

Hennock Primary School Newsletter

Message from Academy Head

Yesterday was Safer Internet Day. We held assemblies for KS1 and KS2 on how to keep safe online. Keeping Safe Online also runs through our PSHE and computing curriculums. One of our go to sites for information and resources is the Safer Internet Centre. It also has very good resources for parents. The advice below is taken from their site and represents a good place to start. I

hope everyone has a very good half term and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday 24th February.

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?

Sarah Reddington

Academy Head

Hennock Primary School

Link Academy Trust

Ash Class



We have had a lovely end to the half term in Ash Class!

This week, we have been rounding off our units in History, Science, Art and RE with our end of unit assessments and I am so impressed with how the children have demonstrated their knowledge.

In English, we have been doing a lot of work on Kensuke's Kingdom and focusing on how Michael Morpurgo "shows not tells" his reader how the character is feeling, and how effective that is for us as readers.

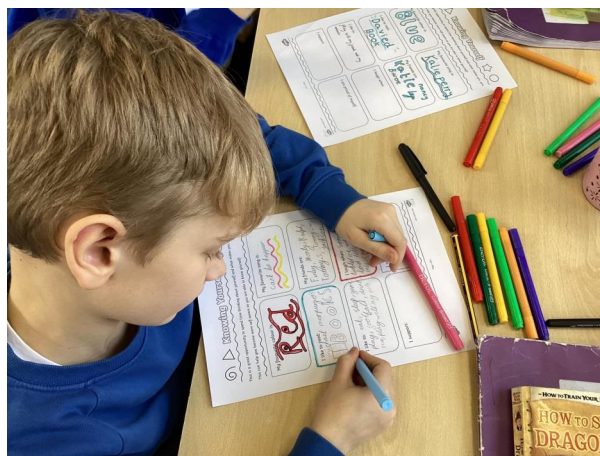
In Maths, we have been looking at area, perimeter and volume of shapes. The children have been exploring compound shapes, triangles and parallelograms and exploring different ways

to find their area and perimeter. They have also explored various 3D shapes and learnt how to calculate their volume.

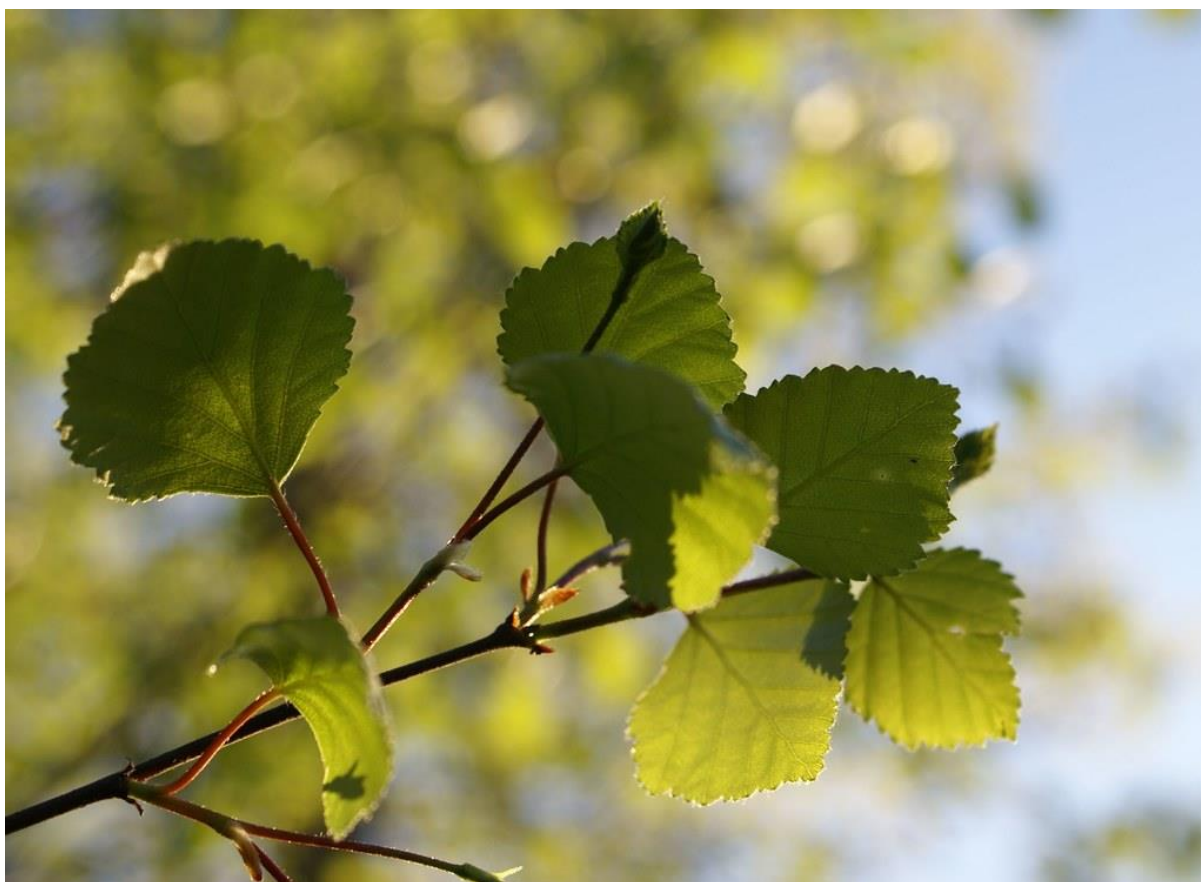
Last week, the children celebrated Mental Health Week by answering questions to get to know themselves better and what makes them happy.

We also took part in a Waterstones Author Event this week! We joined a live event with author M.G. Leonard who told us all about her favourite books and how she writes her own books.

Have a lovely half term everyone!



Birch Class

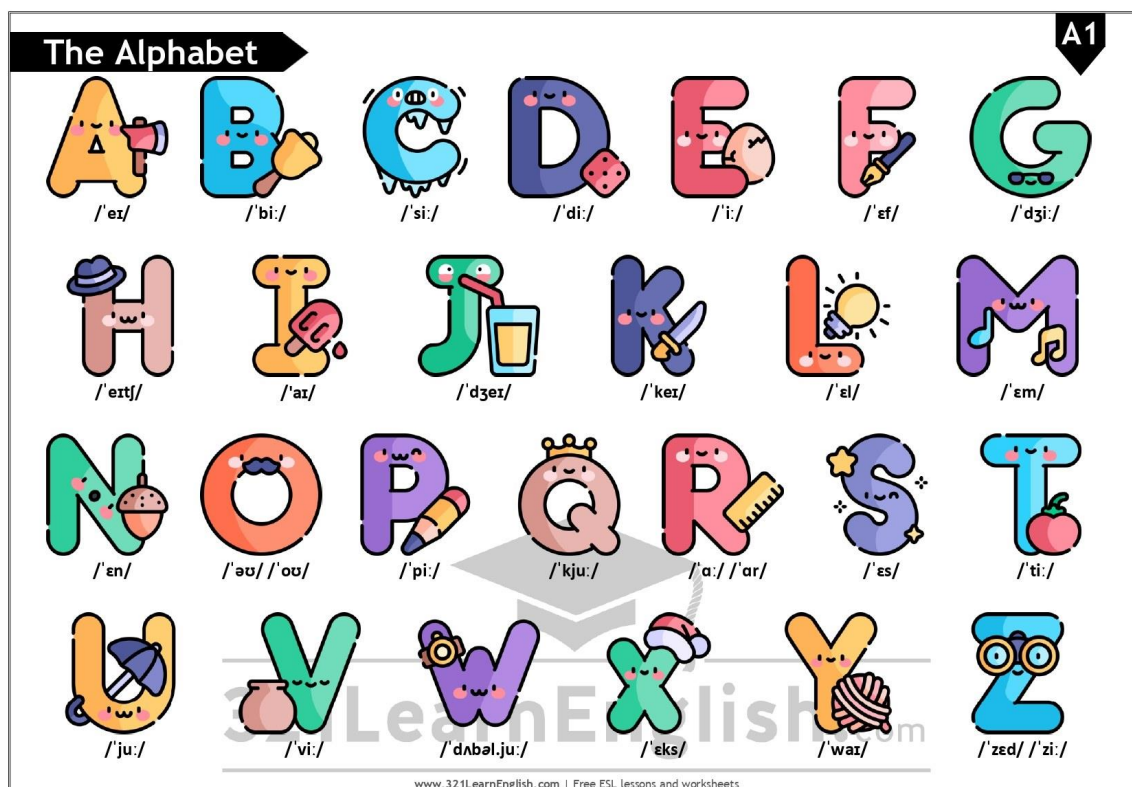


Congratulations Birch, you have reached the end of the first half term of 2025 and what a tremendous half term it's been complete with completing our learning on the Iron Age, producing a phenomenal pieces of writing in English and getting really stuck into our Science unit of Electricity. I can't wait for the next half term where we will be learning all about Rivers in Geography, completing programming in Science.

Have a lovely half term!

Mrs Luxton





This week in English we have started our new Poetry unit on 'A River' by Marc Martins. It's a wonderful poem describing an imaginary journey through different places. The children have been enjoying describing how the images and language makes them feel and the impact this has on them as the reader. I look forward to continuing with this unit after the half term break.

In Maths, we have moved onto length and perimeter, which is proving challenging particularly when having to convert one unit of measure to another. Nevertheless, the class have been working hard on tackling this tricky concept and are really getting the hang of it.

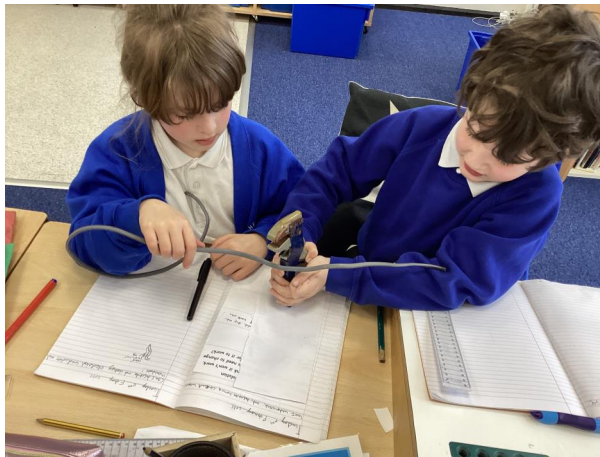


Wider Curriculum



This week in Science the children were exploring conductors and non conductors and they were examining how a cable is safe to hold and what is inside of one. To do this, they used wire cutters to gently remove the outer layer and then remove the plastic covering to reveal the inside.

We then drew diagrams of what we found and labelled the different parts using the new vocabulary we had learnt.



In Art, we completed our landscapes using watercolours and the techniques we have learnt including atmospheric perspective. The children chose a mountainous landscape from inspiration we researched and then made it their own. They did an excellent job and we cannot wait to show you them in our next drop in at the end of the Spring 2 term.





Upcoming Events in Birch

P.E. every Monday and Friday - please wear P.E. kit on these days.

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

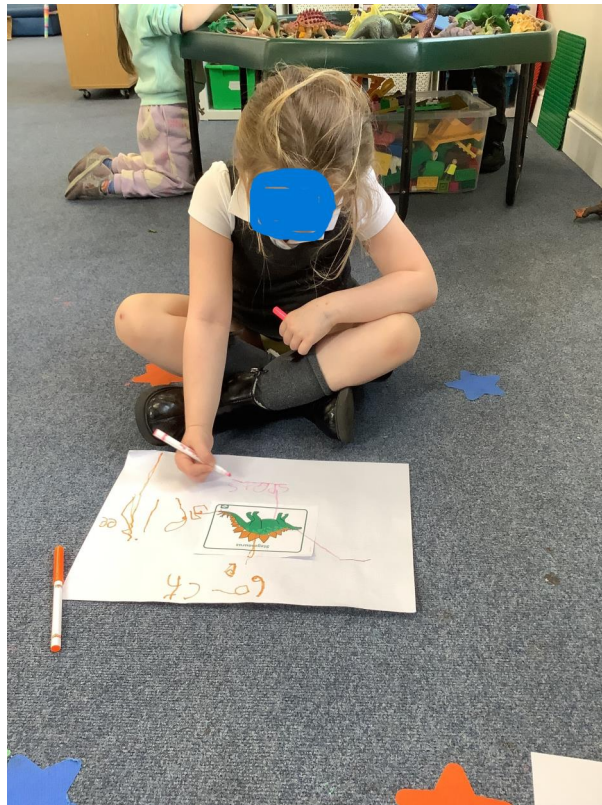
Willows and Reception Class

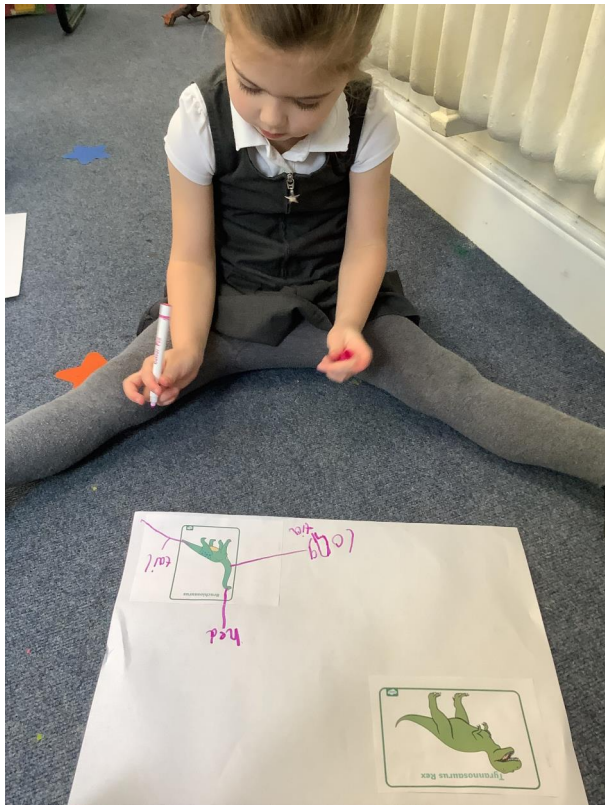


Another Busy Fortnight and leading us towards our next Spring Term. Willows have been busy finishing off their learning on Plant parts in Science and writing their final recount in English. We have been really impressed with how hard they have worked to improve their understanding of sentence structures and using the Past tense. In Maths we have been continuing to work with numbers up to 100 using different ways of adding and subtracting. We also enjoyed exploring Children's Mental Health Week last week and used Breathing exercises, "body scanning" and mindful colouring and thinking activities to explore how we could help to calm and relax ourselves.

In EYFS we have been continuing to enjoy our book "Little Kids Big book of Dinosaurs!" We have been going on dinosaur hunts around the classroom and role playing in our very own dinosaur land complete with "swimming pools" which require tickets to be purchased to enter. The children have really found their imagination this week, and I loved getting to play with the children taking on the role of the ticket officers! In Phonics we have continued to recap our phase 3 sounds and tricky words. In Maths we have been consolidating our knowledge of number bonds to 10 and preparing ourselves to begin exploring shape after the holidays.

Can we please take this opportunity to thank KS1 parents who were able to drop in for our book sharing session this week, I know the children loved sharing their learning with you all. Also can we wish you all a lovely half term break and we look forward to seeing the children ready to go next term.









Saplings



What a wonderful last two weeks with Saplings, they have been exploring their new found knowledge of dinosaurs, making footprints and mini dinosaurs! We have also been completing puzzles with the new interactive activities on screen all about Dinosaurs.

The children have been enjoying their PE time with Mr Pierce, they have been learning to catch as well as throw and we have had fun seeing if we can get the beanbag to land on the target when we throw it. Next term we will be focusing on Dance!

In Maths we have been exploring positions and space as well as shapes and measure.

In P.H.S.E we have been talking about goals, Achieving, Persevering, and what we find Difficult. One child said they found it hard to put on their coat and with perseverance and a clear idea of achievement, they soon reached their goal of being able to put on their own coat; with a smile as bright as the sun. Well Done!

All the Children have been absolute Stars!

Have a very Happy Half Term.



Toddler Group!





Come and join us for Toddler Group, running from 9.15-10:30am every Wednesday morning.

We welcomed a new friend today and had lots of fun exploring musical instruments. Snack was filled with laughter as we all tried to butter our own crackers with hilarious results!

Tell your friends and family to spread the word.

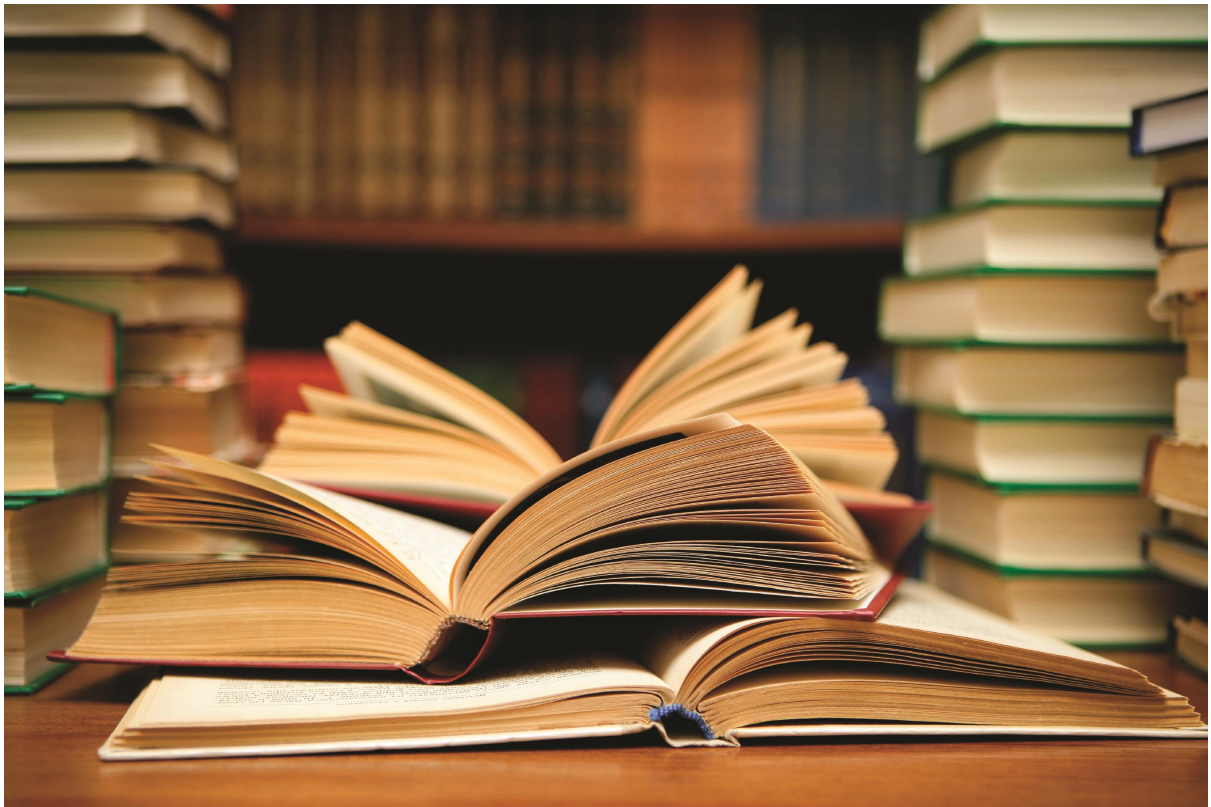
£1.50 a session. Hennock Primary school. Please call or email if you have any questions;

adminhennock@thelink.academy

01626 833233.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends there! We have already made some new friends.

Anthea Simmons - World Book Day 2025



WORLD BOOK DAY

ANTHEA SIMMONS

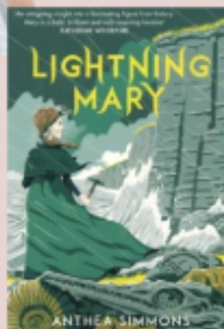
Devon-based children's book author will visit the school for a reading & writing workshop

Thurs, 6th March



Reserve a book

Anthea will be signing books ordered for students. Complete & return the order form to the school by 28 February.



In collaboration with First Draft Books, Bovey Tracey

World Book Day is just around the corner! As part of celebrating our love of stories at Hennock, we have arranged for local author Anthea Simmons to come into school and run a workshop with our Key Stage 2 children on **Thursday 6th March**.

Following her workshop with students, she will be signing copies of her middle grade books (ages 8+). Your child will be sent home with a form to order book(s) for your child to be signed by Anthea. If you would like to order any of Anthea's books, please complete and return this form by **Friday, 28th February**. Books can be purchased by cash on the day or card payment in advance through First Draft Books, Bovey Tracey's independent bookshop.

PTFA Message



Dear all,

Our Spring term PTFA meeting will be on WEDNESDAY 5th MARCH in the school at 3.30pm. All are welcome for cake and a catch up on what we are getting up to! Hopefully some plans for Easter events! We are currently working on plans to re-vamp the schools outside space so there should be an update on that too!

We have recently contributed £250 towards the music lessons that Ash and Birch are receiving and we are looking forward to their performance at the end of term! We also contributed to Willows trip to Exeter Mosque and their woodworking class. Money very well spent! We hope the kids enjoyed themselves!

Best wishes, Sarah and team.

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Communications Team



This week, we interviewed a member of the Chess Club!

Q: What do you enjoy the most about Chess Club?

A: Teaching other pupils and helping them to learn the rules of chess.

Q: Why did you decide to join Chess Club?

A: I've always found chess fun and enjoyable at home so I was really happy to get the chance to play with my friends in school.

Q: What is your favourite chess piece?

A: The queen because you can move two places!



Star of the Week



Star Learner of the Week:

7th February

Ash: Rose Birch: Mila and Freddie Willows: Chantae

Dojo Points:

Ash: Ralph Birch: Sophie

Achievosaurus: Maddie, Chantae

Values Star: Nancy

Star Learner of the Week:

14th February

Ash: Finley **Birch:** Lyric **Willows:** Frank

Dojo Points:

Ash: Fyrstan **Birch:** Finn and Layla

Achievosaurus: Maddie, Jess, Mikey, Emilia

Playground Hero: Mikey

Pride of School: Jessica Lee

Values Star: Chantae

Key Dates

PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday

Willows - Thursday

Birch - Fridays

Ash - Wednesdays

- **Music with Pat on Thursdays for Ash and Birch**
- **14th February; End of Half Term**
- **6th March - World Book Day!**



School Attendance

Attendance this Fortnight:

Whole School 95.2%

Ash 94%

Birch 97.3%

Willows 94.9%

Attendance Matters



PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING

FIRST OFFENCE

1

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.**

SECOND OFFENCE (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

2

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.**

THIRD OFFENCE AND ANY FURTHER OFFENCES (WITHIN 3 YEARS)

3

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.uk¹

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

¹<mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk>