

Himbleton Herald - Issue 14 2023/24

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CHRISTMAS POSTBOX

The Himbleton Christmas postbox is now set up in the school library. Children may post any cards that they wish to share within our school family and they will be distributed each day this week.

THANK YOU EYFS AND KS1!

Our younger children shared an amazing Nativity performance with families last Wednesday – a big well done to them! Super singing, great acting and confident speaking – we are very proud of them all. Thank you to staff and families for supporting them so well.

CHRISTMAS TREE

The Christmas tree donated by Home Farm is looking wonderful in the school library. If any of our families would like to have the tree for the remainder of the festive period once term ends, please let us know. The tree will need to be collected on Friday afternoon.

SEALIFE CENTRE

KS1 had a fantastic day at the Sealife Centre on Friday, bringing to a close their current unit of enquiry learning. Upon their return, they were full of facts and particularly enthusiastic about the sea otters they had seen! Thank you to the Friends for funding the transport and workshop costs and to the volunteers who came along to support too.

WEEKLY WELL DONES!

Well done to the following children, who were nominated for the outstanding worker award on Friday:

EYFS: Olivia; LKS2: Ellie, Oscar and Immy; UKS2: Alfie.

We are also very proud of these children who have been spotted demonstrating our Christian values:

EYFS: Ken; LKS2: the whole class;
UKS2: the whole class.

KS1 were at the Sea Life Centre on Friday, so were not present in Worship.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

A reminder that there are no extra-curricular after school clubs this week. Breakfast Club and After School Care continue to run as normal.

Please return your Spring Term request slip by Wednesday.

OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

Thank you so much for all the amazing decoration entries; we were so impressed with the creativity and effort that had clearly gone into these. Our tree looks very special indeed.

The winners from each class will be announced on the first newsletter of 2024.

PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

The deadline for our parent governor vacancy has now passed. For the first time in the last 5 years, we have had no nominations for this role. Therefore, we are extending the nomination window until Monday 15th January. We understand that being a governor and what this entails may be an unknown, so please do come and have a chat with us if you would like to find out more. Previous and current parent governors will also be happy to chat with you informally. There is no obligation linked to finding out more, we promise!

FINAL WEEK ARRANGEMENTS

Wednesday 20th December – KS2 Carol Service in Church @ 2pm and 6pm (letter with further detail posted on relevant class Dojo pages on 4.12.23).

Friday 22nd December – Christmas Celebration Day (please see separate letter on Dojo).

Monday 8th January 2024 is a Teacher Education Day. Children return to school on Tuesday 9th January.

Week Commencing 18th December 2023

THANK YOU VERY MUCH

Thank you very much indeed to Martha in Year 5 and her family, who have donated a great selection of games for use in school. The games have been sorted into age ranges and distributed between classes. They will be enjoyed by everyone in school and this gesture is appreciated.

UKS2 FEASTING!

UKS2 had an amazing time on Thursday, enjoying a Tudor banquet as part of their unit of enquiry work on Monarchy. They really entered into the spirit of the day, with their authentic costumes and carefully prepared recipes. Thank you to the UKS2 parents/carers too for supporting the children in their preparations.

Also thank you to Mrs Rose and Miss Woodward for organising such a memorable curriculum day.

SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

A reminder that the deadline for applications to begin Reception in September 2024 is 15th January 2024. This deadline and application process applies even if your child is currently attending Nursery at Himbleton. Please see

<https://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/council-services/childrens-services/schools-education-and-learning/apply-school-place> for information.

If your child is currently in Year 4 at Himbleton and you do not wish for them to complete Years 5 and 6 with us and are planning a move to a middle school, this deadline and process also applies to you.

RECOMMENDED FESTIVE READS

– KS1 AND KS2



EXPLORING CHRISTMAS

If your child is keen to explore how and why Christmas is celebrated further, you may find the following websites useful:

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/watch/presents-nativity-story>
<https://www.kids-world-travel-guide.com/christmas-around-the-world.html>

CHRISTMAS WISHES

As 2023 draws to a close, we would wish our school and wider community a very merry Christmas and happy 2024. We wish you a festive break full of joy and peace.

As we reflect upon the year that has passed, we are grateful for the opportunities with which we have been presented and all that we have achieved together. We are very proud of every single member of our school family.

We look forward to another exciting year and all that lies ahead.

Thank you so much for your support and engagement, it makes a big difference.

SOME KEY DATES FOR THE DIARY – SPRING TERM 2024

- Whole School Keeping Safe Focus Week: W/B 8th January
- Assessment Information Meeting for Parents/Carers of Year 2 and Year 6: Tuesday 23rd January at 3.30pm
- Learning Workshops for Parents/Carers in classes: Tuesday 30th January @ 3.30pm and 4.00pm
 - KS1 Spring Link and Learn session: Monday 26th February @ 2.30pm
 - LKS2 Spring Link and Learn session: Tuesday 27th February @ 2.30pm
 - EYFS Spring Link and Learn session: Wednesday 6th March @ 2.30pm
 - UKS2 Spring Link and Learn session: Monday 4th March @ 2.30pm
 - Online Safety Workshop for Parents/Carers: Monday 18th March @ 3.30pm
- Spring Term Parent/Carer Consultations: Tuesday 19th March (4.00-7.30pm) and Wednesday 20th March (3.30-5.30pm)
 - Book Fair in School: Tuesday 19th March to Friday 22nd March
- EYFS and KS1 Easter Celebration in Church @ 9.30am; KS2 Easter Service in Church at 2.15pm: Thursday 21st March.

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