

# Himbleton Herald - Issue 3

## FOREST SCHOOL

Mrs Griffiths will be running three parent/child after school Forest School sessions before Christmas for you to find out more about this important part of our curriculum. The first date will be Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. A letter with further details will be in mail bags next week – we hope you can make it!

## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT PRIORITIES FOR 2019-20

The Full Governing Body met last week for their first meeting of the year. At this meeting, the development priorities for the year are agreed and approved. These provide clear focus for our on-going work.

This year we will be focusing on the following key areas:

*-To further build leadership capacity across the staff team so that all leaders impact positively on the quality of teaching and learning within their subject areas at a whole school level.*

*-To further develop a progressive, sequential curriculum that has clear and appropriate intent, is implemented fully and consistently, leading to positive impact for all.*

*-To ensure that children demonstrate positive learning behaviours across the school and consistently adopt a growth mindset approach.*

*-To make core Christian values explicit to all stakeholders so that they are fully embedded.*

*-To ensure that British values and social diversity are understood by all.*

## PARENT VIEWS

It was lovely to chat informally to those parents who were able to come to my session on Wednesday afternoon and find out your views about the school. Do come along to the conservatory on Thursday morning after drop off if you can – it would be great to see you.

## KS2 FOREST SCHOOL

Next Week KS2 will be having Forest School on Monday instead of Thursday.

## PARENT CONSULTATIONS

Many thanks for returning your time preference slips. Time allocations will be sent out in mailbags next week.

## NURSERY PLACES

As we plan for the future, it is useful to have an idea of expected pupil numbers. As part of this planning process, we are asking that any families who have a child that they are wishing to enrol in our Nursery either during this academic year (between now and July 2020) or in September 2020, let us know.

If this applies, please see either Mrs Wallis or Mrs Stewart so that we can add your details to our list.

## Friends of Himbleton First School and Nursery

There was a great turn out at this week's Friends AGM and the planning began for a calendar of exciting events. Please see the website for further information:

<http://www.himbleton.worcs.sch.uk/about-us/friends>

Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/friendsofhimbletonfirstschool/>

## OUR VALUE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

**GOOD FRIENDS ARE LIKE STARS, YOU DON'T ALWAYS SEE THEM BUT YOU KNOW THEY ARE THERE**

## HARVEST

Our Harvest Service will take place in Church next Wednesday at 2.15pm - please do join us if you can. **Children should be collected from the Church at 3pm on this day, rather than from school.** We will walk after school care and Choir children back to school so they can be collected as usual. This year we are collecting for Droitwich Food Bank. If you would like to donate a non-perishable item, please bring it in to school on Wednesday morning. Thank you.

## DROP OFF AND COLLECTION TIMES

We are still experiencing some problems with traffic at these times. A polite reminder not to park on the zigzag lines or to turn in the school drive or nearby driveways; we are concerned that this could cause an accident. We appreciate the difficulties but the Friends do contribute to the upkeep of the Cricket Club car park so please do use if you can.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

EYFS have been busy learning about how to form their letters with Marvin the Monkey this week. They have been discovering all sorts of interesting facts about where our food comes from, as well as exploring the value of numbers in lots of different ways.

KS1 have been finding out all about habitats and part of this involved a mini-beast hunt in our fantastic grounds. They have been thinking about non-fiction texts and why they are structured in the way that they are and have also been developing their understanding of place value., place value,

KS2 have been working on some super Amazonian animal fact files this week and have found out some fascinating facts. They have also been carrying out experiments with eggs to investigate tooth decay and exploring place value further.

Monday 30th September 2019

Unfortunately Aspens can no longer deliver packed lunches for our Think Tank trip on 21<sup>st</sup> October. All children will need to bring a packed lunch from home on this day.

# Diary Dates

This week at Himbleton CE First School and Nursery:	
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> September	-Lego Maths Club (3-4pm)
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> October	-Mrs Kippax (Sports Coach) in all day – PE in all classes -Multi-Sports Club (3-4pm) -Defence Lab Club (3-4pm)
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	-Miss Clarke (Sports Coach) in all day – PE in classes -Harvest Service in Church (2.15pm – all welcome) -Choir (3-4pm)
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October	-Parent Meeting with Mrs Martin (9am – all welcome) -KS2 Forest School (PM) -Mad Science Club (PM)
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	-Celebration Assembly (9.10am in KS2 classroom – all welcome) -KS2 Swimming (AM) -EYFS Forest School (PM)
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> October	
Sunday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Family Service in Church (11am)

## Further Ahead...

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October – Non-Uniform Day and Cake Sale for Oscar Saxelby-Lee

Monday 14<sup>th</sup> October – Open Morning for Prospective Parents (9.30am); Parent Consultation Evening (until 5.30pm)

Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> October – KS2 Beeline Festival Trip (The Hive, Worcester) – please see separate letter; Parent Consultation Evening (until 7.30pm)

Monday 21<sup>st</sup> October – Whole school trip to Think Tank Birmingham

Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – EYFS and KS1 Beeline festival Trip (The Hive, Worcester) – please see separate letter

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> October – Friends Disco

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> October – Break up for half-term