

# Himbleton Herald - Issue 9 2022/23

## **Nurture, Nature, Knowledge:**

***Enabling inquisitive thinkers and inspired learners with kind hearts.***

### **LINK AND LEARN SESSIONS**

Thank you to all those who attended the LKS2 Link and Learn session last week, it was great to see everyone involved. A reminder that the EYFS Link and Learn is tomorrow at 2.15pm and UKS2 will take place on Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> November, also at 2.15pm.

### **FAMILY BOOK SWAP**

We love books here at Himbleton and our aim is for everyone in our community to be able to access as many books as possible. Therefore we would like to set up a book swap facility for both adults and children. If you have any books that you would be willing to donate to set this up, please either give them to Mrs. Martin or hand them to Mrs. Stewart in the School Office so we can develop this project further. Thank you!

### **NEW BUILD**

The children have adjusted well to using the playground again at break and lunchtimes. We continue to work with the buildings project manager on full completion. The current outstanding works are rendering, some guttering and roofing items and external lighting.

These final items are weather dependent so please all keep your fingers crossed for an extended dry spell! In addition, we are awaiting a hand rail and barrier that will be fitted on top of the low level wall that has been constructed due to the gradient.

### **REMEMBRANCE**

The whole school joined together at on Friday to explore the significance of Remembrance Day and share a two minute silence at 11am. Our Head Boy and Head Girl shared the Himbleton Roll of Honour and the poem 'In Flanders Fields' by John McCrae. The children were incredibly reflective and respectful, with some volunteering to lead us in responsive prayers.

### **ATTENDANCE**

As you know, good attendance is crucial. Current attendance is:  
Reception: 96.7%; Year 1: 96%;  
Year 2: 94.7%; Year 3: 96%;  
Year 4: 95.3%; Year 5: 95.1%;  
Year 6: 96%.

### **FRIENDS' CHRISTMAS GROTTO**

The Christmas Grotto is taking place on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November. The Friends are in need of helpers for either set up, running stalls or tidy up. If you are able to help at this festive event please do email Helen on [hvinny@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:hvinny@hotmail.co.uk). Thank you very much indeed for all the wonderful raffle prize donations sent in last Friday!

**A reminder that school is closed for children on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> November for a Teacher Education Day.**

### **OUR CHRISTIAN THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK**

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



### **CHILDREN IN NEED**

A reminder that children are invited to wear their pyjamas and a spotty item to school on Friday in exchange for a £1 donation to support Children in Need. In addition, each House will be allocated a Pudsey head and there is a competition to see which House can fully cover the head in loose change. Therefore please send any loose change that you may be able to spare in a labelled envelope in your child's book bag or backpack.

### **WEEKLY WELL DONES!**

Congratulations to all the children who were nominated on Friday for demonstrating our Christian values wonderfully and for outstanding work. Well done to the following children who received the Christian values award:

EYFS: Amelia ; KS1: Wyatt ;  
LKS2: Poppy S; UKS2: Alex .  
Well done to the following children who received the outstanding worker award:  
EYFS: Ava; KS1: Max & Poppy;  
LKS2: Theon; UKS2: Bridget.