

Keeping in Touch



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Enabling inquisitive thinkers and inspired learners with kind hearts.

FIRST PHASE OF WIDER OPENING OF SCHOOL

Yesterday I sent a detailed letter outlining the plans for increasing the number of children in attendance at school as safely as possible in the circumstances. Please do read this if you have not yet had chance. This week you also received notification of a letter from Worcestershire County Council outlining the local stance on the government plans. Both letters can be found under 'Letters to Parents' on the school website.

CONSULTATION ON CHANGE OF AGE

As you are aware, the governing body has made the decision to consult on a possible change of age from September 2021, to include Years 5 and 6 at Himbleton. We have not yet consulted due to the challenging situation that we all find ourselves in. However, in order to meet key time frames, we feel we must now move forward with this. We intend to begin the consultation period on Monday 8th June and a letter outlining the process will accompany this document.

LOCKDOWN RAINBOW SONG

Thank you to the children who participated in making a video for the Diocese lockdown singing project. We now have the finished product and it is FANTASTIC!

Thank you to Mrs Hedges for organising this and for starring in the video; I certainly wish I could sing like she can! Also thank you to Mrs Hedges for sourcing someone with the IT skills to put the video together - special thanks most definitely goes to Mr Sam Dudley!

Please find the video on our website, Twitter and Facebook pages.

RECOMMENDED READ

Lockdown has provided a period for reflection and I know that many people have been spending time outdoors, appreciating the amazing natural world. A little boy called Frankie Morland has written a song all about our precious world and it is captured in a special book called 'World in Danger: Tomorrow could be a very different day'.

Our aim is for all or children to feel inspired to make a difference – just like Frankie!



OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

At the end of the day, you can either focus on what's tearing you apart, or you can focus on what's keeping you together.

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CLASS EMAIL ADDRESSES

As we plan to enter our next phase of this challenging situation, we are very aware that we do not want the year group cohorts who remain at home to feel isolated from those who are in school. Therefore we have set up direct class email addresses as follows:

eyfs@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk
ks1@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk
ks2@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk

These email addresses can be used to send examples of home learning to the class teachers – they will respond at least once a week. Of course, EYFS may also continue to use Tapestry as method of sharing. We hope this addition is found to be beneficial in continuing to motivate those at home.

Class Zoom meetings will continue to run on a Friday for KS1 and KS2. From 5th June these will be at 3.30 for KS1 and 4.15 for KS2. Details will be text to parents beforehand.

Please see a really useful resource that has recently been added under 'Home Learning Resources' on the website, which suggests appropriate ways in which you might talk about the current situation with your child.

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