



High Littleton Church of England Primary School 18th December 2020

"Valuing all God's children within an inclusive community."



Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas!

Goodbye: Yesterday afternoon, we all had a collective lump in our throats as we said a fond farewell to Miss Evans. Miss Evans has been an integral part of our school community over the past eight years, having been our Year 2/3 teacher in Fox Class. I know that the children and staff alike will miss her and I would like to extend my heartfelt thanks for all that Miss Evans has done during her time with us. On behalf of everyone at High Littleton Primary School we wish you the very best of luck in your new role.

As we draw towards the end of 2020, in a year which has been at times very challenging for all concerned, I would like to say **thank you**. Thank you to all of you as parents who have supported us during this last twelve months. Your kind words, cards, gifts, emails and smiles have meant a lot...they have kept us going. Your support during home learning has allowed the children to almost return to school as if nothing had happened; they are a credit to you.

Thank you to my staff who have shown resilience and the ability to adapt to a new way of working, going above and beyond not only teaching, but cleaning, missing out on breaks and lunchtimes to ensure that the children in their care were kept safe.

Above all I'd like to thank the children who have probably been the most resilient group in all of this. That's the beauty of being a child—when all the world is in chaos, children seem to adapt and cope far better than adults. Nothing seems to phase them. Thank you to you all for being you—never change. I've got my fingers crossed that you and your families have a great Christmas and that Santa comes calling!

I would like to wish you and your families a very Happy Christmas and a healthy 2021. We look forward to welcoming you all back to school on Wednesday, 6th January 2020. Please note that Tuesday 5th January is an INSET day.

...and finally, back in July, as we said farewell to our Year 6 children, I gave each of them a book as a gift. The book was called **The Boy, the Mole, the Fox and the Horse**. On one of the pages was a picture of the four characters staring out into the distance towards a very dark, ominous looking cloud. "Those are dark clouds," said the boy. "Yes, but they will move on," said the horse, "the blue sky above never leaves." Here's to that blue sky in 2021!



Stay safe.

Mr Griffith

"Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12

Christmas COVID Arrangements

Dear Parents,

Please be advised that should your child test positive for Coronavirus during the Christmas period, the school will still need to be informed. It is important that we are notified of any positive COVID cases at the earliest convenience using the office email

office@highlittletonschool.com

This will ensure that we are able to inform those in close contact, to self isolate and avoid the risk of spreading the infection further.

We would also request that you monitor your emails during the holidays as this will be the main source of communicating any contact from within your child's bubble as well as any closures, if needed, at the beginning of Term 3. If you are notified by the school that your child has been in contact with a positive COVID case, it is your responsibility to ensure that your child remains at home for the specified time in line with government guidance.

We sincerely hope that there will be no need to contact you during the Christmas holidays and hope to see all children back in school on Wednesday 6th January.

Best wishes

Gareth Griffith

Headteacher

Headteacher's Tea Party

Headteacher's Tea Party: Congratulations go to Stig and Alfie (Owls), Jax and Dotty (Hedgehogs), Molly (Fox), Ben and Amelie (Badgers), Isaac (Otter) as well as Eloise (Deer) who attended my socially distanced Headteacher's Tea Party (see photos below).



Headteacher's Award

Many, many congratulations go to Poppy who is the proud recipient of this term's Headteacher's Award. This award is in recognition of Poppy's outstanding behaviour and attitude to all aspects of school life.



KS1 & KS2 Star Readers

Our two Star Readers for this term are Becky and Elliot. These awards are in recognition of the children's hard work both at home and at school to improve their reading.



Community Thanks

Holy Trinity Church have generously donated 18 Christmas hampers, one for each of the children in our school community who are in receipt of the Pupil Premium grant. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the church for their support and donations.

If you would like to get involved in the Christmas services at Holy Trinity Church, they are being streamed via the following link:

<https://mailchi.mp/65e242aa8b82/paulton-benefice-zoom-service-13088259>

Appleyard Store The store took cash donations from the local community and were able to provide each child in receipt of free school meals with a voucher to use in store this Christmas, thank you to all who donated and Appleyard Store for their fundraising efforts.

Mary Jones' Trust The Trust made a generous donation of Marks and Spencer's gift vouchers, which were distributed to each of the families in receipt of the Pupil Premium grant.

Smart Advice Financial Services were unable to hold their Christmas party this year and kindly donated those funds to the school instead. This donation will be used to support the children's learning.

Christmas Cards Thank you to all who ordered the children's Christmas cards and tags. You raised £337.30, which will be donated to the PTA.

Children in Need We are pleased to inform you that the school donated £176.38 to Children in Need, raised on the mufti day in November- Thank you.

Christingle Service

On the 16th of December the pupils of High Littleton school were delighted to finally be back in the church in our individual bubbles. We were all surprised by the sight of a new vicar: Reverend Adam Pitt, he had a lot of fun with the children which included singing and dancing to two well known Christian songs: Lighthouse and God is on the move. After that, Reverend Adam Pitt taught them all how to make Christingles and what they meant. Every class had a go, but of course we had to go in at separate times! The children had a lovely time and we hope you loved their Christingles they brought home!

Written by Amaya—Deer Class

School Meals

Please be reminded that the deadline for booking school meals for the first week of term is midnight on Wednesday 30th December. You can book meals for the whole term in advance to avoid missing the deadline.

Used Uniform

The KS1 spare uniform box is running low of boys trousers aged 5-7. If you have any spare items which you no longer require, we would happily take them off your hands.

Young Voices 2021



Young Voices: Plan B

At this time of year I am usually immersed in the excitement of Young Voices after school club. Sadly, because of the restrictions brought about by Covid-19, this has not been the case this year. However, I have news that I'm sure will put a smile on many faces...

The concert has been postponed and we have registered High Littleton School to take part on 23rd June next year. (Fingers are tightly crossed that this Plan B will come to fruition). The songs this year are the best ever and have been thoughtfully chosen to celebrate 25 years of Young Voices.

I will be asking for names of children who would like to take part (years 3-6 only) towards the end of January, and then shortly afterwards I will begin rehearsals in accordance with government guidelines to keep us all safe.

In the meantime, ALL children (and families) can access the Young Voices Music Room which has all the Lyric and Dance Videos for you to enjoy and practise at home. Simply go to <https://www.youngvoices.co.uk/> and from the menu go to the **music room** and enter password **YV2021**

From the website, you can also read more details about Covid-19 Singing Guidance in Schools, Plans for the 25th Anniversary 2021 season and watch the anniversary video.

Happy Singing everyone!

Love,

Ms Tunstall

Attendance

Please find below the current percentage attendance for each year group and class.

Reception	97.2
Year 1	96.6%
Year 2	97.7%
Year 3	97.3%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	97.9%
Year 6	97.3%

Owl	97.2%
Hedgehog	96.8%
Fox	98.1%
Badger	96.8%
Otter	98%
Deer	97.3%

Singing Tuition



Contact vocal coach
Madeline Claire to book a lesson!



**Fun after school, solo & ensemble
coaching for kids, teens and adults
(all abilities!)**

Prices

60min - £20

45min - £16

30min - £12

- Confidence & mindfulness
- Performance skills
- Musicality skills
- Vocal technique/control
- Repertoire building
- Personal goal attainment

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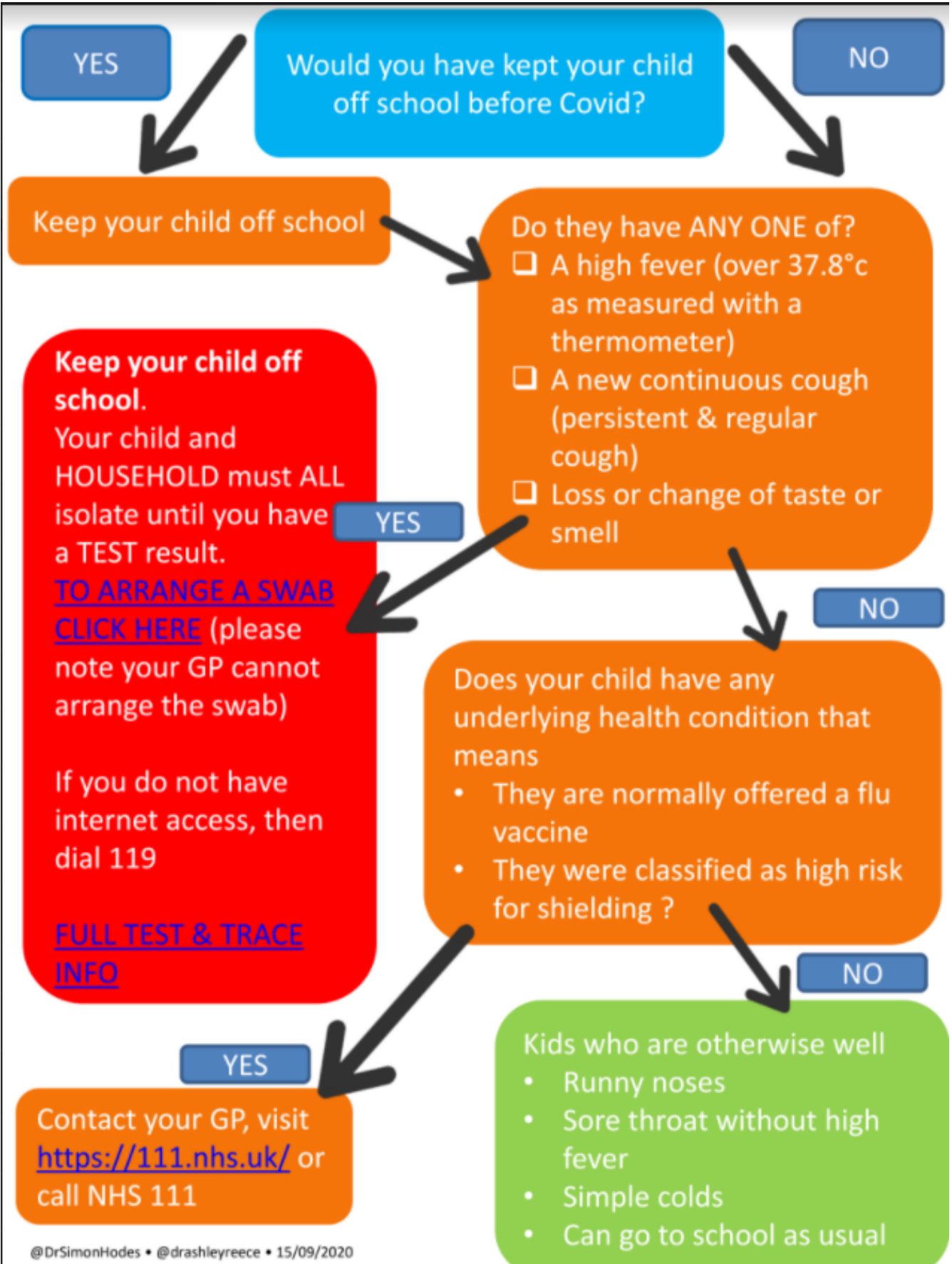
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If my child is ill, should I send them into school?



School Dinners

Please can we remind you that dinners are £2.60 and need to be paid in **advance** via ParentPay. KS1 children are entitled to Universal Infant Free School Meals.

Did you know that for all children in KS1 and KS2, if you receive any of the benefits listed below, you can also register with the Free School Meal Team?

Your registration could attract Pupil Premium funding for our school of £1,320.

Please contact the Free School Meals Team on 01225 394317 to check your eligibility. All that is needed is your National Insurance Number and date of birth.

- Universal Credit (provided you have an annual net earned income of no more than £7,400, as assessed by earnings from up to three of your most recent assessment periods)
- Income Support
- Income-Based Jobseekers Allowance
- Income Related Employment Support Allowance
- Child Tax Credit (WITHOUT Working Tax Credit) and have an annual household income (as assessed by HMRC) below £16,190
- Working Tax Credit **Run-on** which is **only paid for 4 weeks** after you STOP qualifying for Working Tax Credit
- The Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit
Support under PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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Please check out the website. Click on the link below:-

www.highlittletonschool.com

Dates for your Diaries 2020 - 2021

Please click on the link below to take you to the 'Diary Dates' page and scroll down to see Club dates!

['Diary Dates/Clubs'](#)

High Littleton Primary School is committed to working towards race equality, promoting positive approaches to difference and opposing all forms of racial prejudice and discrimination. Language or behaviour, which is racist or potentially damaging to any ethnic or racial group, is not tolerated and will always be challenged. We recognise that British society is made up of people from many different racial, cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds and that all pupils must be fully prepared to live in such a diverse society.