

# Himbleton Herald - Issue 4

## FAMILY MAIL BAGS

We hope that you are finding mail bags useful. Please ensure your eldest child returns the bag to their classroom by Friday each week.

## UNIFORM

As the weather is turning more autumnal, children may wear winter uniform if they so wish. We would rather they were warm, happy and ready to learn! We ask that all children be in winter uniform upon the return to school after half-term.

## MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING

Thank you so much to those who supported this event, whether it was by attending the event or donating cakes. We managed to raise £195 for this fantastic charity. Well done to KS2 for organising such a super morning!

## PARENT FEEDBACK

It was great to meet with some more parents last Thursday morning to find out about what you think our school does really well and what you think we could do to make it even better. Some of the identified positive aspects were:

- Hardworking, dedicated staff team that know the children well
- Super grounds that enable lots of outdoor learning opportunities
- Strong links with the church
- Sense of community/belonging
- Trips offered.

Some suggested areas for development were:

- A wider range of after-school extra-curricular opportunities
- More curriculum based parent workshops and support materials\*
- Peripatetic musical instrument opportunities.

\*Please see a SPaG Glossary in mail bags as requested – we hope you find it useful.

We will of course continue to seek your views moving forward; your input is much appreciated.

**Nurture, Nature, Knowledge:  
Enabling inquisitive thinkers  
and inspired learners with  
kind hearts.**

## PARENT CONSULTATION EVENINGS

Please find your allocated time slot on a separate slip. On the evenings, please enter school via the library entrance where you will be signed in and wait there for the relevant teacher to collect you.

## STAFFING UPDATE

Unfortunately Mrs White is still not well enough to return to school. We wish her all the very best and will keep you posted as we know more.

## EMAIL CONTACT

Just a note to say that I am always happy to be contacted directly via email on [head@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk](mailto:head@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk) I check this account regularly, whether I am at Himbleton or on a Diocese day.

## TEACHING AND LEARNING

This week EYFS have been learning all about numbers and exploring how they can be made up in a variety of ways. They have been using Numicon to help them and have even started to think about number sentences. They have been enjoying the story 'The Little Red Hen', as well as finding out about how food is made.

KS1 have been thinking carefully about how effective sentences are constructed and solving problems by applying their number sense and knowledge of place value. They have been gathering information for some writing about farming and enjoyed a visit from Mr Brian and Mr Yates to help them with this.



KS2 have been deepening their understanding of number this week by taking on a range of challenges and problems.

## OUR VALUE THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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

MANY PEOPLE WILL  
WALK  
IN AND OUT  
OF YOUR LIFE,  
BUT ONLY  
TRUE FRIENDS LEAVE  
FOOTPRINTS  
IN YOUR HEART.

*Eleanor Roosevelt*

## CHANGES TO THE GOVERNING BODY

Following the full governing body meeting last week, we would like to announce that Claire Johnston is the new Chair of Governors and Geoff Hedges is the new Vice Chair. We would like to say an enormous thank you to Mike Gee and Sue Plummer for their commitment to these respective roles previously. They will continue to serve on the governing body.

Dale Snow has stepped down as a parent governor – we also thank him for all he has given to the role. As a result we now have a vacancy for a new parent governor – please see a separate letter for further information.

## HARVEST

Well done to all the children for such a thoughtful yet fun Harvest Service last week. You all spoke confidently and clearly and we are proud of you all. Thank you to all of our families for your very generous food donations – we know that these will be gratefully received.

# Diary Dates

This week at Himbleton CE First School and Nursery:	
Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October	-Lego Maths Club (3-4pm) -KS2 Forest School (PM) – CHANGE OF DAY FOR THIS WEEK
Tuesday 8 <sup>th</sup> October	-Mrs Kippax (Sports Coach) in all day – PE in all classes -Multi-Sports Club (3-4pm) -Defence Lab Club (3-4pm)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> October	-Miss Clarke (Sports Coach) in all day –PE in classes -Choir (3-4pm)
Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	-KS2 Forest School (PM) -Mad Science Club (PM)
Friday 11 <sup>th</sup> October	<b>-Non-Uniform Day and Cake Sale for Oscar Saxelby-Lee</b> -Celebration Assembly (9.10am in KS2 classroom – all welcome) -KS2 Swimming (AM) -EYFS Forest School (PM)
Saturday 12 <sup>th</sup> October	
Sunday 13 <sup>th</sup> October	

## Further Ahead...

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); Parent Consultation Evening (until 7.30pm)

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

Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Forest School Parent/Child Session (3pm-4.30pm)

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

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

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

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November – Teacher Education Day (children not in school)**

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Children back to school after half-term.

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> October 2019