



Hennock Primary School Newsletter 15.11.19



This week in Saplings after some poppy printing art, pre-school walked up to the war memorial with the whole school to take part in a 2 minute silence. In muddy maths we have been making giant patterns and staircase number lines on the playground which the children turned into a great game of hopscotch. Saplings are also enjoying the new Fairyland Autumn tuff tray and are using their imaginations to come up with some amazing narratives to support their play. Saplings have also listened to the story 'Leaf Man' by Lois Ehlert about a man made from leaves who blows away, traveling wherever the wind may take him. The children then took part in an autumn scavenger hunt to find special autumn treasures to create a piece of leaf art inspired by the book.



Willows have had an enjoyable week writing about different colours. We've explored the colours of animals as they move and described colourful pictures. The children are becoming very descriptive with their sentences. The Receptions are also doing brilliantly at beginning to write with some independence.

In Science we have been exploring the seasons and discussing what we see in different seasons. We have begun to talk about when and why animals hibernate.

In maths the children have begun to learn their number bonds and are enjoying trying to beat their score on Hit the Button.

Have a fantastic weekend Willows.

This week in Birch we have been really getting to grips with addition or 2,3 and 4 digit numbers. In English we have begun our next unit on 'Myths and Legends'. We have made our own Roman head wreaths and have been introduced to the myth of 'Theseus and the Minotaur', which we will be using as a model to write our own Roman myth.



On Friday, the children had a surprise visitor from Roman Centurion Marcus Trevellium who travelled the long journey to Hennock to recruit for the local Roman legion of Isca. Our very own Woody signed up straight away and he looked very impressive in his Roman uniform.

We are on the hunt for blankets and dark sheets for our English unit. They will not be cut up. If you have some please can you bring in a bag to school. Thank you.



Ash class enjoyed their first Forest School session last Friday – despite the cold! They worked together really well to tidy and fix the camp which had been damaged by the high winds from the previous weekend. Well done everyone!

Safeguarding



Our Safeguarding Lead is **Vic Pooler** and our Deputy Safeguarding Leads are **Nikki Racey** and **Olivia Gentile**. If you are concerned about a child's wellbeing please contact the school or in non-school hours contact MASH on

0345 155 1071

Attendance

Whole School	97.3%
Ash	96.7%
Birch	96.7%
Willows	98.6%

An update on the boiler

Unfortunately, despite best efforts, it has not been possible to get the boiler fixed and it is beyond repair due to its age. However, the temporary heaters are working well in the classrooms so the children stay warm and I am monitoring the temperature closely. Our Academy team is working hard to get a replacement installed as soon as possible. If you have any questions or queries, please contact the office.



Message from your Academy Head

A few updates this week on Christmas related things (yes I know it's still only November) and a goodbye...

School Christmas Dinners – we need to know your child's order details and the order details for any adults attending for this by 22nd November please – speak to Susan in the office or send an email in to confirm this if you haven't already.

An Evening of Christmas – Jaime Stenning is running 'An Evening of Christmas' event with wreath making, craft, mulled wine and more on 4th, 5th and 6th December – please see the posters in school and on Facebook for more details and contact her to book a place.

Performances – the school is running three performances of Ebenezer this year. There will be one matinee performance on Wednesday 11th December and two evening performances, also on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December. We know for our pupils in Willows that this is asking a lot so their attendance at the evening performances is optional. However, they will be the stars of our nativity performance at our church service on Tuesday 17th December at 2:30pm, which everyone is welcome to attend.

Sadly, our forest school lead Gemma Houghton is moving on from Hennock. She has a new role as pre-school manager in another setting, a challenging and varied role that I know Gemma will excel in with her years of experience in the EYFS. Some of you may have questions about how forest school will continue and there is already planning in place for this but in the meantime, I'm sure parents and families will join me in wishing Gemma the very best of luck in her future endeavours and thank her for all of her hard work and everything she's given to the children of Hennock School.

Diary Dates:

Thursdays – PE with Mr Tanner...but please can children have their kits all week.

Fridays – forest school for Willows/Saplings and Ash class.

Christmas cards – during the next few weeks, the children are designing a Christmas card that you can order to be turned into a pack of cards or a mug. Please look out for these in bags soon and any orders you wish to place can be given in at the office with payment.

Tuesday 26th Nov – PTFA meeting at 3:30pm in school

Wednesday 27th Nov – Roman experience day for Birch

Friday 29th Nov – Sets and Props day and Global Climate Change day – more details to follow next week.

Stars of the Week

Alex – I've seen such amazing progress from you over this term, Alex! You are always so keen and engaged with your learning and it shows hugely in the classroom and in your work.

John – Brilliant, John! What wonderful messages Mrs Luxton had for you about your attitude around the school and the way your approaching challenges in class, particularly in maths. Keep it up!

Katie – It's so wonderful to hear how hard you've been trying with your learning in class. Miss Gentile is so proud of you, and I am too!



Courtesy Cup

Dotty – you have really risen to the challenge as a year 6 and I see your skills developing every day. Your kindness towards others has been noted by Miss Anderson and other members of staff too. We're so lucky to have you in our school!