

Himbleton Herald - Issue 28 2021/22

Nurture, Nature, Knowledge:

Enabling inquisitive thinkers and inspired learners with kind hearts.

WELL DONE!

Last Week's Outstanding Workers were: (EYFS) Kitty (KS1) Millie (LKS2) Thomas (UKS2) Alex

Our Values awards went to: (EYFS) Kitty (KS1) Elliot (LKS2) Toby (UKS2) Corey-Lee - Congratulations to them all!

NON-UNIFORM DAY

This Friday will be a non-uniform day. Children are invited to come to school wearing their own clothes in exchange for a raffle prize for the summer fete. Donated prizes should be left in the shed at drop off time please. (NEW unwanted gifts, toiletries, children games, stationery)

MENTAL HEALTH AND WELLBEING SUPPORT

As a school, we believe that in order to enable every child to flourish, it is important that they feel safe, happy and secure. We are working hard to further develop our nurture provision and ensure that we have staff members who specialise in this area and can therefore provide bespoke support. Mrs Martin completed the Designated Senior Mental Health Lead training in the Autumn Term and Mrs Marks is currently completing Mental Health First Aider training.

As our accommodation changes in readiness for September, we will also be incorporating a nurture room that will be used as space to support small groups.

MEETING OF THE FRIENDS

The next meeting of the Friends will take place on Tuesday 7th June at The Galton Arms, Himbleton at 7.30pm. The focus will be the summer fete. Please do get involved if you are able to.

BUILDING WORKS

Building works for the new classroom are due to start over half-term. Important information regarding interim arrangements will be shared next week.

MRS ROSE

Mrs Rose, who has been appointed as our Year 5/6 teacher from September, has been spending some time in school getting to know the children and finding out more about life at Himbleton in preparation for her new role.

EYFS VISIT

Early Years had a fantastic visit to Top Barn Farm last week, as part of their current unit of enquiry. Thank you to the children, staff and volunteers for making it a super day!

PHONICS UPDATE - THANK YOU FRIENDS

As a school we have been busy researching different options for phonics provision in school, particularly in EYFS and KS1, as the DfE now recommends that schools select one of their validated programmes. We have decided to adopt 'Rocket Phonics', which works in conjunction with our current reading scheme (purchased in 2019-20). The initial outlay for this scheme is significant and we are very grateful to the Friends for funding this – your ongoing support makes such a difference.

Implementation of the programme has now started and we will provide further information to parents/carers in due course.

OUR CHRISTIAN THOUGHT FOR THE

WEEK

Our focus Christian value for this half-term is 'Forgiveness'.



KS1 SATS

This week our Year 2 children begin their end of key stage statutory assessments. The results of these contribute towards teachers' evidence banks but are by no means the totality. We wish them all the best and will work hard to ensure these are a positive experience for the children.