

# Hennock Primary School Newsletter

## *Message from Academy Head*

It's been such a lovely return for me this week. Thank you so much to those of you who have made contact and stopped for a quick chat. If I haven't met you yet then I look forward to doing so in the future - please just grab me for a hello. I shared my family with the children in assembly this week so if you hear mention of Bella and Harry (my children), Reggie (my dog), Orange (my horse) and now Mabel (our hamster) that is where all these names have come from. I am encouraging the children to tell me all about their pets so I now have lots of hamster tips and stories about crazy dogs, which I shall keep encouraging!

I know staffing is high on your priority list as parents and I really understand this. I will be in contact next week to share plans for 2025/26. For the remainder of this term Miss Fraser will be teaching Willows on a Friday, along with Mrs Ball. Mr Szender and Mrs Dunford will be teaching Ash between them on a Friday. Mr Szender is a KS2 teacher who I have worked with many times in the past and currently works part time in one of our other schools. He is passionate about maths and PE. Mrs Dunford is excited about coming back to do a spot of teaching and is planning an art programme that will be wonderful for our top members of the school.

Have a lovely weekend.

## Ash Class



We have had a lovely return to school for Summer 2 in Ash Class!

Firstly, swimming and rehearsals are now in full swing! The children all enjoyed their first session at Bovey Tracey Pool and our first run through of *Robin Hood and the Sherwood Hoodies*! Any support you can offer the children with learning their lines is greatly appreciated.

In Maths, we have been exploring angles. The children have been learning about angles around a point, angles on a straight line and vertically opposite angles.

In English, we have begun learning about our new text *Flood*. We have been exploring the different emotions the characters feel at different points in the story and what adventurous vocabulary choices we can use to describe them.

In Science, we have started our unit on Earth and Space. The children learnt the order of the planets in our solar system and then chose their own research questions surrounding the topic.





## Birch Class



Welcome back!

It's been a lovely start to the final half term of the year and this Friday we thoroughly enjoyed our celebration of the week with our Friday Funk!

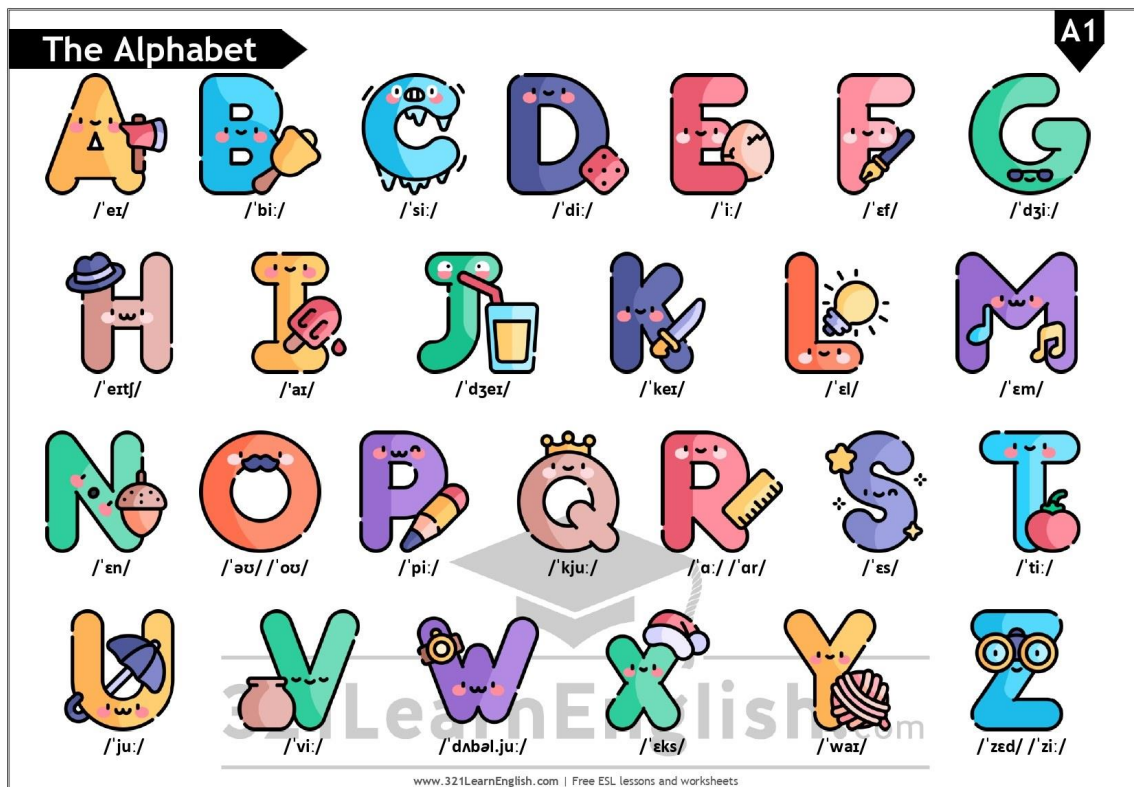
The children have been very cheery and motivated and working hard.

We did our first read through of the performance on Wednesday and they were all fantastic! Please support them by rehearsing as much as possible.

They have also been sent home with their costume letters this week. If you haven't received it then let me know and I can print off another.



## English and Maths



In English, we have been familiarising ourselves with our new text on Paddington and the children have been discussing their favourite qualities about Paddington and learning a new story.

In Maths, we have been completed elicitation tasks for Arithmetic and our new unit on time and Friday we completed our first telling the time lesson. Reading the time to 5 minutes. The children really tried hard and did really hard in what is a challenging concept.



## Wider Curriculum





In Science, we have completed our unit on plant nutrition and reproduction. We have learnt how flowers rely on pollinators in order to reproduce and how plants disperse their seeds through different methods to ensure their survival.

We then completed our end of unit assessment.

We have started our new unit in Geography where we continue our learning on the interconnected world and this week we were focusing on 6 and 4 figure compass points.

### **Upcoming Events in Birch**

Year 4 Timestable Check - June 9th - 13th - **PLEASE PRACTICE ON TTRS and orally on those tables they find challenging.**

Author Assembly - 16th June

### **Home learning -**

Reading for at least 10 minutes daily.

Please practice for at least 10 minutes 3 times a week

Spelling - Spelling checks are on Friday

Times tables - Times table checks are on Monday

Optional Homelearning projects- in Homelearning books



## Willows and Reception Class



Wow, what an amazing first week back we have had in Willow class! In Maths we have been exploring fractions, we have been using these in real life scenarios such as if we had a pizza we would know how to share it equally. Following on from last terms Victorian day, we have been discussing whether the children would prefer to be in a modern school or in a school in Victorian one. A few boys did say they enjoyed the Victorian setup.

In PE we started our new topic of athletics. This week we focused on sprinting, perfect for our up coming sports day!

Receptions have been reading a new book for English called 'The ugly vegetables'. This has broadened their unique vegetable knowledge!







## Saplings



It's been a lovely start the the final term for Saplings.

In Maths we are learning all about Match, Talk, Push and Pull and are also tracing numbers. In English our new book is "The Ugly Vegetable" which shares a timeless theme of community and diversity, a neighbourhood that comes together to share flowers and ugly vegetable soup, a true story.

In their crafts, the children have been printing with vegetables and flowers and planting seeds and even creating their very own vegetable soup recipe!

Have a lovely weekend Saplings.







## Toddler Group!





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Come and join us for a chat, fun, tea and cake! This week we played guess who games and did lots of colouring.

Running from 9.15-10:30am every Wednesday morning.

Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

£1.50 a session. Hennock Primary school. Please call or email if you have any questions;

adminhennock@thelink.academy

01626 833233.

We look forward to welcoming you to our little school.





## PTFA Message



Dear all,

We are in full swing preparation phase for sports day and refreshments at the school production! PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE could we borrow any gazebos anyone has to act as shelters on sports day. Please could you email us if we could borrow them.

Help to put them up on the day would also be wonderful, thank you.

Earlier in the week we put out a plea for any books (of certain titles) that you would be willing to donate to the school. Hopefully you'll be able to have a good rummage over the weekend.

Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes



Sarah and team

Hennockptfa@gmail.com

## *Star of the Week*



### **6th June**

**Ash:** Monty **Birch:** Mila **Willows:** Jessica

**BC:** Finn **ASC:** Peigi

### **Dojo Points:**

**Ash:** Taya

**Birch:** Phoebe

**Achievosaurus:** Millie and Amelia

**Playground Hero:** Freddie

**Pride of School:** Tommy

**Values Star:** Myri

## **Key Dates**

**PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday**

**Willows - Thursday**

**Birch - Fridays**

**Ash - Wednesdays**

- **Weekly Swimming for Ash Class starting Wednesday 4th June**
- **Parents Evening Tuesday 10th and Wednesday 11th June**

- Teign School Parent Information Evening - Thursday 5th June (More info to follow from Teign School)
- Sports Day 7th July (with a back up of 14th July in case of poor weather)
- Year 5 Taster Day at Teign School - Thursday 10th July (More info to follow from Teign School)
- KS2 Production 16th and 17th July - more information to follow
- Year 6 Transition Days at Teign School - Thursday 26th & Friday 27th July (More info to follow from Teign School)

## School Attendance

***Attendance this fortnight:***

**Whole School 97.1%**

**Ash 96.3%**

**Birch 100%**

**Willows 95.6%**

## Attendance Matters



## PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

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### FIRST OFFENCE

The **first** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child. This will be reduced to £80 per parent, per child if paid within 21 days.**

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### SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The **second** time a Penalty Notice is issued for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance, the amount will be: **£160 per parent, per child, to be paid within 28 days. No reduced rate will be offered.**

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### THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

The **third** time an offence is committed for Term Time Leave or Irregular Attendance a Penalty Notice will not be issued and the case will be presented straight to the Magistrates' Court.

**Magistrates' fines can be up to £2500 per parent, per child. Cases found guilty in Magistrates' Court can show on a parent's future DBS certificate due to failure to safeguard a child's education.**

IF YOUR CHILD IS JUST 15 MINUTES LATE FOR SCHOOL EVERY DAY, IT ADDS UP TO

# 2 WEEKS

of the school year being missed



Safeguarding



Key contacts and useful links



Front Door (formerly MASH) main number: 0345 155 1071

Children's Social Care Emergency Duty Team (out of hours) – 0845 6000 388

Front Door email: [mashsecure@devon.gov.uk](mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk)<sup>1</sup>

Our Safeguarding Lead is Sarah Reddington and our Deputy Safeguarding Lead is Issy Fraser. If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing, please contact the school or in non-school hours contact Front Door (formally known as MASH) on

**0345 155 1071**

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