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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we draw this first term to a close, I wanted to write and thank you again for both welcoming me to Himbleton and for your ongoing support, which is very much valued. It has been a very busy term with many achievements and highlights, not least our recent Nativity services in church during which all the children demonstrated confidence, enjoyment and beautiful singing. Despite some seasonal challenges of floods, wind and snow which were sent to try us, there were many other highlights this term which include:

- A new cohort of Reception and Nursery children, along with other new starters across the school, all of whom have settled beautifully;
- A diverse and engaging range of learning opportunities which have enabled children to develop interests and talents and make progress across the curriculum;
- Successful educational visits to Nature in Art (KS1) and Stratford-upon-Avon (UKS2);
- Primary Science Quality Mark (PQSM);
- Our Harvest Festival Service, expertly led by our CREW team;
- A new-look newsletter;
- Friends of Himbleton events – pumpkin carving, Cauliflower cards, Christmas Fayre and Grotto, all of which have raised significant funds for our school;
- Our first ever participation in the Worcestershire Musical Theatre Company production of Stand By Me at the Swan Theatre, Worcester;
- A new Values' celebration in church half termly;
- A new school website (going 'live' soon).

I also wanted to let you know a few important messages ahead of the new term which I hope you will find helpful:

Start of Spring Term 2025

The school is closed to children on Monday 6th January for an INSET day, with children returning to school on Tuesday 7th January. The gates will open at 8.35am and close promptly at 8.50am for the start of the school day. Once again, please can I ask parents and carers to ensure that children arrive promptly to school in the morning, as arriving late is particularly challenging for both the class (who

have already started their learning) and the child (who is often at a significant disadvantage as they have missed the introduction to the lesson).

New Parking Restrictions

We have had notice that there will be parking restrictions on Neight Hill in place from 16th January 2025, including limited waiting times for vehicles and an extension of the double yellow lines (see map below). Please be aware that this will significantly reduce the space available to park on the road for both parents/carers and staff and may add additional time when trying to park at drop off and pick up time. I would like to remind everyone that parking on zig-zag yellow lines is prohibited for everyone, including disabled blue badge holders, and that doing so puts others at risk of harm, and ask that alternative arrangements are made in order to avoid doing this.

Once again, I would like to thank you for your continued support and would like to wish you and your families a healthy, peaceful and relaxing break, a Happy Christmas and New Year. I look forward to seeing you and your children when we return in January.

Best wishes,



Mrs Kirsty Shaw
Headteacher

