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NEWSLETTER – SEPTEMBER 2015

Welcome back!

Hopefully everyone has had a lovely summer?

We have been working hard to get the school ready for an exciting year and we look forward to working together with you and your children throughout the year ahead.

WELCOME

We are pleased to welcome following children and their families to the school:

Year R:	Charlotte McGann	Ruby Shaw	Joseph Howard	Oliver Morris
	Harry Pritchett	George Stallard	Charlotte Snow	Max Fenton
	Archie Wood	Fiennes Burdett		

We also welcome Miss Willmore, to Lower Key Stage 1 and Mrs Gibbs who will be teaching in Upper Key Stage 1 when I have management time.

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION

It is imperative that the school holds correct and up-to-date contact details for your child. Attached is a copy of the Emergency Contact Details we now hold in school for your child. Please make any necessary alterations or additions and return it to the school office **immediately**. If you are happy with the information held, please sign and date the form before returning it.

Some of you will notice this is a new format. We are adopting the county standard system, which may mean updates you have previously given the school are not shown. We apologise if this is the case, but we do need you to mark all corrections clearly and complete any missing information promptly.

In the unlikely event of an emergency it is these sheets that we refer to, so please ensure that the form is completed with as much information as possible and remember to inform us promptly of any new information should your circumstances change in the future.

E MAIL ADDRESSES

This year we will be sending the majority of letters and information to parents by email. We will start with a newsletter later this week, so please ensure that you have provided the school office with your correct email address. If you do not have an email address, please let Mrs Hodgson know so that paper copies can be provided.

You will continue to receive request for consent letters via the book bags. This is first of these requests!

SWIMMING- YEARS 2, 3 & 4

Our first swimming session is next week, **Thursday, September 17th**.

The law regarding activities that take place during school hours states that only **voluntary contributions** to cover costs can be requested from parents/guardians, and that no child will be excluded from such trips/activities if their parents/guardians feel unable to provide a voluntary contribution. However, visits/activities can only go ahead if sufficient contributions are received. The Governing Body recommends that, when voluntary contributions are requested, a written application for a remission of charges, in part or in full, is made to the Head Teacher.

As you are aware, swimming is the only activity where parents are asked for financial support in our School as money raised and very generously donated by the 'Friends' funds all other visits/activities that take place.

In order for swimming to take place we ask for a contribution towards costs: £10 per the first half term & £20 for the whole term. Cheques payable to 'Worcestershire County Council'. Please complete the attached consent slip and return it to School immediately.

For swimming children need a towel and an appropriate clean, bathing costume in a named swimming bag. Children with long hair must wear a swimming cap, **girls and boys**. Boys need to wear trunks rather than loose shorts for safety in the pool and teaching purposes. Girls need to wear a swimming costume rather than a two-piece. Goggles must **not** be worn unless prior permission has been given. This is needed at the beginning of each academic year. Please make sure you have completed and returned a permission slip available from the school office.

PE

Starting next week, **Tuesday 15th September**, children in Years 1 & 2 will be having PE lessons in the village hall. **Year 2** children should be delivered straight to the hall for 9am where a member of staff will be waiting to receive them. After their lesson they will walk back to school accompanied by staff. **Year 1** children will walk to and from the village hall with teacher later in the morning.

Please sign and return the consent form below.

MILK

Milk is provided free of charge for all children until their 5th birthday.

An order form is attached for those wishing to purchase milk this term. Please complete and return with payment promptly.

HOT LUNCHES

All children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 will receive a hot meal provided by the Government's Universal Infant Free School Meals scheme.

Children in Years 3 & 4 will need to order and pay for their meals. Order forms will continue be sent out in book bags & should be returned as promptly as possible with payments.

WRAP AROUND CARE

Following feedback from parents, we are now offering **Breakfast Club** each morning from 8am and **After School Care** each afternoon until 6pm. Please contact the school office if you would like more details.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If any one wishes to purchase new school uniform please contact Mrs Hodgson in the school office as an order will be sent off in the next few days. Nearly new uniform is available from Chantel Stewart (Harry's mum) either in the playground or by contacting her on 01905 796173.

PEDESTRIAN TRAINING

On Friday 11th September the whole school will be taking part in some road safety activities organized by Worcestershire County Council. This will include safety talks, 'stop look listen' exercises & the Green Cross Code.

Children in Years 2 and 4 will also take part in a pedestrian guided walk. This will be a pre-arranged route and they will be accompanied by their Class Teacher and Teaching Assistants. They will be shown how to make safe choices, deal with hazards and get to practice whilst under instruction. There will be a short safety brief before the session commences. Please complete & return the attached consent form to enable your child to take part.

PRIVACY NOTICE

To meet the requirements under the Data Protection Act 1998, schools need to 'issue' a Privacy Notice that summarises the information held about pupils, why it is held, how it may be used, and the third parties to whom it may be passed to.

A copy of the most recent Privacy Notice schools is attached for new families. It is also available on the school website or if you would like a hard copy, please contact the school office.

And finally...

NUMBER ON ROLL

We do have spaces throughout the school and the best form of advertising is recommendation. So, if you know of anyone who may be interested in coming to our lovely school, please suggest they contact us to arrange a visit. Similarly if you have friends with children due to start school in September 2016, please encourage them to consider Himbleton. Applications for 2016 can be made now via the Worcestershire County Council website.

Himbleton Church of England First School
SWIMMING CONSENT (Years 2, 3 and 4)

I give permission for (name of child) to be taken out of School on Thursdays to travel by coach to Worcester Citizens Swimming Pool for swimming lessons.

- I enclose my contribution of £10 to cover the cost of swimming for the first half of the Autumn Term 2015.
- I enclose my contribution of £20.00 to cover the cost of swimming for the whole of the Autumn Term 2015.

Please make cheques payable to Worcestershire County Council

Signature of Parent/GuardianDate

Himbleton Church of England First School
MILK – AUTUMN TERM 2015

- I would like my child to have milk free of charge until their 5th birthday
- I do not want my child to have milk this term.
- I enclose £13.11 for the whole Autumn Term 2015
- I enclose £6.46 for the 1st half Autumn Term 2015

Child's name.....

Signature of Parent/Guardian.....Date.....

Please make cheques payable to Worcestershire County Council

Himbleton Church of England First School
PE in the Village Hall CONSENT (Years 1 and 2)

I give permission for (name of child) to take part in PE lessons in the village hall on Tuesday mornings.

I understand that:

Year 2 children should be dropped off at the village hall for 9am and will walk back to school accompanied by school staff.

Year 1 children will walk to and from the village hall accompanied by school staff.

Signature of Parent/GuardianDate
