



High Littleton Church of England Primary School 14th February 2020

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

Ofsted
Outstanding
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Time flies!

Awards: My congratulations go to Eliot (Deer) who this afternoon was presented with my Headteacher Award, in recognition of his exemplary conduct in school as well as his hard work in class. I was also delighted to present the KS1 and KS2 Star Reader Awards to Eva (Owls) and Flo (Deer) respectively. This is in recognition of their hard work and progress in reading both home and at school.

Headteacher's Tea Party: Congratulations also go to Archie and Kyran (Owls), Hayden and Evie (Hedgehogs), Heidi and Sky (Foxes), Alfie and Elsie (Badgers), Harry and Paris (Otters) as well as Erin and Henry (Deer) who attended my termly Headteacher's Tea Party (see photo below).

Eco-Schools Award: We are very pleased to announce that we have already received our Bronze Certificate for the Eco Schools Award. The Eco Committee has taken their responsibilities very seriously and have carried out an assessment across the Ten Topics specified. The results can be seen on our Eco School Display Board in Key Stage 2. The next steps to be taken have been identified : 1. Recycling Waste-how can we improve? Can we recycle more in school? 2. Water management-turning off taps-reminder signs to be displayed. Looking into self-stopping taps. 3. Planning more outdoor lessons - playground workforce will be installing new decking in March. Keep watching the Eco Board for more information and news!

Parents' Evenings: Please be aware that our Spring Term Parents' Evenings will take place on Tuesday, 24th (4.30—7.30pm) and Thursday, 26th March (3.30-6.30pm). All appointments can be booked online using Parent Pay.

Staffing: It is with great sadness that I have to inform you that Miss Evans has tendered her resignation as Fox Class' teacher. Miss Evans joined our team in 2012 and during this time she has been instrumental in ensuring that the children at High Littleton receive a fantastic education. She will be sorely missed by the whole school community when she leaves at the end of this academic year. We have now placed an advert in the Times Educational Supplement (TES) as we begin to find a new class teacher in time for September 2020.

Parent Governor Election: You will have received a letter outlining the school's need for a parent to be elected onto the school's Local Governing Body. This follows Claire Withyman's departure from her role. May I take this opportunity in thanking Claire for all her hard work during the past few years. The closing date for nominations is **midday on Friday, 28th February 2020**. If you would like to know a bit more about the role of a governor and you feel that you have the skills to support the school in a strategic role, please come and see me. If we receive more than one nomination, an election will be required.

Website: During the next few weeks, we will be moving our website onto a new platform. We hope to have the finalised version ready for our return following the Easter holidays.

May I take this opportunity in wishing you a relaxing half term holiday. We look forward to welcoming you back to school on Monday, 24th February.



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

Headteacher's Award

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



KS1 & KS2 Star Readers

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



Eco-Schools



High Littleton CofE VC Primary School

has been given this award to recognise
their achievement in working towards a
sustainable lifestyle.



Eco-School Action Plan

Action Plan

Reception

- Recycling bin in the playground for lunch rubbish
- Recycling bins in the dinner hall for lunch rubbish
- Letter or email to parents saying we are trying to reduce the amount of rubbish/recycling?

Year 1

- Look into water saving devices for the taps (Bristol Water)
- Make 'Turn off the tap' signs for toilets

Year 2

- Follow up the travel plan with Mr. Griffith
- Maybe a scoot/walk to school day each month?

Year 3

- More outdoor lessons. A deck is being built (hopefully by the end of next month) when will make this easier in better weather

Year 4

- Ask Mrs. Platten/Mrs. Bolton to order eco cleaning products as the current products are used up.

Year 5

- Mental health and wellbeing - Start of the Jigsaw scheme in classes
- Each class to have some pots of herbs/vegetables/flowers for the children to look after
- Cross country running club to do a village litter pick once a month? To check with Mr. Gunning
- See if the school can buy more fairtrade goods? (Like what?)
- Ask teachers if classes could watch Newsround

Year 6

- More plants for insects to increase biodiversity in the playground (all classes to help so they can understand about the threat to biodiversity - not many children knew about it)
- Make 'Turn off lights' signs for each classroom so empty classrooms are not fully lit.
- See if school gets green electricity or if we can switch to it.

Sports



Congratulations to our Sporthall Athletics team (top left) who finished sixth at the BANES county finals. The team were presented with a special award for their honesty and self-belief. Year 4 visited Bath University for an afternoon of Multiskills (above) which included curling, tennis and teamwork. As well as all this, our football team were victorious in their recent home match against Trinity Church School, with High Littleton winning by 3 goals to 1. Great goals by Seb, Lewis as well as an own goal sealed an excellent win. Finally, our hockey teams had a wonderful evening at the BANES Quiksticks competition which was held yesterday evening at Wellsway School. Both teams played with gusto and enjoyment with one of our teams finishing as runners-up.

Road Safety



Children in Key Stage 2 have been working alongside Avon and Somerset Police this week in promoting Road Safety. PC Michael Bolwell and PCSO Kate Chamerlain helped the children to take on a number of roles, including monitoring the speed of cars outside school as well as role playing the safe way to use a pelican and zebra crossing. Children were also made aware of how to stay safe online and how important secure passwords are in everyday life.



Working Party Day

OPAL Needs You!

We're holding another garden working party day on **Saturday March 7th.**

We're after your help from 10:00am till 1:00pm and beyond with a list of jobs that need actioning in our outdoor space.

Jobs are:

- Supporting Mr and Mrs Meissner by getting materials into position for them to build our outdoor stage
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- Supporting Mr Stenner in the building of our new pallet compost bins
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- Installation of our new outdoor bath!!!
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- Heavy lifters with their tools and waders to remove, break apart and burn the decaying bridge from above the pond.
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- Painting of the benches and fence in and around the pond area.
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- General gardening and clearing of unwanted plants (nettles and brambles mainly)
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- Cut back and replant willow
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- Clearing of garden area to make ready for spring planting
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- Refilling sand and mud pits
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Some of the jobs require a degree of craftsmanship (carpentry, tiling or very basic plumbing) so, if you have skills that you think may be of particular use, please let the office know so I can allocate jobs accordingly.

Tea, coffee and cake will be provided plus ours and the children's undying appreciation!

If you can help please let the office know.

Rosie O'Rourke

Play Leader



PTA Movie Night

Movie Night after school Friday 6th March – 3.30 – 5.30 – Movie Frozen 2, bookings to be made on PTA events page

<https://www.pta-events.co.uk/high-littleton-primary/#.XkZWEmxLEal>



PTA Meeting being held at the Star Inn High Littleton Wednesday 26th February @ 7.30pm

Thrive

This year, High Littleton has begun to embrace the Thrive Approach. As part of this, Mrs Gibson is undertaking training to become a Licensed Thrive Practitioner.

The Thrive Approach draws on insights from the fields of neuroscience, attachment theory and child development to provide a powerful way of working with children and young people that supports optimal social and emotional development. The Approach equips us to work in a targeted way with all children in order to develop healthy, happy, confident children who are ready and open to learning.

We have created a designated Thrive space at school but it needs a bit of TLC! If you have any spare soft furnishings - such as cushions, beanbags and comfy chairs - we would be extremely grateful for them. Also, if you have any clean, spare fabric which could be used for indoor den making that would also be much appreciated. Please feel free to contact Mrs Gibson if you have any queries about Thrive.

<https://www.thriveapproach.com/>



Attendance

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

Reception	96.6%
Year 1	95.4%
Year 2	98.%
Year 3	96.9%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	98.3%

Owl	94.9%
Hedgehog	96.7%
Fox	98.1%
Badger	96.9%
Otter	98.1%
Deer	98.3%

Parking

If you use your car to transport your child to and from school, please could I ask you to be considerate of other road users and our neighbours during these times. As ever, our priority is the safety of the children. I would urge you therefore to be mindful of where you park at the start and the end of the school day.

Please could we also ask that children do not ride their scooters or run in and around the school cars in the car park for the children's own safety and to prevent further damage to staff vehicles.

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

www.highlittletonschool.com

You can also follow us on Instagram follow @high_littleton for daily updates and pictures.



Dates for your Diaries 2019—2020

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.