



Issue 16 - May 2022

# Henlow Heart

Dear Parents and Carers

I'm writing the opening to this newsletter as we are preparing for our traditional fun run. The jubilee picnic over lunch time today was really successful and we feel grateful that we are able to enjoy these activities together in the sunshine as we end this half term. As you will see from our photographs, students have been busy as the number of extra-curricular opportunities has grown - both in sport and a wide range of other possibilities. The plans for the school production next year are already underway and we are all looking forward to this venture.

In the sporting arena opportunities have been wide and varied with individual and team events taking place. The half term began with our first ever qualification for the Regional Handball Finals but the big successes of this half term have been in the athletics arena. All of our teams have been phenomenal and achieved more success than we have ever seen before. The highlights include our Year 7 girls and Year 8 boys becoming district athletics champions and qualification to the Regional Athletics English Schools Finals, which will be held in Essex the first week back after half term. Next half term we look forward to more cricket fixtures and the commencement of our rounders fixtures.

Year 6 celebrated the end of SATS with an ice cream and a sense of achievement. Returning after a 2 year gap the tests ran as normal this year and we are very proud of the way our students took them in their stride.

The building programme continues at pace and more photographs demonstrate this. The new food technology room is a joy to behold and the new facilities available in here are a real draw for all year groups. Whilst this room is already in use, work continues on the library, DT and Art which are beginning to take shape. Students have named the new library Henlow Hub and, at the centre of the 'old block', I'm sure it is going to emerge as the place to be.



It was a real pleasure to welcome Year 7 parents last night to hear about the next steps for their sons and daughters beginning Year 8 in September 2022. As the secondary years now extend into GCSE (Years 10 and 11), we were able to share information on the whole educational journey. A visit to the Science laboratories and Sports Hall were also welcomed by many parents who hadn't yet been able to see the new area of the school.

The whole school site will be complete in September and we will be hosting our Open Evening for students entering Year 7 in September 2023 - as a secondary school this will match the primary/secondary transition most areas of the country are familiar with. The Open Evening will take place on September 29th and full details will be available in the new academic year.

The diary for the next half term is a busy one and I am delighted that visits and trips are now part of our lives again. I am now going to cheer on the runners on their laps and I will also be thinking of Mr Leavey who loved this occasion. We have unveiled a blue plaque in our new meeting room, The Leavey Suite, as a tribute to the 34 years of service he gave to our community.

I wish you all a Half Term break with some sunshine to enjoy and remind you that we return on Tuesday 7th June in light of the extra bank holiday.

Yours sincerely



Caren Earp

Head Teacher

# Platinum Jubilee Celebrations



Today has been a busy day at Henlow Academy with our Platinum Jubilee Celebrations and annual Fun Run. School Action Group have organised our Jubilee celebrations with classes having the opportunity to decorate their classroom doors again, this time with the theme on one of the Commonwealth countries or a decade the Queen has been reigning (or both!). The whole school descended onto the field at lunchtime to enjoy a picnic celebrations. Students were also invited to dress in red white and blue.

The next couple of pages are a selection of photos from our celebrations.



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# Fun Run



After a 2 year break we are thrilled to have been able to host our annual fun run again with the PTA. All our lower feeder schools were also invited to come and join us as the Year 5's start their transition journey to us as a secondary school. Students have had a brilliant afternoon running, walking and crawling around the track!



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# Year 6 SATS



This May has seen Year 6 pupils sit their SATs after a 2 year break due to Covid. Whilst we recognise that it can be a very stressful time for them, as always, our pupils rose to the challenge and excelled themselves. We'd like to thank all the pupils and staff for their contribution to making sure our Year 6's were well prepared and supported as well as the parents and carers who play such a key role in a Year 6's journey through SATS. The return of the SATS also saw the return of our SATS tradition that an ice cream van visits in the afternoon of the last day of SATs for all Year 6 pupils. We know how much the pupils look forward to and appreciate the treat.



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# Mr Leavey Memorial



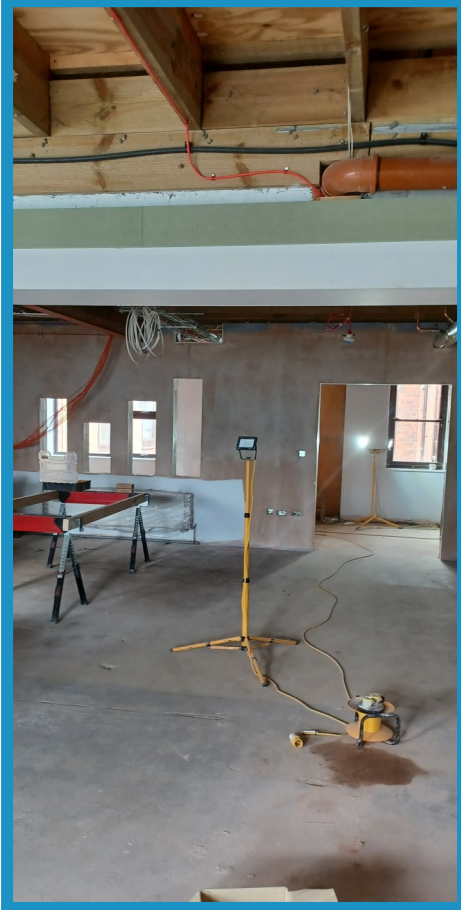
On Tuesday 19th April we held a memorial celebration of the life and achievements of Martin Leavey. This included the opening of our new meeting room, 'The Leavey Suite' dedicated to Martin. Current Henlow staff were joined by Martin's family and past Henlow staff to share their favourite Martin stories and celebrate all that he brought to life at Henlow. The Leavey Suite has its very own blue plaque proudly on display for all to remember Martin's dedication to Henlow Academy.



# Build Update



Students have enjoyed using our brand new physics lab and food technology room this half term after their completion in April. We are now over half way through the refurbishment of our Design Technology and Art room along with the relocation of the Library. You can see from the photos that the rooms and their new corridor for access are really taking shape and we look forward to sharing their amazing new facilities with you soon.



# Food Tech @ Henlow



Students have spent this half term enjoying our brand new food technology room. Our bright, spacious kitchen is a stark contrast to our previous room and seeing our students benefit from this amazing facility has been fantastic for us to see. From fruit kebabs and Bolognese sauce to cheese and bacon Gougere, students are fully utilising this brilliant space.



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# Request for Resources



Have you got any old tech equipment gathering dust in the back of a cupboard or hidden in the loft? Mrs Devey, Head of Computing, is looking for the following resources if you have anything you could donate. Please send donations to the front office.



**Cassette tapes**

**VHS**

**DVDs**

**Walkman**

**Discman**



**Floppy discs - 8", 5 1/4" and 3 1/2 inch**

**Floppy disc drives**

**Old hard drives - internal / external**

**RAM**

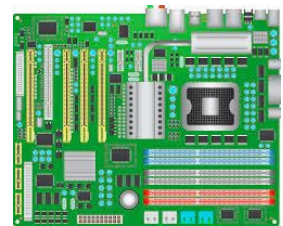
**Motherboard**

**Old desktop towers**

**Old mobile phones - 1G, 2G and 3G eg Nokia, Motorola, flip phones.**

**Dot matrix printer**

**Typewriter**



# The Travels of Henry Henlow



## Henry Henlow Easter trip to Whitstable/Herne Bay

### Herne bay

Henry Henlow really enjoyed chilling on the beach of Herne Bay where we were staying. He also really enjoyed the arcades and the pier with all the rides. We also took him to the Turkish in Herne Bay where he had lovely chicken wings and chips. We also went shopping and he brought a really pretty seashell. Another day when we went to Herne Bay, we got an ice cream and played in the park. The last thing we did in Herne Bay was go out for a lovely brunch.

### Whitstable

We only went to Whitstable 2. He did really enjoy it though we went to a few cafes and pubs. We also went to the harbour where the beach huts had little shops inside. We also went into town and visited all the different shops. He also met some of my friends who visited us whilst we were there. His favourite thing was going to the Italian where he had a cheese and ham pizza.

### Canterbury

One day we took a day trip into Canterbury (we went on the bus) where we went to Canterbury cathedral. It was very interesting and I took a bunch of photos, sadly the bit that had the most information we weren't allowed to take photos in (it was called the morgue). Before we went home we went to a lovely burger place that had amazing burgers.

### Extras

When he was at my house before he went away he helped my mum with some emails. He also made a friend, Matthew, and they played cards. He also went to the park and the pool. Henry Henlow really enjoyed his trip but was excited to come back to Henlow!



# Work @ Henlow



## Science Teacher ECT's welcome

**Wider school leadership opportunities are likely in the future**

**Pay scale:** MPS/UPS Full time, Permanent

**Start date:** 1st September 2022

**Closing date:** Friday 17th June

**Interviews:** Wk. com 20th June

As we now begin GCSE courses with our first ever Year 10, we are seeking an outstanding Science teacher with a proven track record of success and raising student outcomes to join us as we take the next stage of our development.

Henlow Academy has undergone an extensive building project resulting in state of the art facilities including 5 new science labs. Visits to our school are welcome.

The successful candidate will:

- Be passionate and enthusiastic practitioner
- Have a proven track record of impact on student progress
- Have recent experience of teaching GCSE
- Committed to continued professional development and exploring new teaching methodologies
- Dedicated to the pastoral care of all young people
- Promote our school Christian values and ethos

## Teacher of Drama & English ECT's welcome

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This September we will start teaching our first GCSE Drama course. We are looking for an outstanding Drama and English teacher with a proven track record of success and raising student outcomes to join us as we take the next stage of our development. This is an exciting opportunity to shape the drama experience at Henlow.

Henlow Academy has undergone an extensive building project including a new auditorium. Visits to our school are welcome.

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## PE Teacher with Science (Maternity Cover)

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# Work for Poppy Hill



## Assistant Site Agent



**Pay scale:** NJC Level 2b Points 3 - 5

£18,562 - £19,132 FTE +over time as required , Permanent

**Hours:** 25 hours per week, Monday to Friday

**Start date:** As soon as possible **Closing date:** Friday 17th June



We are seeking a forward thinking, dynamic and highly motivated Assistant Site Agent with a proven track record of success to join our support staff team working across our trust schools. You will be working alongside our Site Agent to ensure the smooth operation of our sites including maintenance, lettings and health and safety.

The successful candidate will:

- Be friendly, trustworthy and reliable
- Be hardworking, energetic and self-motivated
- Take pride in the high standards of cleanliness in our school
- Have excellent attention to detail
- Have the ability to complete handyman/DIY tasks

To apply for any of the above positions or for more information, please visit [www.poppyhill.org.uk](http://www.poppyhill.org.uk)

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# Pupil Equipment List



All pencil cases will have been sent home to be restocked over half term. Please can you ensure your child(ren) has all the right equipment they need for school everyday. We are seeing an increasing number of pupils that are turning up to lessons without even a pen and pencil. As part of The Henlow Home School Partnership, pupils should attend school properly equipped. If you are unable to provide stationery for any reason please contact your child's form tutor who will be able to help.

All pupils needs a pencil case which contains ALL of the following:

- **Cartridge pen, handwriting pen or a friction pen (blue)**
- **30cm ruler**
- **HB pencil and a spare**
- **2 Dry wipe board marker pen and a wiper/cloth**
- **Coloured pencils (not felt tips)**
- **Ink eraser pen (if using a cartridge pen)**
- **Green pen (friction pen preferred)**
- **Rubber**
- **Pencil sharpener (which can collect shavings)**
- **Glue Stick**
- **Scissors**
- **Highlighters**
- **Scientific calculator (ESSENTIAL FOR KEY STAGE 3 MATHS)**
- **Protractor**
- **Headphones (suitable to be plugged into any tablet)**



# Please Remember



**Please use ParentMail to make all payments.**

**Please make sure that all your child's clothes and property is clearly named and that name labels haven't worn off.**

**The school office aren't able to call home if your child forgets something. Please ensure your child checks their timetable and brings all they need each day.**

**We offer Homework Club everyday from 3:45pm to 5:00pm. There is no charge for Homework Club but booking is essential. Please email**

**[jmarshall@henlowacademy.org.uk](mailto:jmarshall@henlowacademy.org.uk)**

**All children need to have a NAMED water bottle with them everyday.**

**Please check your child's ParentMail accounts and ensure they are in credit for school dinners. Dinner money top ups can be found under the accounts section in ParentMail.**

**Breakfast Club runs from 8:00am until 8:30am and must be booked in advance. Do not drop children off before 8:00am as they are not supervised and not insured to be on site. Any pupil not attending Breakfast Club must not be on site before 8:35am.**

# Attendance Matters



**Kelly Jando**

Attendance Officer

[kjando@henlowacademy.org.uk](mailto:kjando@henlowacademy.org.uk)

**Caroline Northover**

Education Welfare Officer

**School Office**

01462 813733

## **Don't be late!**

If your child(ren) arrive after 9:00am they will be marked in late.

## **Let us know!**

You can report your child(ren) absence from school by phone the school office on 01462 813733 or through the ParentMail app.

## **Things to remember!**

You can be prosecuted if your child has unauthorised absences from school.

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**IF YOUR CHILD IS GOING TO BE ABSENT FROM SCHOOL YOU MUST CONTACT THE SCHOOL TO LET US KNOW WHY YOUR CHILD WON'T BE IN SCHOOL OTHERWISE THE ABSENCE WILL BE UNAUTHORISED.**

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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.

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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.

# Attendance Matters



## Did you know?

- ⇒ You can report your child absence from school through the ParentMail app.
- ⇒ 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.

## Frequently asked questions

### **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.

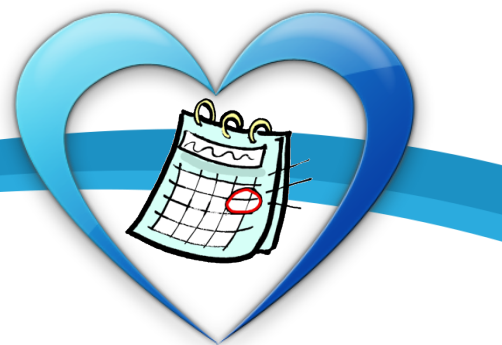
### **Q. I need to take my child to the dentist next week, do I need to let school know?**

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.

# Calendar Dates



Date	Event	Additional Information
Tuesday 7th June	First day back	
Wednesday 15th June	Anti-Bullying Concert	Year 5 pupils only
Monday 11th - Friday 15th July	Year 6 Kingswood Residential	
Thursday 14th July	Year 6 Whipsnade Trip	For Year 6 pupils who haven't gone to Kingswood
Monday 18th July	Sports Day	All years
Tuesday 19th July	Year 5 Whipsnade Trip	
Tuesday 19th July	Year 8 Box End Trip	8BW, 8MS, 8WD
Wednesday 20th July	Year 8 Box End Trip	8SP, 8CG, 8JU
Wednesday 20th July	Year 7 Activities Day	In school
Wednesday 20th July	Year 9 Thorpe Park Trip	
Friday 22nd July	End of Term	