

# Himbleton Herald - Issue 19 2023/24

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

**I'm feeling emotional writing what I know is my final 'start of a half-term' newsletter, so goodness knows how I'll be by the time it is Easter! This half-term is another incredibly short one – only five weeks – so it is sure to fly by. A reminder of some key dates:**

- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March: Year 6 High School Allocations received by parents
- Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March: Easter Bingo (more information to follow soon from Friends)
- Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> March: Parent Consultations (letters coming home today)
- Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March: EYFS and KS1 Easter Celebration in Church at 9.30am; KS2 Easter Service in Church at 2.15pm (parents/carers welcome at the morning and afternoon session).

## CROSS FOR NEW CLASSROOM

We are still hopeful that we can find someone to help make a wooden cross for the new classroom. If you can possibly help, please do let us know.

## WEEKLY WELL DONES!

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

EYFS: Oakley; KS1: Dulcie; LKS2: Elliot; UKS2: Ella.

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

EYFS: Millie; KS1: Kara; LKS2: Seb; UKS2: Charlie.

## WORLD BOOK DAY

Children are invited to come to school dressed as a favourite book character on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> March, when we will be celebrating World Book Day.

## LINK AND LEARN PARENT/CARER SESSIONS

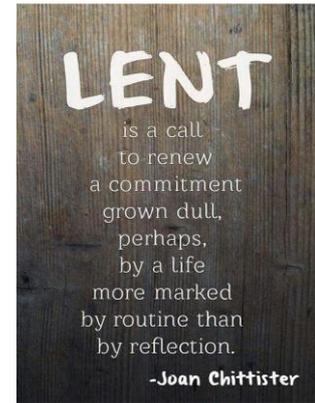
Next week's Link and Learn sessions are as follows:

- Monday 26<sup>th</sup> February – KS1 (outdoor Forest School session)
- Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February – LKS2 session.

We look forward to welcoming to share in your child's learning.

EYFS and UKS2 are taking place the following week, so look out for information on next week's newsletter.

## OUR VALUES THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK



## WELCOME TO OUR NEW RECTOR

Reverend Richard Sandland, our new rector, will be licensed at Hanbury Church on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March. Our Head Girl and Head Boy have been invited to join this special service and lead some welcoming words, along with Mrs Martin, as he joins our Bowbrook community.

We are very much looking forward to getting to know Reverend Richard and building up a strong partnership together to support our children.

## SCIENCE GARDEN REDEVELOPMENT

Building upon the ideas generated by last year's Pupil Voice representatives, work to redevelop the Science Garden at the rear of the school got underway during half-term last week. We will put some photos on Class Dojo for you to see.

For safety reasons, a large tree in the area was removed and this was used to create key features within the space. The pond was filled due to health and safety reasons, enabling the creation of a more accessible and usable space for the children. Over time, this area will be developed further with the addition of further equipment.

A big thank you to local company TC Contracting Ltd. who carried out the works.

## POPCORN THE HAMSTER

It is with sadness that we inform you that Popcorn, our school hamster, died of old age last week. Popcorn has been a much-loved and characterful member of our school family for 2.5 years, helping the children to learn the importance of gentleness and responsibility. We will really miss her! Popcorn has been buried in the new garden area. We will tell the children about this in assembly tomorrow and they will be involved in creating a memorial for her.

**Week Commencing 19<sup>th</sup> February 2024**