



Himbleton Herald

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



Thank you to our wonderful EYFS and Key Stage 1 children who started the Christmas period off so beautifully with their nativity, "A Christmas Recipe." The children delighted their audiences with beautiful singing, confident speaking and acting at the Church. We are very proud of you all!



This week, our collective worship was led by our wonderful CREW team who reminded us all of the meaning of Advent and that the word comes from the Latin word 'adventus', meaning 'coming' or 'arrival'. In the Christian calendar, Advent marks the approach to Christmas: the coming of Jesus Christ to Earth 2,000 years ago as a baby in Bethlehem.



Moments Matter, Attendance Counts



Our whole school attendance this week was 81.7% and our attendance to date is 94.7%. This week, KS1 had the highest attendance of 84.2%. Our target is 95%.



Housepoints

Congratulations to Oak who won this week's House Cup with 760 points.



London's Burning!

Using their fabulous Tudor houses created in DT lessons, KS1 enjoyed recreating The Great Fire of London in their forest school session this week. Children have also learnt how fires can start, as



well as how they would have been put out in 1066.

Wake up Wednesday

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about **MENTAL HEALTH & WELLBEING APPS**

This week's Wake up Wednesday explored the topic of Mental Health and Wellbeing Apps. This has been shared with you on Class Dojo.

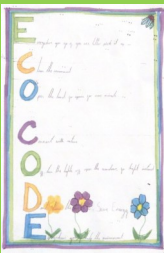
Celebrations

Very many congratulations to Edie, Alex, all in KS1, Lyla and George for Gold Awards for outstanding work, and to Lily, Kara, Lena and Sebastian for Gold Awards for living our Christian values. In addition, well done to Pippa, Myla, Emily, Grace, Kerry-Ann, Ava, Imogen, Atticus, Annabelle and Albie who proudly showed off their achievements from home, and to Wyatt and Francesca for their pen licenses. Well done!



An Eco Code For Us All

Working towards a more sustainable future and towards an Eco award, our school committee have created an Eco code for the school to follow, with actions such as 'Everywhere you go, if you see litter, pick it up' and 'Turn the lights off,



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Arriving to school on time

We have noticed an increasing number of children arriving to school late which is often a negative experience for the child and disruptive to lessons that have already started. We would like to remind parents that pupils should arrive at school between 8.35am and 8.50, after which point the gate will be closed and they will be marked as late.



Dates for Your Diary

- Wednesday 11th December** –KS2 Christmas Service (2.00pm & 6.00pm, St Mary Magdalene Church, Himbleton)
- Thursday 12th December** – Christmas Jumper Day in aid of Grace Kelly and Save the Children
- Thursday 12th December** –UKS2 Film Night (5.30pm-7.30pm)
- Thursday 19th December** –Values' Service (9.30am, St Mary Magdalene Church, Himbleton)
- Friday 20th December** –Christmas Party Day and last day of Autumn Term 2024
- Monday 6th January** –INSET Day—school closed to children
- Tuesday 7th January** –First Day of Spring Term
- Monday 13th January**—After school clubs start



Thank you to the Friends of Himbleton and everyone who supported the wonderful Christmas Fayre last Friday. Santa has now returned to the North Pole for a well-earned rest after talking to all the children. We will let you know how much was raised in due course.

