



# Himbleton Herald

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



We would like to welcome everyone back to school as we start 2025 and to wish you all a very Happy New Year. Let's hope next week is slightly warmer than this one!

### Collective Worship

In our collective worship this week, the children learnt about Epiphany, the visit of the wise men, and the relevance of the gifts they brought for Jesus.



### Castles, Knights and Dragons in EYFS

Children in EYFS enjoyed watching 'Tangled' to begin their new unit of enquiry; Castles, Knights and Dragons. They then made some observational drawings of a fictional and a real castle.



### Money Matters in KS1

This week, children in KS1 have been learning all about money, identifying coins and learning to count amounts of money in pounds and pence. Their next step is to use money to pay and receive change for items.



### A Twist in the Tale for UKS2



In their computing lesson this week, UKS2 have explored 'Text Adventure Stories' through the traditional tale - 'Little Red Riding Hood' - with additional twists of choices and decisions to make along the way. The children used a story planning document to type ideas for a 'Text Adventure Story' of their own, after which they worked in partners to discuss possible choices to change the outcome of the story.



### Moments Matter, Attendance Counts

Our whole school attendance during this first week of term was 85.5% and our attendance to date is 95.7%. Our target is 95%. This week, KS1 had the highest attendance with 86.5%.



### Attendance and Punctuality

We would like to remind parents and carers that the school gates close and the school day starts at 8.50am. After this time, children are registered as late. It is really important that children are in school on time so that they do not miss the start of lessons which puts them at a disadvantage.

### Celebrations

Very many congratulations to Winnie, Isabelle, Wyatt and Jonah for outstanding work certificates this week and to Sevi, Maia-Grace, Atticus, Micah and Isaac for Gold Awards for living our Christian values. In addition, well done to Archie for his Level 3 swimming award. Well done to you all!



## Wake up Wednesday

This week's Wake up Wednesday explored the topic of the Justalk Kids app. This has been shared with you on Class Dojo.

What Parents & Educators Need to Know about  
**JUSTALK KIDS**



## Housepoints

Congratulations to Elm who won this week's House Cup with 370 points.



## The Twelve Days of Christmas Reading Challenge

Thank you to everyone who supported the Christmas Reading Challenge. Well

done to Connor who, after being drawn out of a hat of entries,

was the lucky recipient of a book voucher.

Well done Connor; you completed all the reading challenges!



## New Year, New Starts

LKS2 have been busy welcoming new friends into their class this week - Micah and Isaac have settled in wonderfully and make two great additions to the team. The children have also have written and then performed their own humorous list poems about New Years' Resolutions that they have no intention of keeping, letting their cheeky side out just a tiny bit perhaps?



## New School Website

We are very excited to announce that our new website is now live and is accessed via the same address—[www.himbleton.worcs.sch.uk](http://www.himbleton.worcs.sch.uk). New photographs for the website were also taken today. We hope you find it useful.



During the INSET Day on Monday, all staff undertook initial training in a new programme, Fun Moves, which will be used in school to help develop children's key movement skills.

Excitingly, we have also been chosen to work closely with Worcestershire NHS Paediatric Occupational Therapy team as a case study school.

## Clubs

After school clubs will start next week. Please ensure that payments for clubs that have been made. As previously communicated, gplaces at clubs will be offered to other children if payments for clubs have not been received.



## Friends of Himbleton

We hope everyone has had a great first day back after the festive break! Friends are meeting on Wednesday 15th January to talk about plans for next term and of course, the Summer Fete.

All parents and carers are automatically members of Friends so if you do have any



FRIENDS ARE SUPER EXCITED FOR A NEW YEAR AND HAVE LOTS OF EXCITING PLANS. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT US TO SUPPORT OUR CHILDREN AND IF YOU HAVE AN IDEA OR SPECIAL SKILL, PLEASE LET US KNOW!



ideas for fundraising or fun events, please let us know. We are always open to ideas and grateful for support.

## Dates for Your Diary

- Monday 13th January—After school clubs start
- Wednesday 15th January—Friends of Himbleton Meeting - 8.00pm
- Thursday 16th January - Swimming starts for KS1
- Tuesday 28th January - SATS meeting for Year 2 parents and carers - 3.30pm
- Tuesday 28th January - SATS meeting for Year 6 parents and carers—4.00pm
- Tuesday 4th February - Year 1 Phonics' meeting—3.30-4.00pm
- Tuesday 4th February - Y4 Multiplication Check meeting—4.00-4.30pm



## Parking Restrictions

A reminder that new parking restrictions will be in place from 16th January 2025 which will affect where parents and carers can park at the beginning and end of the day. You may need to leave extra time in the morning and afternoon in order to find a parking space in order to be in school on time.

