



# High Littleton Church of England Primary School 3rd April 2020

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



## Thank you

Quite rightly, we should all stand outside our houses on a Thursday evening to applaud our amazing NHS for all their hard work during this incredibly difficult time. Unfortunately, there is a group of people who don't get any credit at the moment and I wanted to highlight their hard work and effort.....and that's you: the parents. As I mentioned in a recent email, no one could have foreseen the circumstances that we find ourselves in, not least us as parents, who have suddenly had the pressure of teaching thrust upon us. I find it much easier dealing with 176 children at school than dealing with my own three, so you're not alone...

The daily struggles of home schooling are not easy and I wanted to thank each and every one of you for doing what you're doing, which is supporting your children both academically as well as emotionally. Your support and wonderful messages to us have also kept us going as staff. We will remain open to those children whose parents are key workers over the Easter holidays and I must quite rightly acknowledge and thank the tremendous sense of togetherness that my staff have shown over the course of the last fortnight. Everyone is keen to help out and support one another whilst also offering the children who come into school a safe space.

Please continue to email [office@highlittletonschool](mailto:office@highlittletonschool) with your concerns/queries/photos as these are all passed onto the relevant members of staff. We love seeing photos of the children - the den-building ones have been great!

Towards the end of the Easter holidays, we will write to all parents to let them know about our plan for home learning during Terms 5 and 6. Teachers will continue to communicate with you via email and they will also post their plans on the school's website.

For our Free School Meals children, we will be contacting their parents in the coming days to inform them of how to access the government's new e-voucher scheme, which can be used at a range of supermarkets.

Please keep looking out for our latest news on the school's website, our Instagram and Twitter accounts as well as our PTA Facebook page. Please look after yourselves and you families and give the children a big (socially distant) hug from me!

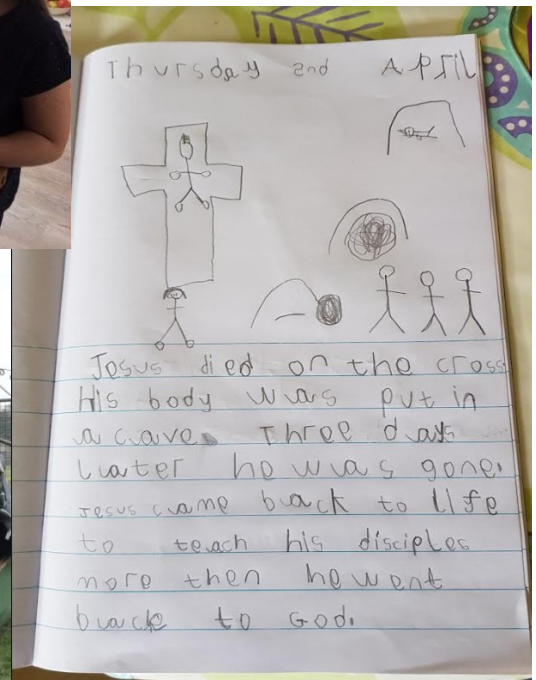
Take care.

Gareth



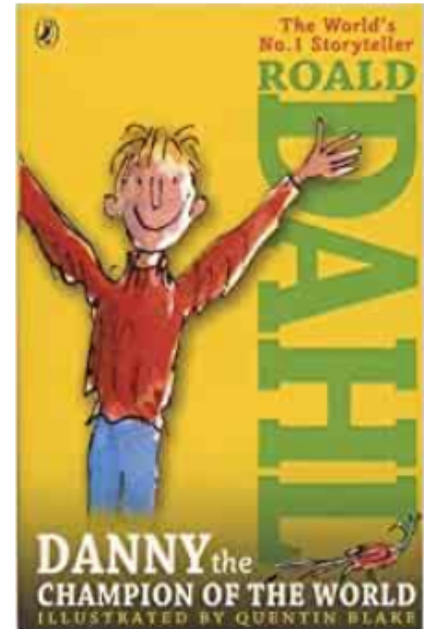
*"Love each other as I have loved you." John 15:12*

# Who needs school?



## Danny the Champion of the World

It has become evident over the last week or so, as I record a daily reading of *Danny*, that I'm running low on the number of jumpers that I have in my wardrobe! I can only apologise for this and I will look to purchase a new range of knitwear in the coming days. However, I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at home reading an all-time classic and I am reassured from the feedback that I have received that it hasn't been in vain. Please continue to get your children to listen to and follow Danny's adventures with his father. I would like to point out that the reading of this story is my own and does in no way condone the idea of poaching pheasants!



## Foodbank Vouchers

We hold food bank vouchers for Somer Valley Foodbank in school. Anyone is entitled to food bank vouchers if they are on low income or in financial crisis.

You are also eligible if your child is in receipt of Free School Meals and your school closes. In the event that you feel you may require food bank vouchers during school closure and think you may be eligible, please contact the school office in confidence, for more information. The office will be manned for the near future and we are happy to help in this matter if your situation changes.

## Free School Meals

Thank you all for your kind donations to the Somer Valley Food Bank. We are pleased to help this wonderful organisation at a very busy time.

They have advised us that food stocks are low, and during a time of such uncertainty, are very grateful for your donations. You can continue to donate, if you wish, through the nearest collection point at the tills in Tesco.

