

# Himbleton Herald - Issue 15 2023/24

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

## WELCOME BACK HIMBLETON!

The children have settled brilliantly back into routine following the Christmas break and are already embracing their new unit of enquiry learning with enthusiasm. More information regarding unit of enquiry content for each class is available via ClassDojo pages. As always, please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any queries. Here's to an action-packed Spring Term full of exciting opportunities.

## YOUNG VOICES

A big well done to the KS2 children who went to Young Voices 2024 in Birmingham last Thursday. What a great experience and a super concert! A huge thank you to Mrs Hedges for organising and attending, and to Mrs Griffiths and Mrs Ford for supporting the children so well on the day and into the evening.

## PARENT/CARER LEARNING WORKSHOP SESSIONS

Parents/carers are invited to come into school on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January for some workshop sessions, with a focus on school approaches and support strategies for use at home. These sessions will focus on some current priority areas for us: in EYFS and KS1 the focus is handwriting and in KS2 the focus is spelling, punctuation and grammar. There will be two sessions, one at 3.30pm and one at 4pm so that you can attend both if you so wish. Children may come along too. We hope you can make it.

## WEEKLY WELL DONES!

Well done to the following children, who were nominated for the outstanding worker award on Friday:  
EYFS: Oliver; KS1: Holly and Imogen; LKS2: Elsie-May; UKS2: Kerry-Ann.  
We are also very proud of these children who have been spotted demonstrating our Christian values:  
EYFS: Ken; KS1: Francesca; LKS2: Atticus; UKS2: Josh.

## KS1 SWIMMING

KS1 will have their first swimming session this Thursday afternoon. Please ensure all kits are in school and all forms have been returned. Thank you.

*After school extra-curricular clubs begin this week. If you have not received a text, your child has been allocated places as requested. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Stewart in the first instance.*

## OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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



A sheet detailing some possible home activities relating to this value will be posted on ClassDojo.

## PARENT GOVERNOR VACANCY

A final call for any interest in our current parent governor vacancy...! If you would like to know about this exciting opportunity to be involved in shaping the strategic direction of the school, please speak to Mrs Martin or Claire Johnston.

## UKS2 WORLD OF WORK PROJECT

We are beginning to plan the detail for this year's career focus week. The focus is enabling our Year 5 and 6 children to find out about the wide variety of careers that are available and various routes for accessing these, through firsthand experiences. If you would be willing to support with this, please speak to Mrs Martin. This could perhaps be by coming in to chat informally to the children about what you do, or by signposting to any contacts.

## EXCITING PERFORMING ARTS OPPORTUNITY

We are incredibly excited to announce that Worcester Musical Theatre Company have invited Himbleton children to be part of their show cast for this year's production, due to take place in November 2024! More information about participation will be provided soon, but we wanted to share the news as soon as possible! Do take a look at <https://wmtc.org.uk/>.

### **ASSESSMENT INFORMATION SESSIONS**

A reminder that assessment information sessions for parents/carers of Reception, Year 2 and Year 6 children will take place after school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January.

More information can be found on ClassDojo class pages.

### **LINK AND LEARN SESSIONS**

A reminder of the scheduled sessions for the Spring Term:

-KS1 Spring Link and Learn session:  
Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February @ 2.30pm

-LKS2 Spring Link and Learn session:  
Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February @ 2.30pm

-EYFS Spring Link and Learn session:  
Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.30pm

-UKS2 Spring Link and Learn session:  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> March @ 2.30pm.

We do hope you are able to come along!

### **ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY – PRAYER PILGRIMAGE**

We are very excited that on Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> February, the Archbishop of Canterbury will be visiting our diocese to lead a prayer pilgrimage.

As part of the visit, a group of children from Himbleton have been invited to lead an interactive and informal prayer session, including an opportunity to ask the Archbishop of Canterbury questions about prayer, in Pershore Abbey from 12.30pm.

A range of children from our school pupil voice groups will be invited to take part in the first instance; your child will bring home a letter today if that is the case.

All members of our school community are invited to come along and support our participating children. All attendees are encouraged to bring along their own picnic lunch that can be eaten during the session. We do hope you can make it!

### **NATIONAL SURVEY FOR CHILDREN**

The Children's Commissioner is seeking the views of all children and young people via an online survey. Please do take a look at

[www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition](http://www.childrenscommissioner.gov.uk/thebigambition) and ensure that your child's voice is heard.

### **WELCOME TO MISS JONES**

This week we are pleased to welcome Miss Jones to the KS1 class team. Miss Jones is a third year student from the University of Worcester, and will be spending the Spring Term with us as part of her training and development. I am sure you will join us in helping her to feel really welcome at Himbleton.

### **BOOK SWAP**

Following the Christmas break, when we know lots of people have a sort out at home, we would like to run an after-school book swap session for families, to further develop accessibility to books.

Of course, the first step is to ensure that we have some books to swap! Therefore, if you have any books that you are willing to donate for this purpose, please bring them along to the School Office by Monday 5<sup>th</sup> February so that we can plan accordingly. Watch this space!

### **SAFEGUARDING RESOURCES FOR PARENTS/CARERS**

As a school, we use the resources provided by the NSPCC as part of our training offer and also to support the delivery of the curriculum.

Some excellent resources for parents/carers relating to various aspects of safeguarding are available at

<https://learning.nspcc.org.uk/research-resources/leaflets/parent-leaflets>. Definitely worth a look!

### **COMMUNITY FUNDRAISING**

One of our KS1 parents, Helen Digger, is doing a wing walk in April in aid of Stevie Stones (<https://steviestones.co.uk/>), a local Worcester charity who supports families struggling financially with a memorial after the loss of a child.

Each memorial costs around £800, so Helen has set herself a fundraising target to be able to provide at least one. To raise as much as possible, Helen is holding a fundraiser at The Barn Owl in Warndon Villages. There will be a kids disco with fancy dress competition, raffle and rock n roll bingo. The poster with more detail will be shared via ClassDojo.

Well done Helen, we wish you all the very best!