



Hennock Primary School Newsletter 26.1.18



This week in Saplings...Birds, birds, birds! Saplings are taking part in the RSPB

Big Bird Watch. This week we have been learning how to recognise different birds. I was so impressed with some of your children's observations. Malachi said "I know it's a Blue Tit because it's got a blue head". We have made pine cone bird feeder to help attract more birds to our garden. The children also made their own paper birds and binoculars to help spot the birds.

Toddlers joined us on Tuesday and Wednesday morning for more bird crafts and a bird themed sing song!

This Week in Willow...

We have made coats for our Teddy Bears in DT this week. We practised our sewing skills to make our coats and will link this to our Science learning about waterproof materials.

We have been learning about time in our maths so please practise this at home with your child and encourage them to tell the time whenever possible.

It is our last session of swimming next week and we are celebrating our achievements with an Olympic Day with Tim Flint. We have loved it!



This Week In Ash...

This week we waved a fond farewell to Monika who has been supporting spelling programme for the past year. Please join us in extending a very warm thank you for her time and commitment, we wish her the best of luck in her new position at Bidwell Brook School. Frances Swan will be taking over for the foreseeable future; spelling tests will continue to be on a Monday afternoon.

In English this week we have been preparing book reviews in preparation for our 'World Book Day' celebrations on Thurs March 1st. Later, we will be sharing our reviews with the rest of the Academy.

In maths the children have taken their understanding of fractions into decimals, venturing into thousandths. Mylo explained beautifully how to fit 34/1000ths into the place value chart by exchanging 34 thousandths for 3 hundredths and 4 thousandths.



Our PTFA meeting on Thursday 25th January at The Palk Arms was very successful. Thanks to all those that showed their support. Minutes will be available shortly on the website for you to view. Any questions please see Alison or pop into the office.

Safeguarding : Our Designat-

ed Safeguarding officer is Mrs Clarke and the Deputy Safeguarding officer is Mrs Humphreys.

If you've any concerns as to the welfare of a child in school, please report it.

It is also possible to express concerns to the multi agency safeguarding team directly on **0345 155 1071** or

email mashsecure@devon.gcsx.gov.uk and give as much information as you can.

Message from your Head of School

With half term quickly approaching I have spent a moment reflecting on the opportunities we have given our pupils this year and am really proud of the efforts that staff, parents and pupils go to in order to get the best out of our community and provide wonderful opportunities for each other. The school council letter that you received from The Chair and Vice Chair shows the level of responsibility our children take and it is very warming to know that they want to make such a difference to the community and the world around them. Please have these conversations at home with your family and send your thoughts back in to them. We really value your

Diary Dates



- **Monday 5th Feb** - parent consultations
- **Thursday 8th Feb** - parent consultations
- **Monday 5th Feb** - storyteller in Ash class
- **Friday 9th Feb** - Willow Olympic Event with Tim Flint
- **Monday 12th Feb** - half term and our sponsored read

Courtesy Cup

Well done Dotty for being awarded the Courtesy Cup for a wonderful attitude at all times.



Star Learners!



Sam in Ash—great poem and brave enough to perform it at short notice!

Oren—a super resilient attitude that has meant you've got better and better all by yourself!

Attendance

Whole school	97.5%
Ash	96.8%
Willow	98.3%

