

Himbleton Herald - Issue 6

OUR VALUE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

Our value for this half-term is
'Friendship'.



It doesn't seem long since we were all returning to school after the long summer holidays, yet here we are almost at half-term already! We wish you all a wonderful, fun-filled break and look forward to seeing the children back at school on Tuesday 5th November.

Personally, I would like to thank you for making me feel so welcome here at Himbleton during my first half-term; I feel very lucky to be Headteacher of such a special, unique school.

LINK AND LEARN SESSIONS

On the morning of Tuesday 19th November, parents and/or family members of children in our Early Years class are invited to come along and join in with their learning from 9-10am. We hope you can make it! Key Stage One and Key Stage Two will have similar sessions later in the year.

NON-UNIFORM DAYS

In preparation for the Christmas Grotto event (organised by the Friends), we will be holding two non-uniform days next half-term. They will be as follows:

- Friday 8th November – please bring raffle prize donations
- Friday 29th November – please bring donations for the chocolate and bottle tombolas.

Thank you to the Friends for putting so much work in to organising such a fantastic event for our children.

BEELINE FESTIVAL

Key Stage Two had a brilliant time last Tuesday at the Beeline Festival in Worcester. They enjoyed hearing stories and seeing them performed by professional storytellers using a range of exciting props and puppets - such as Albert the Albatross! They also had some time to explore The Hive.

Early Years and Key Stage One will be attending the festival on Wednesday.

OUR CORE CHRISTIAN VALUES

Our focus value for next half-term will be 'Respect'.

As part of our work to embed our values further, all children are invited to take part in a values art competition. The aim is to design a piece of 2D art that captures what our values mean in everyday life. Children in each class can choose one of the specified values to represent:

- Early Years – Friendship or Respect
- Key Stage One – Truthfulness or Perseverance
- Key Stage Two – Courage or Forgiveness.

Entries should be submitted to school via mail bags by Friday 15th November (please ensure your child's full name and which value it is representing is clearly labelled on the back). They will be judged by one of our governors and the winning piece of art for each value will be made into a display piece for our school by professional printers.

We will be launching the competition with the children in assembly tomorrow and we can't wait to see what they come up with!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AFTER HALF TERM

There will be no clubs running in the week after half-term, other than the chargeable ones that have been booked directly with the providers (Mad Science and Defence Lab), who now have their own schedules.

Non-chargeable clubs will commence week beginning 11th November and run until week commencing 2nd December.

STAFFING UPDATE

After half-term it is likely that you will begin to see Mrs White back in school, building back to her usual hours gradually. Mrs Gordon will continue to work alongside her and Miss Cleary until she is ready to return fully. We look forward to welcoming her back.

Mrs Wilson-Scott has joined our support staff team today and we are very pleased to welcome her to the Himbleton family. She has enjoyed getting to know our lovely children by coming along on the whole school visit to Think Tank.

THANK YOU FRIENDS!

An enormous thank you to the Friends who have agreed to fund the purchase of some NEW Chromebooks to enhance our ICT provision. Your support makes a real difference!

AFTER SCHOOL CARE VACANCIES

We currently have two vacancies in our After School Care provision. The first is 10-15 hours a week, always working 3-5pm, and sometimes 6pm.

The second is working 4-6 hours a week, always working 3-5pm, sometimes 6pm, on a Thursday and a Friday.

If you are interested, or would like further information, please have a chat with Mrs Wallis, Mrs Ford or myself.

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Enabling inquisitive thinkers and
inspired learners with kind hearts.**

Monday 21st October 2019

Diary Dates

This week at Himbleton CE First School and Nursery:	
Monday 21st October	-Whole School Trip – Think Tank (9.15am-3pm) -Lego Maths Club (3-4pm)
Tuesday 22nd October	-Mrs Kippax (Sports Coach) in AM – PE for EYFS and KS1 -Science Afternoon (1-3pm) -Multi-Sports Club (3-4pm) -Defence Lab Club (3-4pm)
Wednesday 23rd October	-Miss Clarke (Sports Coach) in PM – PE for KS2 -EYFS/KS1 Beeline Festival Trip -Choir (3-4pm)
Thursday 24th October	-Science Afternoon (1-3pm) -Mad Science Club (PM) -School Disco Evening (Friends)
Friday 25th October	-Celebration Assembly (9.10am in KS2 classroom – all welcome) -KS2 Swimming (AM) -Science Afternoon (1-3pm) -Break up for half-term
Saturday 26th October	
Sunday 27th October	

Further Ahead...

Sunday 3rd November – Family Service in Church (11am)

Monday 4th November – Teacher Education Day (children not in school)

Tuesday 5th November – Children back to school after half-term

Friday 8th November – Non-Uniform Day (Grotto raffle prize donations requested)

Monday 11th November – Remembrance Morning (visitors in school)

Tuesday 19th November – EYFS Link and Learn Morning (all EYFS parents welcome)