

# Himbleton Herald - Issue 17 2023/24

**Nurture, Nature, Knowledge:**  
*Enabling inquisitive thinkers and inspired learners with kind hearts.*

## CROSS FOR NEW CLASSROOM

We are keen to add a wooden cross with our school motto on it to the front of the new classroom. If you know of anyone who may be able to help us with this project, please do let us know.

## ATTENDANCE

As a school we have a duty to monitor the attendance of all children. There is a strong correlation between attendance and pupil outcomes. When a child's attendance is 90% or below, this is categorised as persistent absenteeism.

We aim to work with families to support strong attendance and strive to understand any specific circumstances that may be hindering this. Over the next week, parents/carers of children whose attendance is at risk of falling into this category at this stage in the school year will receive a letter to make them aware of this, so that we can work together positively to improve time in school.

## WEEKLY WELL DONES!

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

EYFS: Maia-Grace; KS1: Albus; LKS2: Grace;  
UKS2: Poppy B.

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

EYFS: Olivia; KS1: Miles; LKS2: Oscar P; UKS2: Poppy S.

## PRAYER PILGRIMAGE – ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

A reminder that everyone is welcome at Pershore Abbey on Saturday at 12.30pm as part of the above event.

## SCIENCE CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT

As a school, we continue to enhance and build upon our curriculum offer. Currently, we are working to obtain the Primary Science Quality Mark, which will recognise our work in this particular subject. Thank you to Mrs Wilcox who is leading on this particular validation.

## OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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



## REMINDER – PARENT/CARER LEARNING WORKSHOPS

A reminder that we have two workshops running for you after school tomorrow. EYFS and KS1 will be leading a session on how we teach handwriting and letter formation, and KS2 will be leading a session on how we teach 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 want to. Children are also welcome to attend.

**Please wait on the playground and the teachers will collect you.**

## NSPCC NUMBER DAY

A reminder that we are celebrating NSPCC Number Day in school on Friday of this week (2<sup>nd</sup> February). Our theme is 'Robots and Rockstars'. Everyone is invited to come dressed up as either a robot (EYFS and KS1) or a rockstar (KS2) for the day for a £1 donation, and teachers will be planning lots of exciting number-related activities for children to participate in. Mrs Hedges posted a letter on the School Story page of ClassDojo on 15<sup>th</sup> January with further detail.

## SAFER INTERNET DAY

Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February is Safer Internet Day. There are some great resources to support families with keeping children safe online; please see <https://saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/safer-internet-day-2024/parents-and-carers> for some useful and accessible content.

## FAMILY SERVICE – HIMBLETON CHURCH

The family service is taking place this Sunday at 11am. This special service takes place on the first Sunday of every month; all welcome, of course.

**Week Commencing 29<sup>th</sup> January 2024**