

Himbleton Herald - Issue 1 2022/23

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WELCOME TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR!

We are so proud of the way that the children have embraced the new school year, showing such positive attitudes from the get go! Thank you all for your support in ensuring a smooth start, despite the temporary drop off arrangements. We look forward to an exciting year full of opportunities.

DATA COLLECTION

Please ensure Mrs Stewart is made aware of any changes to the data we are required to keep in school e.g. address, GP details, medical or dietary requirements, contact details, those who have permission to collect. Thank you.

HARVEST SERVICE

Our Harvest Service will take place in Church on Thursday 6th October at 2.15pm.

Please do join us if you are able to. All children will need to be collected from Church at 3pm on this day, unless attending after school care or an extra-curricular club. We will be collecting non-perishable food donations for Droitwich Food Bank; please bring donations into school on Wednesday 5th October. Thank you.

MEET THE TEACHER SESSIONS

A reminder that we will be offering informal 'Meet the Teacher' sessions after school on Tuesday. There will be two sessions: 3.30-4pm and 4-4.30pm to cater for those who have more than one child in school. If attending, please wait on the field and we will come and collect you.

READING VOLUNTEERS

Reading is the backbone of our curriculum and we welcome reading volunteers into school to support our children's development in this area. If you would be interested in volunteering please do let us know.

THANK YOU

Thank you to our team of governors who have worked hard over the summer to extend a patio area, carry out ground works and repair gates! We appreciate all that you do.

WELCOME

A very warm welcome to the new members of our Himbleton family: in Nursery, Reception and Year 5 – we are so happy to have you! Also welcome to Mrs Rose and Mrs Ball who join the staff team.

PE ARRANGEMENTS

In order to maximise curriculum time, children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on allocated PE days. These are as follows:
EYFS – Wednesday; KS1 – Friday; LKS2 – Tuesday; UKS2 – Thursday.
LKS2 also begin their programme of swimming on Thursday next week. They do not need to wear their PE kit on this day. Please also ensure your child has their kit with them on their club days.

Part of our PE curriculum is delivered through our outdoor learning provision; school provides waterproof trousers but children will need wellies, long sleeved tops and an extra waterproof coat. As the weather gets colder, gloves and hats are also needed. Please ensure all items are clearly named!

OUR CHRISTIAN THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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



LINK AND LEARN SESSIONS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

Throughout the course of the year we will be holding 'Link and Learn' sessions. These are a chance for parents/carers to come and share in the children's learning. Please see overleaf for class dates.

INTERNET SAFETY

It is vital that we are aware of the risks that our children may encounter online. We have added some useful resources for parents/carers to the 'Safeguarding' section of our website. If you need to report a worrying online issue, please see: [Report an online issue](#)

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

Extra-curricular clubs begin this week. If you have any questions relating to these, please speak to Mrs Stewart.

Monday 12th September 2022

WORLD OF WORK PROJECT

As we prepare our UKS2 children for secondary school, we want to widen their understanding of the careers and pathways available. As part of this work, we would like to invite our parents/carers into school to speak informally with the children about what they do. We understand this may not be for everyone, but if you would be willing/able to be part of this project then please speak to Mrs Martin. We are looking to run this project during July 2023.

EUROPEAN DAY OF LANGUAGES

Monday 26th September is European Day of Languages. We will celebrate the importance of learning languages, the breadth and diversity of language and the impact of communication.

ROALD DAHL DAY

Tomorrow is Roald Dahl Day. In each class we will be celebrating the fabulous work of this author and his impact on the literary world.

MONDAY 19TH SEPTEMBER

We have received notification from the DfE that next Monday will be a National Day of Mourning for Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II's state funeral and schools will therefore be closed on this day.

HER MAJESTY QUEEN ELIZABETH II – A SERVANT QUEEN

In Worship on Friday we shared and discussed the incredibly sad and poignant news of the death of Her Majesty. We talked about her life of service and dedication, her lasting impact on the world and what we can learn from her. We shared our thoughts and feelings; here are just some examples of what the children said: 'The Queen made me feel safe, she was like a protector and I will miss her so much'; 'The Queen was an inspirational leader'; 'The Queen was a role model for everyone'. We shared the following prayer:

Dear God, We gather here today to remember Her Majesty the Queen. We give thanks for her long life and for all the ways she loved and served those in her care. We bring you our sadness for what we have lost, our gratitude for what we remember and cherish and our wondering about what is to yet to come. Thank you for the comfort, peace and hope you bring us. Amen

NOW LET YOUR SERVANT DEPART IN PEACE (Luke 2:29)

In response to the news, Councillor Chris Rogers, Chairman of Worcestershire County Council has provided the following statement:

'It is with great sadness that I offer my condolences, on behalf of Worcestershire County Council, to the Royal Family on the passing of Her Majesty the Queen.

At this sad time, I am reminded of her words in 1947 and the promise she went on to fulfil, when she said, "I declare before you all that my whole life whether it be long or short shall be devoted to your service and the service of our great imperial family to which we all belong.

As a mark of respect, flags are being flown at half-mast at County Hall and other public buildings across the county. A [book of condolence is available online](#) for everyone to sign to show their respects.'

Diary Dates for the Autumn Term

We know how busy life can be, so thought it would be useful to share these key dates with you.

- Meet the Teacher Session: Tuesday 13th September @ 3.30pm and 4.00pm
- Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 30th September @ 9.15am (Pupil Parliament to run)
- Phonics and Reading Workshop for Parents/Carers (Rocket Phonics programme and VIPERS) (in classes):
 - Tuesday 4th October @ 3.30pm and 4.00pm
 - Harvest Service: Thursday 6th October @ 2.15pm (Church)
- Autumn Term Parent/Carer Consultations: Tuesday 18th (4.00-7.30pm) and Wednesday 19th October (3.30-5.30pm) (letters to follow)
 - Whole School Science Week (investigation focus): WB 31st October
 - KS1 Autumn Link and Learn: Monday 7th November @ 2.15pm
 - LKS2 Autumn Link and Learn: Thursday 10th November @ 2.15pm
 - Monday 14th November: Odd Socks Day to launch Anti-Bullying Week
 - EYFS Autumn Link and Learn: Tuesday 15th November @ 2.15pm
 - Friday 18th November: Pyjama Day for Children in Need
 - UKS2 Autumn Link and Learn: Thursday 24th November @ 2.15pm
 - EYFS and KS1 Nativity: Wednesday 7th December @ 2.00pm and 6.00pm
 - KS2 Christmas Carol Service: Wednesday 14th December @ 2.00pm and 6.00pm

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