

OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



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

HIMBLETON ELF WALK

Please look out for details this week regarding an exciting optional free outdoor activity that has been organised by the Friends and Miss Albutt. A special thank you to Mrs Irving, Mr Hedges and Mrs Rowley for their role in arranging this.

FRIDAY 18TH DECEMBER

You may be aware from media reporting that the government has announced that schools may close on Thursday 17th December and take Friday as a training day. Himbleton will not be making this change and school remains open to children on Friday 18th December.

PUPIL PARLIAMENT

A very successful meeting was held on Friday via Zoom – well done to Summer for leading this and navigating the technology so well! The members decided to definitely continue with the school pet project that was started last year but not completed due to COVID-19. Watch this space!

THANK YOU FRIENDS!

We are all very much looking forward to the Christmas celebrations in school on Wednesday! Thank you to the Friends for organising some exciting treats! It may be a different year without the grotto but hopefully it will be really memorable.
A reminder that children may come to school wearing their party clothes on Wednesday.

We would like to wish everyone a happy and peaceful Christmas break. Although it will surely be different to other years, we hope that you enjoy time with your families and make happy memories. As we draw to the end of a long term, we thank you for working in partnership with us to support the children in their learning and all round development. Your engagement this term, particularly through ClassDojo and Tapestry, has been amazing! Every single child is a gift and we feel privileged to be able to play a part in their journey. See you next year to continue!

THANK YOU FOR THE BOOK DONATIONS!

A big thank you for the donations of books that have come in for the free reader section of our library – they will make a real difference!

HIMBLETON HIKE

You will have seen details from the Friends about this fabulous outdoor fundraiser which can be enjoyed by the whole family. Thank you to Mrs Thomas for all her hard work in organising this. If you need further information please just ask.

CELEBRATING US

In Celebration Assemblies in each class on Friday, the following awards were given out:

Outstanding Workers:

Dylan (EYFS)

Atticus (KS1)

Sophie, Cerys, Ella, Thomas (KS2).

Values Award:

Harry (EYFS)

Kerry-Ann (KS1)

All of KS2 (KS2).

Well done everyone, we are proud of you all!

WCF have asked us to share the following information with you regarding reporting of COVID-19 in the holidays. The 6 day window identified in the second bullet point runs to Christmas Eve. To inform school of cases, please only use head@himbleton.worcs.sch.uk to contact me (Mrs Martin) directly. Thank you.

Key messaging for parents: schools and colleges

- **Parents of pupils** who are symptomatic at any time should arrange for immediate testing here: <https://self-referral.test-for-coronavirus.service.gov.uk/antigen/condition>
- **Pupils** who have COVID-19 symptoms starting on either of the 2 days after their last day in school will need to inform their school immediately if they subsequently test positive during the 6 day window identified above.
- **Pupils** who develop COVID-19 symptoms and test positive on or after 00.01hrs on Mon 21st December will not need to inform the school but will be required to self-isolate for 10 days and their close contacts will be identified through the national Contact Tracing Service (CTS).
- **Pupils** who need to continue their self-isolation into the new term should inform the school of their absence in the usual way.
- **Parents** should be reminded that under no circumstances should any pupil return to school if they are exhibiting any COVID-19 symptoms (however minor) or are **unwell in any other way**. They should arrange for a test and inform the school.

THIS WEEK IN SCHOOL

Please note: no extra-curricular after-school clubs this week

Monday 14th December: KS2 PE

Tuesday 15th December: EYFS PE; Violin Lessons (instead of Wednesday)

Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Celebration Day (party clothes); EYFS Forest School

Thursday 17th December: KS2 Forest School

Friday 18th December: KS1 PE; break up for Christmas!

See you on Tuesday 5th January 2021!

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

We all loved wearing our Christmas jumpers on Friday. Well done everyone – a total of £78.22 was raised for Save the Children!

CHRISTMAS TREE – HOME WANTED!

The lovely school Christmas tree will be looking for a new home on Friday afternoon. If you would like the tree, please let Mrs Stewart know.

BACK TO SCHOOL

A reminder that Monday 4th January is a training day (First Aid and Phonics) for staff. We look forward to seeing the children back in school on Tuesday 5th January.

Monday 14th December 2020