



High Littleton Church of England Primary School 6th March 2020

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

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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, instructions have been emailed to parents.

Parent Governor Election: I am delighted to announce that Nicola Cunningham (mother of Olivia), has been elected as your new parent governor. Nicola will join our team of governors who will help shape the strategic vision for the school and also hold the school's leadership team to account.

PE Kit: May I remind you that your child needs to have their full, correct PE kit in school, particularly on their PE days.

Gymnastics Competition: Congratulations to our gymnasts, who were successful in attaining first place in the recent Midsomer Norton Games Association Gymnastics event which was held at Writhlington School.

Dance Umbrella: I had the pleasure of watching Hedgehog Class practise their dance in preparation for the Dance Umbrella on Wednesday evening, 25th March. They have really taken their rehearsals very seriously and I know that they, along with Otter Class, will make us all very proud.

Recruitment: Following our last newsletter, you will be aware that Miss Evans will be leaving us at the end of this academic year. Plans are in place now to recruit a suitable replacement for Miss Evans and Mr Gunning and I have spent the day shortlisting a number of potential candidates to be interviewed in the near future. Once we have any more information for you, we will let you know.

Speak Out Competition: Many congratulations go to Eliot, Anna and Flo (Deer) who recently took part in the Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership Speak Out competition (see photo below). The children competed against other schools within the trust and it was designed to test their public speaking abilities. Our children did very well indeed, giving their views about graffiti.



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

Cake Sale

On Tuesday 17th March, we will be holding a cake sale in the car park (Owl class if wet), raising funds for Wicked Weather Watch. The School Council have joined forces with High Littleton Eco Warriors to raise money to support climate change.

We would really appreciate donations of homemade/shop brought cakes, which can be handed into Reception on the morning of the cake sale.

Please come along and support this cause, immediately after school.



Gymnastics

On Wednesday 4th of March, ten Year 5 and 6 children travelled to Writhlington to compete in the Midsomer Norton Games Association gym competition. Having been split into two levels (one and two) depending on whether your gymnastic ability, we competed in the vault and floor, which went very well. We were also given the opportunity to join in with trampolining.

When the results were announced, our level two gymnasts came fifth and our level one were awarded first place. We would just like to say a massive thank you to our coach, Mark Gunning and Mrs Beale for taking us. It was an amazing event and we all had so much fun.

By Lexie and Ava



World Book Day





Public Health
England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



SCHOOL
ETC.
On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19. Parents can visit NHS.UK to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See NHS.UK for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately





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Dear Parents and Carers

We are now receiving daily updates from Public Health England about the impact of Coronavirus and the actions we should be taking in schools. There is now a greater risk of the virus spreading throughout the UK and Public Health England and other government departments are preparing for a range of scenarios.

The current advice to schools is that they remain open and that all children and staff should attend as normal. Schools are not required to close, even if children or staff present symptoms in line with those associated with the illness. **The Department for Education has made it very clear that schools can only close if directed to do so by Public Health England.** If any school within the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership are required to close, you will be notified in the usual manner, but also via the MNSP web site – www.midsomernortonschoolspartnership.com

The most effective action we can all take is to wash our hands more regularly and for longer periods of time. This basic action is thought to reduce the spread of the virus by up to 80%. I have sent posters home from Public Health England and had them displayed in all schools to remind children, staff and visitors to wash their hands regularly and thoroughly.

If the advice changes and schools within the Midsomer Norton Schools' Partnership are required to close, we will be providing learning resources via Google Classroom or through work packs. We also plan to deliver key learning topics via Skype or through other forms of digital media, so that examination groups in secondary schools can continue to receive some teacher support with their learning.

Thank you for your support to date.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Alun Williams', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Attendance

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

Reception	95.9%
Year 1	95.5%
Year 2	98.1%
Year 3	96.7%
Year 4	97.4%
Year 5	98.1%
Year 6	98.4%

Owl	95%
Hedgehog	96.9%
Fox	98.1%
Badger	96.9%
Otter	98%
Deer	98.4%

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.