

# Hennock Primary School Newsletter

## *Message from the Head*

What a fantastic couple of weeks it's been at Hennock! It's been a real pleasure to see outdoor learning return to our school, with Willows and Saplings leading the way. They were really keen to share what a wonderful time they had had learning in nature - their excitement was infectious. Next week, Ash and Birch will have their turn, and I know they're looking forward to it just as much.

Another highlight was the Trust Cross Country event. I couldn't have been prouder watching the children take on the challenge—some raced around with confidence, while others showed incredible resilience and courage to keep going. What really stood out was the way they supported one another. Whether it was a cheer, a high five, or a few encouraging words, it was heart-warming to see the Hennock spirit in action.

I've really enjoyed getting to know your children better this week. It's a privilege to be part of such a lovely school community, and I'm already looking forward to what next week will bring.

Have a lovely weekend,

Mr Arnold.

## Ash Class



We have had a lovely, busy couple of weeks in Ash Class!

In English, the children have been working hard to consolidate their sentence knowledge. We have recapped what a simple sentence consists of and all the different ways that we can expand them into longer, more complex sentences to make our writing more interesting.

In Maths, we have been working through our unit on Place Value. We have been working with numbers all the way up to ten million! I am so impressed with the children's reasoning and problem-solving skills that they are showcasing in their work.

In Science, we have been busy investigating the viscosities of different liquids. Over the past couple of lessons the children have been conducting experiments and working scientifically to discover which liquids have a high or low viscosity.

In History, the children have been exploring the rise of the ancient Sumerian civilisation. They have analysed different artefacts to deduce what they can tell us about life in this society. We also explored why the nomads chose to settle on the Fertile Crescent and why farming was so crucial in the development of their civilisation.

Finally, all of our wonderful KS2 children took part in the Link Academy Trust's Cross Country event at Stover School this week. I was so proud of how well everybody did, with all our children completing the course!

**Reminder:** Applications for Pupil Voice roles are due in **Monday 22nd September**.

Well done everybody and have a lovely weekend.







## Birch Class



The children in Birch have been working really hard in their Maths and English learning over the last two weeks. Using the text, *Jack and The Dreamsack*, in English we have been revising sentence structure and making sure we always punctuate our writing to give meaning to what we have written. The children have been exploring the language used in *Jack and the Dreamsack* and using the ideas in the story as a basis for extending their sentences with adjectives and conjunctions. Over the next couple of weeks, we will work towards writing part a fantasy story.

In Maths, the children have been exploring place value of numbers ranging to 10, 000 and making sure they remember their place holder! We've then extended this knowledge by partitioning numbers and using flexible partitioning, breaking the number down in different ways to help solve the problem more easily whilst also developing reasoning skills.

The children thrived at the cross-country event this week and it was a real pleasure to be on the side lines cheering them on. They all showed such determination and team spirit and did Hennock proud!

Have a lovely weekend,

Maugan

## Willows and Reception Class



It has been a busy couple of weeks in Willows class, settling into new routines and beginning to explore our new topics.

### **Year 2**

In English, Year 2 have been reading *Dear Mother Goose*. The children enjoyed revisiting some well-known nursery rhymes and exploring the letters from the story. They have learnt and orally rehearsed letters from the book and used these letters to look at the structure of sentences. In Maths, the children have been exploring place value, learning different ways to represent two-digit numbers and recognising how many tens and ones are in a number.

**Reception** Reception have been reading the non-fiction book, *All About Families* and were inspired to create some beautiful pictures of their own families – I loved seeing the detail they put into their drawings and hearing them talk about who was important to them. In Maths, they have been developing their skills in matching and grouping, using practical activities to help them learn.



**Wider Curriculum** This week, to introduce our history topic for the term, Willows went on a walk around Hennock to explore our local community. The children discussed which buildings might be old and which were newer, and we were very lucky to be invited to look around the outside of the old vicarage. A highlight was getting to taste some delicious apples straight from the garden trees – a real treat!

**Outdoor Learning** On Wednesday, we had our first Outdoor Learning session of the year. The children had a fantastic time getting hands-on with nature: creating imaginative 'blob people', splashing in the stream, and experimenting in the mud kitchen.







## Saplings



The new Saplings who have recently joined preschool have settled in really well, they are enjoying the free-flow system where they can move outside and back inside freely and play with their peers.

We are learning about sharing , kind hands and kind feet.

The children all really enjoyed forest school, especially the mini-bus, which is always super fun! They all had fun by the stream, and looking at the different plants surrounding us. The children all had an opportunity to make a "blob" from clay, adding leaves and twigs they found in the forest. What a fun day and we are so looking forward to going back again soon.

Have a lovely weekend

Debbie



## Toddler Group!







Toddler group has moved!

Due to Forest School, we have move to a Tuesday morning in the preschool. All are very welcome, join us for a chat, some fun and craft, tea and cake!

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

We will join the Preschool in their classroom and outside. Activities will include painting, mark making, playdough sand and water play.

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;

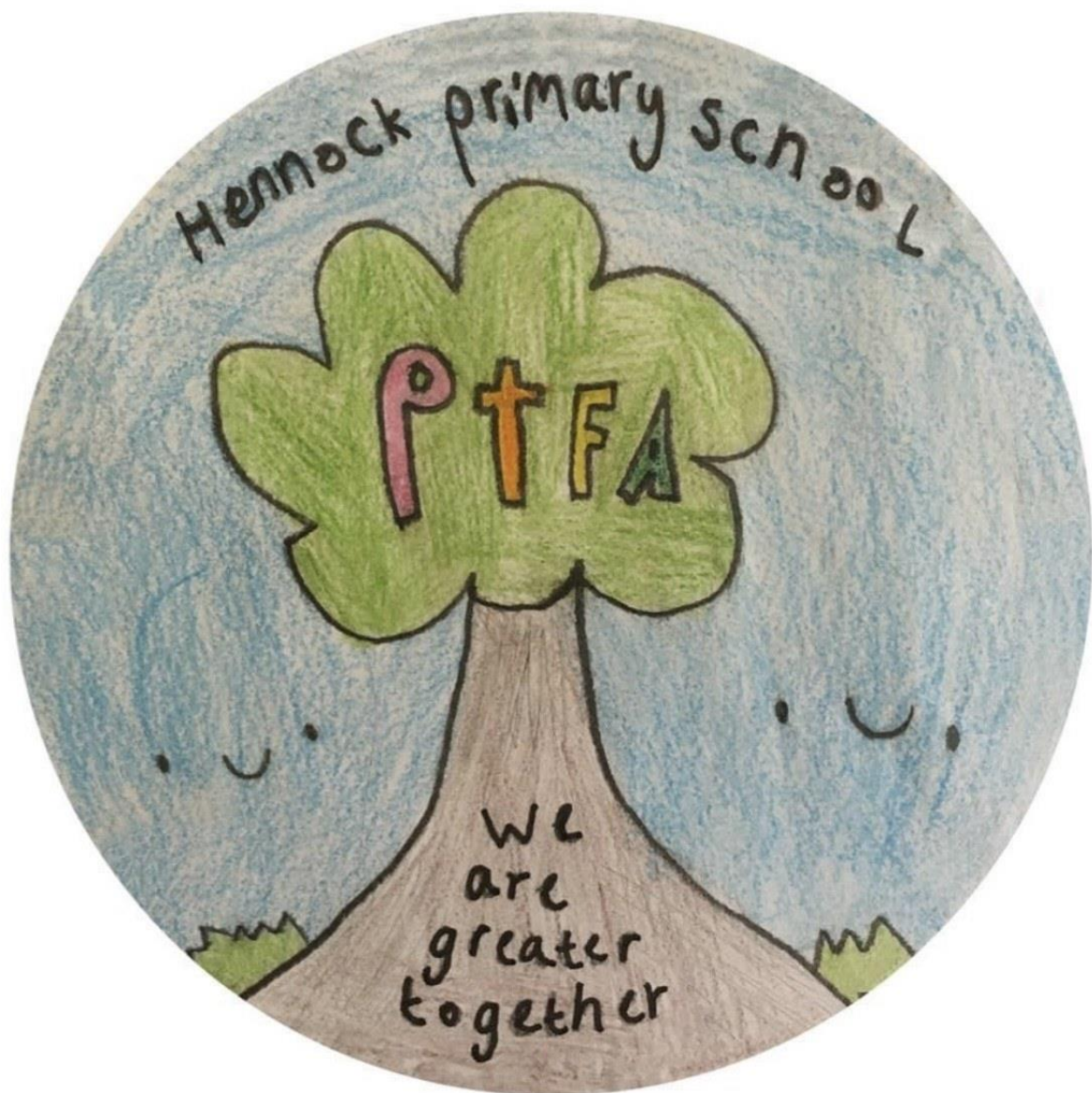
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01626 833233.

We look forward to welcoming you to our school.



## PTFA Message



I hope everyone had a wonderful summer break and enjoyed the few “heatwaves” we had! Autumn feels like its landed and we are busily preparing for the Annual Barn Dance on the 4th October, details and where to purchase tickets are on the poster by reception or go to [www.pta-events.co.uk/hennock](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hennock)<sup>1</sup>, we look forward to seeing as many of you that can come along for a fun night of entertainment tickets are selling fast so don’t miss out!

It is an ask, but if anyone can spare some time to help at the Barn Dance event, even for an hour or so we would be really grateful, and please do call/message me direct on 07861 980438 if you would prefer.

We are also running a raffle at the event so if you do happen to have anything around the home that’s not wanted and suitable, please drop into Vicky at the office.

Many thanks, Deb and the team

Hennockpta@gmail.com

## *Star of the Week*



**12th September**

**Star of the Week:**

**Ash:** Rose   **Birch:** Frank   **Willows:** Emilia

**BC:** Aiden   **ASC:** Mila

**Dojo Points:**

**Ash:** Mabel, Rafferty, Ro   **Birch:** Jess

**Achievosaurus:**

**Values Star:** Phoebe

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<sup>1</sup><http://www.pta-events.co.uk/hennock>



**Pride of School:** *Billy*

**19th September**

**Star of the Week:**

**Ash:** Monty **Birch:** Benji **Willows:** Millie

**BC:** Agnes **ASC:** Eloise

**Dojo Points:**

**Ash:** Phoebe **Birch:** Jess

**Achievosaurus:** Dusty, Aiden, Oliver

**Values Star:** Rafferty

**Pride of School:**

## Key Dates

**PE with Mr Pierce Every Monday**

**Willows - Friday**

**Ash and Birch - Wednesdays**

- **30th September: Immunisation Team**
- **21st October: Tempest Photography**

**Outdoor learning dates:**

**24th Sept - Birch and Ash**

**1st Oct - Saplings and Willow (am), Birch and Ash (pm)**

**15th Oct - Saplings and Willow (am), Birch and Ash (pm)**

## School Attendance

**Attendance this fortnight:**

**Whole School 97.8%**

Ash 97.6%

Birch 98.1%

Willows 96.6%

## Attendance Matters



**PENALTY NOTICE FINES FOR SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ARE CHANGING**

**1 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.**

**2 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.**

**3 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.**



## 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>2</sup>

Our Safeguarding Lead is Anthony Arnold 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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<sup>2</sup><mailto:mashsecure@devon.gov.uk>