



HIMBLETON CE FIRST SCHOOL

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Fostering enquiring minds and reflective hearts

Wednesday 9th September

Welcome back

It has been a fantastic start to the school term. The children have come back brilliantly; all willing and eager to learn. They've settled in well to their new teaching groups and have been keen to share their holiday experiences. The children in Miss Willmore's class have completed some brilliant holiday diaries, which have been a delight to share.

Over the holidays there has been a lot of work happening at school. We have a complete new computer network so all the children now have global user id's and passwords. They can now save their work to specific folders and be independent in their computing lessons. They will have access to email and Google Apps for education. We also have access to Purple Mash, an online work area for schools. The children use their global id's to log on at school but they can also access this from home.

Lots of areas in the school have been painted and refreshed ready for the new school year and school feels like a very happy place to be at the moment.

George, our caretaker, retired at the end of the summer and has been busy outside making everything spick and span. He will be missed. Shaun Kilminster is due to start as his replacement very soon.

Questions...

Thank you to all of you who replied to our numerous questionnaires. The comments you provided were really helpful on our first teacher education day (TED) where we thought about the vision for the school. This will lead into our school development plan which I will share with you when complete and agreed.

Homework will start next week, although reading books have already been coming home. Staff are just finalising requirements for each year group.

I know some of you were still keen to set up a Walking Bus. If any parents wish to organise a meeting, school can be used as a venue.

WOW event

Please keep this 'under your hats' but we are planning a Wow event to kick start our new topic on Wednesday 16th September. We want the children to be a little outraged as we are going to pretend fly tippers have dumped their rubbish at our school. The day and topic will then be spent sorting this 'mess' out.

Therefore, if you have any 'safe' waste. Please can it secretly be donated to school. We are lacking metal objects (for example old bicycle wheels) and interesting objects. We have lots of cardboard!!

Topic letters will come home soon and you will be able to see how it will all fit together.

The Core Christian Values

We have six core Christian values that were decided upon through consultation. As a school, we have changed to focus on one per half term. Our core Christian value this half term is:

Friendship

On a Friday children will continue to be rewarded for showing and demonstrating our core value during collective worship.

Reminders to Children

- Always bring in a jumper
- Always bring a coat to school
- You are in charge of your book bags and it is your job to change your books, hand in letters and take home post



Reminders to Parents

- Ensure ALL items are labelled
- Provide a healthy snack, of fruit, for morning break
- Complete and return your Emergency Contact Form

Clubs

Clubs start again on a Wednesday next week, Wednesday 16th September. A form with club choices will come home in book bags on Friday to be back in to us on Monday. Again, there will be a range of clubs to stay to and it is expected that when you sign up for a club, you will attend every week. There will be choices including sports, arts and other subjects to ensure everyone gets a chance to try something they enjoy.

Upcoming Events

Whole School Pedestrian training

Friday 11th September

Friends Open Event

Friday 18th September at 6pm – All invited and welcome for an open event at school hosted by the Friends

Friends Annual General Meeting

Wednesday 23rd September at 7:30pm at school.

Everyone invited and welcomed.

Forest Adventure Morning

Back up and running Thursday 17th September

Swimming for Yrs 2, 3 & 4 starts

Thursday 17th September

Church

The first Sunday of every month is our family service. On October 4th is the Harvest Service.