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NEWSLETTER – FEBRUARY 2015

Dear Parents

SEVERE WEATHER

This winter seems to have been event free – so far! However there is still time for ice and snow, and flooding, so please make sure you are prepared.

When weather conditions are severe, it is more important than ever that:

- You ensure we have your correct contact details
- You check your mobiles regularly for text messages
- If you know you will be delayed collecting your child, ring school immediately
- If you are delayed try to make arrangements for someone else to collect your child, ring & let us know
- You have more than one route to school, just in case your usual route is blocked.

Please be reassured that the decision to close school is never taken lightly, and we will always try to stay open for as long as it is safe to do so.

If you need to update any contact details, please see Mrs Hodgson in the school office immediately.

STAFFING

We are pleased to welcome Mrs Lynda Phennah who will be covering Mrs Gent's teaching commitments for the foreseeable future.

HOT DINNERS

If your child is absent from school and you wish to receive a credit for their school lunch you must contact Gayle, at Shire Services, on 01905 774569 **BEFORE 9.30am**. You should **also** be informing the school of your child's absence at the earliest opportunity.

TAG RUGBY TOURNAMENT ~ Year 4

Please be reminded that Year 4 children will need to be in school by **8.30am** on Wednesday in order to travel by coach to Pinvin First School for the Cluster Tag Rugby Tournament. Please make sure they have tracksuits and a waterproof coat.

They will be back in school in time for lunch.

CHURCH SERVICE~ Everyone

There will be a service in Himbleton Church led by Rev Morris on **Tuesday, 3rd March at 9am**. Please take the children straight to church and we will walk back to school afterwards.

All are welcome to join the service.

DINOSAUR ZOO ~ Reception, Years 1 & 2

To support this term's topic work we have arranged for children in Reception, Years 1 & 2 to travel by coach to Malvern Theatre to see the matinee performance of Dinosaur Zoo on **Friday 6th March**. This promises to be an exciting show, bringing amazing pre-historic creatures to the stage in a unique and fun way. The children will hopefully meet Dinosaur Zoo's newest addition, Australoventator, a carnivorous theropod and see the most complete carnivorous dinosaur skeleton that has been discovered in Australia.

I will lead the visit and we will be accompanied by Mrs Stevens, Mrs Griffiths, Mrs Ford, Miss Thomas and 2 Governors. We will leave school at 11.45am and hope to return by 3.30pm, subject to traffic.

Packed lunches and drinks will be provided free of charge as part of the Universal School Meal Provision.

All costs, approx. £600 will be met from monies raised by the Friends.

Please complete the attached consent form & return to school immediately.

PHEPSON FARM VISIT ~ Reception & Year 1

Following our successful visit in the autumn, we will be returning to Phepson Farm on **Thursday 12th March**. The visit will follow the same format as previously: We will be off the school premises for most of the day as we will be walking there and back. The children will need to wear comfortable clothes, and footwear suitable for walking. A Cagoule is essential.

We will take packed lunches and drinks with us which will be provided free of charge as part of the Universal Free School Meals Provision.

Please complete the attached permission slip and return to the School office as soon as possible.

SOMERVILLE SCHOOL VISIT ~ Reception Years 1 & 2

On the morning of **Tuesday 17th March**, we have been invited to visit Somerville School in Birmingham. You will recall that their Year 2 class came to see our Nativity in Church in December.

This is an opportunity for us to see a school in a very different environment to our own and supports our topic work on 'Going to School in'

The children will travel to Somerville by coach, accompanied by myself, Mrs Phennah, Mrs Ford, Miss Thomas, and 2 Governors. They will return to school in time for lunch.

Please complete the attached permission slip and return to the School office as soon as possible.

PARENTS EVENINGS

Parents' evenings will be held on **Monday 9th** and **Tuesday 10th March**. Further details will follow shortly.

FUNDRAISING WEEK ~ 23rd – 27th MARCH

Our annual fundraising is during the last week of the term. Once again this year we will be raising money to support our friends in Tunguli.

Full details and planned activities will follow shortly.

SUPERMARKET SCHOOL VOUCHERS

Once again we are collecting Sainsbury's vouchers for schools. A collection box is inside the main school entrance.

EASTER SERVICE

An end of term Easter will be held at St Mary Magdalene Church on **Tuesday 24th March at 9am**. The children should be taken straight to Church on that morning. **Everyone is welcome.**

Yours sincerely

Mrs L Holdway
Senior Teacher

Summary of Dates ~ Spring Term 2nd half

February

Wednesday 25th ~ TAG Rugby Tournament – Year 4

March

Monday 2nd ~ Sandfield Farm Visit – **Years 3 & 4**

Tuesday 3rd ~ Church Service, 9am – **All children & families**

Friday 6th ~ Dinosaur Zoo, Malvern Theatre – **Years R 1 & 2**

Monday 9th ~ Parent's Evening – **All parents**

Tuesday 10th ~ Parent's Evening – **All parents**

Thursday 12th ~ Phepson Farm Visit – **Years R & 1**

Tuesday 17th ~ Somerville School Visit – **Years R 1 & 2**

Friday 20th ~ Friends Quiz Night – **Adults only**

Monday 23rd ~ Fundraising Week – **Everyone**

Tuesday 24th ~ Easter Church Service 9am – **All children & families**

School Closes: Friday 27th March at 3pm
School Re-opens: Tuesday 14th April at 9am

Himbleton Church of England First School
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I give permission for(child's name) to travel to Malvern Theatre to see Dinosaur Zoo on Friday 6th March 2015

Signature of Parent/GuardianDate

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