards out of school for their sporting achievements or out of school activities, then please let us know so that these can be celebrated in school too.



This week we have seen awards for Brownies badges, Speedway action, Dancing and Gymnastics and horse riding to name a few. Well done to all of you who have made it on to the WOW board!



If your household receives income-based benefits your child may be entitled to claim Free School Meals. For every child who is entitled to Free School Meals, the school receives additional funding which we use to support your child. If you think your child may be eligible, please make an application to Suffolk County Council. If you make an online application you will receive an instant response:

<https://www.suffolk.gov.uk/children-families-and-learning/schools/school-meals-uniforms-and-trips/apply-for-free-school-meals/>. Please contact the office if you'd like any more information.



**Parking-** Please remember that you are not permitted to park outside the school for the periods of time at the beginning and end of each day. Please be considerate of children's safety and visibility when dropping off and collecting. The Community Centre support us in this by offering their car park at both ends of the school day.

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As always, I am always keen to hear your views! I always say that if I don't know about a problem, I cannot try to solve it. As with any schools there are always a few grumbings. We are human and make mistakes. We don't always get things right but we do like to work with you for the absolute very best for all our children.

Please see below the staff email addresses so that you can contact your child's class teachers directly in the first instance if you have anything to share or discuss.

They will not respond to emails between 6pm and 8am (to protect their personal time) but will aim to get back to you as soon as possible.

Mrs Cross (Hedgehogs): [s.cross@gfpschools.org](mailto:s.cross@gfpschools.org)  
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Mrs Townshend (Dolphins/ Class 3): [c.townshend@gfpschools.org](mailto:c.townshend@gfpschools.org)  
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Mr Hempenstall (Barracudas): [c.hempenstall@gfpschools.org](mailto:c.hempenstall@gfpschools.org)

For queries regarding safeguarding please contact Kathy Lloyd who is the Designated Safeguarding Lead for both schools. [office.helmingham@gfpschools.org](mailto:office.helmingham@gfpschools.org). Alternative safeguarding leads are: Miss Hawes [ht@gfpschools.org](mailto:ht@gfpschools.org), Mrs Townshend, Mr Hardy, Mrs Cattermole and Ms Sherman.

*If you have any worries, concerns or problems, please do not hesitate to get in touch, firstly with your child's teacher and then with Mrs Townshend and Mr Hardy, then myself if this persists.*



Miss Stephanie Hawes