

Himbleton Herald - Issue 1 2023/24

Nurture, Nature, Knowledge:

Enabling inquisitive thinkers and inspired learners with kind hearts.

WELCOME BACK

Welcome back to the new school year! We are all so proud of how the children have returned: enthusiastic, ready to learn and full of kindness. A big welcome to all of our new starters and to their families; as well as the new children in Nursery and Reception, we have also welcomed children in year groups across the school. Well done to them all for settling in so quickly! We are all very much looking forward to the year ahead, and all that lies in store.

VIOLIN LESSONS

Violin lessons will start on Tuesday 26th September. These are provided by Severn Arts and are chargeable. You will receive a letter offering you the opportunity to sign your child up for these, should you so wish.

STAFFING

Over the holidays we are sad to have said goodbye to Mrs Wilson-Scott, who has secured a role closer to home.

We are pleased to have welcomed Miss Guida-Jones to our EYFS class and Miss Coleman to our LKS2 class on a temporary basis.

CLUBS

After-school extra-curricular clubs begin this week. Please check with Mrs Stewart if you have any queries regarding which clubs your child is registered for. Clubs now finish at 4.15pm.

THANK YOU TO GOVERNORS

A big thank you to our working party of governors who, over the holidays, have painted the school library and boys' toilet, cut the hedges and boundaries and tidied the grounds, as well as carried out a big tip run with trailers! We are very lucky indeed!

FRIENDS' AGM

The above event will take place in school on Wednesday at 7.30pm. Virtual joining via <https://wellington-co-uk.zoom.us/j/84210745936?pwd=T2NRMIFSTm9xamk0K3h1VS8yTVh3QT09> is also welcomed. It would be great to see as many people there as possible – please see Mrs Wallis' post on Dojo for more info!

OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

As we embark upon the new school year, our focus Christian value is 'Friendship'.

A GOOD FRIEND
IS ONE WHO
UNDERSTANDS
YOUR STRENGTHS AND
WEAKNESSES
AND STILL CHERISHES
YOU FOR WHO YOU ARE.

WELL DONE TO THEON!

Please do take a look at what Theon in Year 5 has been doing to raise awareness and funds for Diabetes UK. More information can be found at <https://gofund.me/c69bf33f>. Well done, Theon, we are so proud of you!

SWIMMING LETTER

Children in LKS2 are due to begin their swimming lessons on Thursday this week. A letter was sent home last week regarding this – if you have not yet received it then please speak to Mrs Stewart.

SUMMER STORY CHALLENGE

Thank you to everyone who has shared photos via Dojo relating to the Summer Story Challenge! There is still time to share photos – please do so by Friday to be entered into the prize draw...

MEET THE TEACHER

We will be holding 'Meet the Teacher' sessions on Tuesday 19th September. Each teacher will run two sessions, one at 3.30pm and one at 4pm. You may go to either and do not need to book – please just wait on the playground at the specified time and the teachers will come and collect you. These sessions are an informal opportunity to pop in, see your child's classroom and find out more about the routines and expectations. Children are welcome too. We hope you can make it!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

We all know how busy life can get, so thought it would be useful for you to have some key dates for the Autumn Term in advance...

- Meet the Teacher Session: Tuesday 19th September @ 3.30pm and 4.00pm
- Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 29th September @ 9.15am (led by Pupil Parliament)
 - Harvest Service: Friday 13th October @ 2.15pm
- Autumn Term Parent/Carer Consultations: Tuesday 24th (4.00-7.30pm) and Wednesday 25th October (3.30-5.30pm)
 - KS1 Autumn Link and Learn: Monday 6th November @ 2.30pm
 - LKS2 Autumn Link and Learn: Tuesday 7th November @ 2.30pm
 - EYFS Autumn Link and Learn: Wednesday 15th November @ 2.30pm
 - UKS2 Autumn Link and Learn: Monday 13th November @ 2.30pm
 - EYFS and KS1 Nativity: Wednesday 13th December @ 2.00pm and 6.00pm
 - KS2 Christmas Carol Service: Wednesday 20th December @ 2.00pm and 6.00pm
 - Whole school Christmas lunch and party afternoon: Friday 22nd December.

Did you know, our school is 150 years old this year? We are planning a special event to celebrate this – more details to come soon!

OUR SCHOOL'S CHRISTIAN VISION

As a Church of England school, all that we do is underpinned and driven by our Christian vision. Our motto is **'Nurture, Nature, Knowledge: Enabling inquisitive thinkers and inspired learners with kind hearts.'**

This is underpinned by the following biblical quotes and narrative:

"Faith, Hope, Love...the greatest of these is Love." (Corinthians 13:13)

"So in everything, do unto others what you would have them do to you." (Matthew 7:12)

"Wise men and women are always learning, always listening for fresh insights." (Proverbs 18:15)

At Himbleton, we believe that Christian love provides a solid and essential foundation for growth, with a focus on understanding and embracing the true, selfless love that God and Jesus demonstrated to us through the laying down of his life.

Our natural environment enables us to nurture the Fruits of the Spirit and can lead us to an appreciation of God's glory. The wonder that the natural world evokes can inspire a personal dedication to God. The Bible teaches us that one of the most important roles in life that we have is as an eternal student. Jesus wants us all to be disciples – on a journey of growth and learning. Not just academic growth, growth in every sense of the word.

SAFEGUARDING AT HIMBLETON

Himbleton CE Primary School and Nursery is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of all children and we expect all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This approach underpins all that we do in school and beyond. This is our utmost priority.

Designated Safeguarding Lead: Mrs Gemma Martin
Deputy Designated Safeguarding Leads: Mrs Sara Hedges and Miss Sophie Albutt
Safeguarding Governor: Mrs Claire Johnston.

Week Commencing 11th September 2023