

Himbleton Herald - Issue 7

NURSERY DROP OFF

A reminder that our Nursery children should be brought to the front white door at 8.45am, where they will be met by a member of staff. This is so that our youngest children have time to settle in before the rest of the school come in to begin the school day.



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

OUR VALUE THOUGHT FOR THE

WEEK

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

**Respect other
people's feelings.
It might mean
nothing to you,
but it could mean
everything to
them.**

REMEMBRANCE

We had a very special morning here in school today. Major Head visited each class to help us to understand the importance of Remembrance. He then led the school in a two minute silence.

CONSENTS AND DATA

We are reviewing all data and consents for children across the school. Please complete and return sheets enclosed in the mail bags so that we have the most up to date information.

EYFS will be having Forest School on Tuesday 19th November instead of on Friday 22nd November.

VALUES

As you may remember one of our priorities for this year is: *'To make core Christian values explicit to all stakeholders so that they are fully embedded.'* Please could you complete the enclosed questionnaire to help us establish the current position?

CHILDREN IN NEED

This year BBC Children In Need is taking place on Friday 15th November. As a school we are very keen to support this incredibly worthwhile cause because it makes such a difference to the lives of so many.

We are aware that we already have two non-uniform days in November therefore we have decided to make this Friday a little different.

All children are invited to come to school wearing their pyjamas, as we hope this will be easy to organise for everyone! They may bring slippers to wear indoors if they wish, but will need to wear outdoor shoes to school. There will be three Pudsey heads in school that day – one for each House (Oak, Ash and Elm). Children are invited to bring coins of any value in to school to put in to their Pudsey head. We will be running a competition to see which House can get the most coins and then donating everything raised to Children In Need!

AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS AND CARE

All non-chargeable extra-curricular after school clubs begin this week following the half-term break. A reminder that Choir will be on a Friday this half-term, not a Wednesday.

We are happy to say that Mrs Gibbs has now decided to stay as part of the Himbleton team in her role at After School Care; she will be working on a Monday, Thursday and Friday. We will also be welcoming Miss Kiriakopoulou, who will be working in After School Care on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. We still have a vacancy on a Tuesday, 3pm to 6pm. Please do let us know if you are interested or know anyone who might be.

CHRISTIAN VALUES ART COMPETITION REMINDER

A reminder that all children are invited to take part in our 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.

The closing date is this Friday (entries to be returned via mail bags).

EXTERNAL VISITORS

Last week we had two visitors in school: Mr Smith from the Local Authority and Mr Reid from the Diocese of Worcester. They were in school to carry out a review of teaching and learning and discuss key development priorities for the year. I am pleased to report that they were in full agreement with our identified priorities for this year, which were shared with you last half-term.

MRS WHITE

It was lovely to have Mrs White at Celebration Assembly on Friday morning and for her to spend some time in Key Stage One with Miss Cleary this morning. She will gradually be building up her time in school over the next few weeks and we are very pleased that she is back with the team.

CONGRATULATIONS MISS CLEARY!

Congratulations to Miss Cleary and her partner Tim, who are getting married next Sunday! We wish them the most wonderful day and a very happy future together. Next time we see Miss Cleary she will be the new Mrs Beattie!

Monday 11th November 2019

Diary Dates

This week at Himbleton CE First School and Nursery:

Monday 11 th November	-Remembrance Morning in School (Major Head to see each class and lead assembly) -Lego Maths Club (3-4pm)
Tuesday 12 th November	-Mrs Kippax (Sports Coach) in all day – PE in all classes -Multi-Sports Club (3-4pm) -Defence Lab Club (3-4pm) -Forest School Workshop (3-4.30pm)
Wednesday 13 th November	-Miss Clarke (Sports Coach) in all day – PE in all classes
Thursday 14 th November	-Mad Science Club (PM)
Friday 15 th November	-Celebration Assembly (9.10am in KS2 classroom – all welcome) -KS2 Swimming (AM) -Choir (3-4pm)
Saturday 16 th November	
Sunday 17 th Novemeber	Miss Cleary gets married today!

Further Ahead...

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

Friday 29th November – Non-Uniform Day (Grotto Tombola Prizes (Chocolate and Bottles); Key Stage Two Sharing Assembly (instead of Celebration Assembly) at 9.10am in Key Stage Two classroom – all welcome

Sunday 1st December – Family Service in Church (11am)

Tuesday 10th December – Nativity Dress Rehearsal in Church (1.30pm to 3pm)

Wednesday 11th December – Nativity in Church (1.30pm to 3pm)

Thursday 12th December – Nativity in Church (6pm to 7.30pm)

Saturday 14th December – Friends' Grotto Event (2.30pm to 5pm) – please see separate note from Friends in mail bags

Friday 20th December – Christmas Jumper Day; Party Morning in School; Christmas Lunch in Village Hall (with a visit from Santa); Christmas Service in Church (2.15pm); break up for Christmas holidays!



Here are a range of pictures capturing some of the exciting learning that went on during Science Week, both at Think Tank and in school...



In school we focused on the properties of solids, liquids and gases and how they affect the way each behave. We worked in our Houses to carry out lots of different investigations. We even made slime and volcanoes! We also used our fabulous grounds to explore habitats.

Monday 11th November 2019