Himbleton Herald – Issue 12

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

OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

NURTURE TREE LEAVES

We are working hard to promote and embed our values of friendship, respect, forgiveness, perseverance, courage and truthfulness. After Christmas we will be making a school Nurture Tree that celebrates how our community lives these values every day. In mail bags you will find some leaf templates; please use these to note down a time over the holidays that your child shows one of our values and how. We will then add all of the leaves to our tree. After Christmas, there will be a supply of leaves in the entrance lobby – please complete these for your child and any other children in school as and when you see the values being shown. Nominations will be shared in assembly and added to our tree.

NATIVITY

What a fantastic job the children did last week as they put on three superb performances of 'I'm Gonna Shine'. We are so proud of each and every one of them! Thank you for your support and for making your way through the water and election traffic on Thursday evening. Please ensure all costumes are returned to school by Friday so that they can be put away ready for next year!

A photo was taken of each child in costume and we will let you know how these can be accessed after the holidays.

FRIENDS' GROTTO

An enormous thank you to the Friends of Himbleton School for putting on such a brilliant Christmas event on Saturday. There was such a lovely atmosphere and a real sense of community. I have been struck since joining the school by the way everyone really does pull together; I know that a great deal of work goes on before, during and after the event to give the children the best possible experience – thank you to everyone who plays a part.

READING CHALLENGE

On the Teacher Education Day on 6th January, the staff tam will be focusing on further developing reading here at Himbleton. As part of this focus, we would like to set a special reading challenge for the Christmas holidays…

The skill of reading is so important and can be so powerful; books can equip us with new knowledge, develop our vocabulary, give us information and capture our imaginations and transport us to many new places.

Over the holidays, by taking part in our challenge, we would like children to focus on how important reading skills are and just how often they actually use them. Enclosed in mail bags is a chart which asks children to record ten occurrences over the holidays when they use their reading skills. These can be simple things, like reading a gift tag, or more extended times such as reading a new book with a family member. All those who manage to complete the challenge will receive a special bookmark.

In addition, we would like to help the children to understand that reading is really special because it can be enjoyed anywhere! We would like to make a display of children reading in different places and with different people. If you could take a picture of your child reading over the holidays for this purpose, then please email to head@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk.

Finally, if you happen to be having a sort out and have any quality books that might looking for a new home, we would be very grateful indeed as we look to develop our library stock!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION DAY

We are all looking forward to our Christmas Celebration Day on Friday and can't wait to see everyone in their Christmas jumpers! The lunch will now be held in school rather than the village hall and then we will head down to the church for the service, which will begin at 2pm – please do come along if you can. A reminder that children will need to be collected from the church at 3pm, unless they are attending After School Care.

TAPESTRY AND SEESAW

This term we have changed broadband provider and have had some teething issues with connection. We apologise that Tapestry and Seesaw communications have therefore not been as frequent as we would like.

STAMPS

We are collecting used stamps for a local dog rescue charity this Christmas. Please bring any you may have to the School Office.

Monday 16th December 2019

Diary Dates

This week at Himbleton CE First School and Nursery: ***Please note: there are no extra-curricular after school clubs this week***	
Monday 16th December	
Tuesday 17th December	
Wednesday 18th December	
Thursday 19th December	
Friday 20th December	-Christmas Celebration Day (Christmas Jumper Day, Party Morning (with a special visitor), Christmas lunch) -Christmas Service in Church (2pm) -Break up for Christmas!
Saturday 21st December	
Sunday 22nd December	

Further Ahead…

Monday 6th January – Teacher Education Day

Tuesday 7th January – Back to School for Spring Term

WB 13th January – Spring Term extra-curricular clubs begin

Tuesday 14th January – Key Stage 1 Link and Learn Morning (9-10am)

Wishing everyone a peaceful, joyful Christmas time and a very happy 2020!