

# Himbleton Herald - Issue 12 2023/24

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

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

### **CHRISTMAS IS COMING!**

Everyone is looking forward to the Christmas Fayre, which is taking place in school on Friday, from 3.15pm until 6pm. We hope you can make it! Children are invited to wear Christmas jumpers for the day, in place of their school jumper or cardigan.

### **CHRISTMAS FAYRE**

We are all looking forward to the Christmas Fayre, taking place in school next Friday from 3.15pm to 6pm. A reminder of all details will be posted on Class Dojo.

If you need any further raffle tickets, please do pop into the School Office.

### **DECORATION COMPETITION**

We can't wait to see the amazing tree decoration creations! Entries need to be in school by Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December, with names clearly labelled please.

### **KS1 SEALIFE CENTRE VISIT**

We are working hard to find a new date for this visit, which was postponed today due to the flooding. Mrs Beattie and Mrs Wilcox will keep parents/carers updated via the Class Story page on Dojo.

### **KS2 CAROL SERVICE**

LKS2 and UKS2 are looking forward to sharing their Carol Service with families on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> December. A letter with further detail about logistics will be posted on the relevant Class Story Dojo pages.

### **JUMBLE JARS**

A reminder that jumble jars need to be in by Wednesday please.

### **WEEKLY WELL DONES!**

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

EYFS: Grace; KS1: Walter; LKS2: Imogen; UKS2: Esme.

We are also very proud of these children who have been spotted demonstrating our Christian values: EYFS: Grace; KS1: Freya; LKS2: Elsie-May; UKS2: Toby.

### **OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE**

#### **WEEK**

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



### **ADVENT**

As we have now entered Advent, you may find it interesting to share some of these resources with your children, to develop their understanding further:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/life-events/christenings/after-christening/things-do-children-during-winter-and-christmas/countdown>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/newsround/42182268>

### **PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY**

A reminder that we currently have a parent governor vacancy. The letter with more information came home last week and the deadline for nominations is Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December. If you are interested, or would just like to find out more, please do speak to Mrs Martin or Claire Johnston.

### **SCHOOL CLOSURE**

Thank you for your understanding regarding today's closure due to flooding. We completely understand the impact that this action has on families and would like to highlight that these decisions are not taken lightly and are made taking into account a wide range of factors. Water levels in the village and surrounding areas can change very quickly and therefore it is difficult to make closure decisions until we are able to fully assess the situation on the ground in daylight. Fingers crossed for some drier weather moving forward.

**HAPPY 150<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY HIMBLETON SCHOOL!**

What a fantastic day everyone had on Friday, celebrating 150 years of Himbleton school life! We stepped back in time for the day, with all classes experiencing a flavour of what lessons (and teachers!) were like back then.

We enjoyed sharing some of the school's historical logs, such as the punishment book and the log of achievements and were shocked at some of the things that the children back then got into serious trouble for!

We found about how much the school has changed during that time and reflected upon how we are lucky to be part of that.

Lots of pictures have been uploaded on to ClassDojo so please do take a look if you haven't already.

Thank you to everyone who came in to enjoy a slice of birthday cake too.

Here's to the next wonderful 150 years!



**CHRISTMAS PARTY DAY**

The last day of term, Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December, will be Christmas party day in school!

Children will have class parties in the morning and then the whole school will go down to the village hall for a special Christmas lunch.

Following lunch, the school will split into three groups and each group will enjoy three activities throughout the afternoon: a visit from Animal Mania (funded by the Friends – thank you!), a festive singalong in the church and a festive hunt.

The children are invited to wear their own clothes to school for the day, but please ensure that they are warm and that shoes are sensible due to the walking.

There will be three collection points at the end of the school day: the church, the village hall and school. We will inform you of where each group needs to be picked up next week. Please note: siblings will be in the same groups, so each family will only have one collection point.



***ALL EXTRA-CURRICULA CLUBS END ON FRIDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER. PLEASE LOOK OUT FOR A LETTER NEXT WEEK DETAILING THE SPRING TERM CLUBS OFFER.***