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## Hennock School Newsletter Friday 12<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### Message from Head of School

Goodness, what a whirlwind!! This term is often feels a bit like this at the beginning, following Christmas which is both exciting and exhausting at the same time. The break is a strange one because it is inevitably so busy for all of us. I hope however, you all had a wonderful Christmas in the many different ways that we celebrate. It was lovely to see so many of you at the Farm Nativity and to see so many of Hennock children taking part too.

This term has already kicked off with some great things happening for our pupils. Willows are really enjoying their weekly swimming experience. This will culminate on the last Friday with Tim Flint linking in and delivering an Olympic Day Experience that you will hear more about in due course. As you know, Ash class have had a great trip out train wise to set their topic off in a meaningful way and apart from being pretty cold this was really well received and the children are all buzzing from the experience.

### Diary Dates

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> January** – Fire safety talks for the whole school.

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January** – school census day

**Friday 19<sup>th</sup> January** – Willow swimming

Important  
DATE!



### Stars of the Week

Willow – **Effie**  
Ash – **Mylo**  
Courtesy Cup –  
**Poppy R**

### Attendance

Whole school  
97.5%

Ash 96.9 %  
Willow 98.2%

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### Saplings News

Wow what a busy time we have had this last week! We started by talking about our New Year resolutions. The children discussed what they are good at and something they would like to learn or improve at this term. Every child's individual personality really shone through when doing this! If you would like to see your child's targets they are on display in our classroom.

On Tuesday our new Baby and Toddler group started in Pre-School. It was so lovely to share our space with some of the younger members in our community. We are really looking forward to next Tuesday already.

On Wednesday we joined Gin and Hennock Toddlers for a morning of Natural Learning in Stover Country Park. The children made mini boats from natural items they had found. They made exciting discoveries including that clay was very useful to stick our natural materials together but it was in fact very heavy and caused our boats to sink! Photos from the morning can be found on our school Facebook page.

### Willow News

What a busy term we've had already. Swimming has been a very enjoyable and worthwhile experience. All the children have represented our school brilliantly. A particular well done to Arlo who got over his initial nerves and was swimming incredibly well by the end of the first lesson.

We've been practicing our sewing skills this week and have all made a teddy bear finger puppet. But those cheeky puppets seem to be getting up to mischief in our classroom every night. At least they are giving us lots of ideas to write a story about them for a Big Write this unit.

I've been particularly impressed with everyone's reading already this term with almost the whole class reading at home nearly every night. Keep it up and don't forget to talk to your mummy's and daddy's about the book even if you don't always read with them.

What a fantastic start to the term.

### Ash News

We have been right on track with our learning this week. On Thursday and Friday Christine took children on a train ride to experience the sights and sounds of some of the most scenic railway in the country. Back in the classroom we began to understand how Auden created a train rhythm that changed speed. Hopefully we have captured lots of ideas to feed into our own poetry. Next week we are going to have a go at writing collaboratively, one child learning how to tutor another. It will be exciting to see how this impacts our writing!

In maths the children have wowed us with their fractions knowledge. Alex S and Stan have been finding common denominators in order to compare fractions – hot stuff Year 3s! Our mental maths battlebot wars are also shaping up. The children have been deciding the names for their unbeatable robots and the first head to head clashes with their rivals began this week ... see scoreboard for details!

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