



# High Littleton Church of England Primary School 6th December 2019

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



## The Countdown Begins

**Children in Need:** Our recent Children in Need cake sale raised a fantastic £115.00. Many thanks to you all for supporting such a worthy cause.

**Poppy appeal:** During the month of November, through your generosity, the school raised a fantastic £240.29 towards the British Legion's Poppy Appeal. The British Legion wished me to express their thanks for your continued support.

**Senior Citizens Party:** Our annual Senior Citizens' Party takes place on Friday, 7th December. This is an opportunity for older members of the local community to spend time being shown around our school, whilst also enjoying the chance to eat mince pies, drink tea/coffee and sing some Christmas carols with the children.

**Swimming Gala:** On Wednesday afternoon, our swimming team competed in the Norton Radstock Swimming Gala which was held at Wansdyke Swimming Pool. Not only did our team come away with a plethora of individual medals, we also came first overall in the small schools competition. Congratulations to all the children who took part - a fantastic achievement!

**Christmas Art Day:** Last Friday, the whole school kicked off the Christmas festivities with a Christmas Art Day where the children have worked in their house groups to produce various pieces of art with a festive theme. All artwork was based on the work of famous artists such as Van Gogh, Kandinsky and Picasso to name but three.

**Benefice Advent Service:** On Thursday evening, members of Badger Class, along with Ms Tunstall visited Farrington Gurney Church to take part in the annual Benefice Advent Service. This service allows children from Paulton, Farrington Gurney and High Littleton to come together to sing a number of carols and to perform their own songs.

**Christmas Dates:** Within this newsletter, please take some time to read the section which outlines the events and dates that you need to be aware of during the last two weeks of term.

**Nativities:** As we move towards what is the busiest period in the school calendar, we are this year allocating tickets for the Year 1 and 2 Nativity performances. The 'Lights! Camel! Action' production will take place on Tuesday, 10th December and Wednesday, 11th December at 2pm and 6pm respectively. Initially, two tickets will be allocated per family. Please note that we will not be allocating tickets for Owl Class's nativity which take place on Wednesday, 11th December and Thursday, 12th December at 2pm and 6pm respectively.

**PTA Christmas Fair:** We hope to see you all at tomorrow afternoon's Christmas Fair. The PTA have been working incredibly hard in organising the event and our thanks go to them and to you as parents for supporting the school.



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

# Christmas

## Dates for the diary:

Monday 9th December 2.00pm - BANES Carol Service - Deer Class

Tuesday 10th December 10am - Owl Class Nativity Dress Rehearsal to School/Pre School/families

Tuesday 10th December 2pm - KS1 Nativity (ticket only)

Wednesday 11th December 2pm - Owl Class Nativity (parents welcome, no ticket required)

Wednesday 11th December 3.20pm - Christmas Cross Country - Year 5 and 6

Wednesday 11th December 6pm - KS1 Nativity (ticket only)

Thursday 12th December 6pm - Owl Class Nativity (parents welcome, no ticket required)

Monday 16th December 5.30pm— KS2 Carol Service—Holy Trinity Church

Tuesday 17th December— KS2 The Egg, Rapunzel

Wednesday 18th December— Christmas Dinner—**please book via Parentpay by Wednesday 11th**

Thursday 19th December— KS1 Bristol Old Vic, BOING!

Friday 20th December— Whole School Christmas Service 2pm, Holy Trinity Church

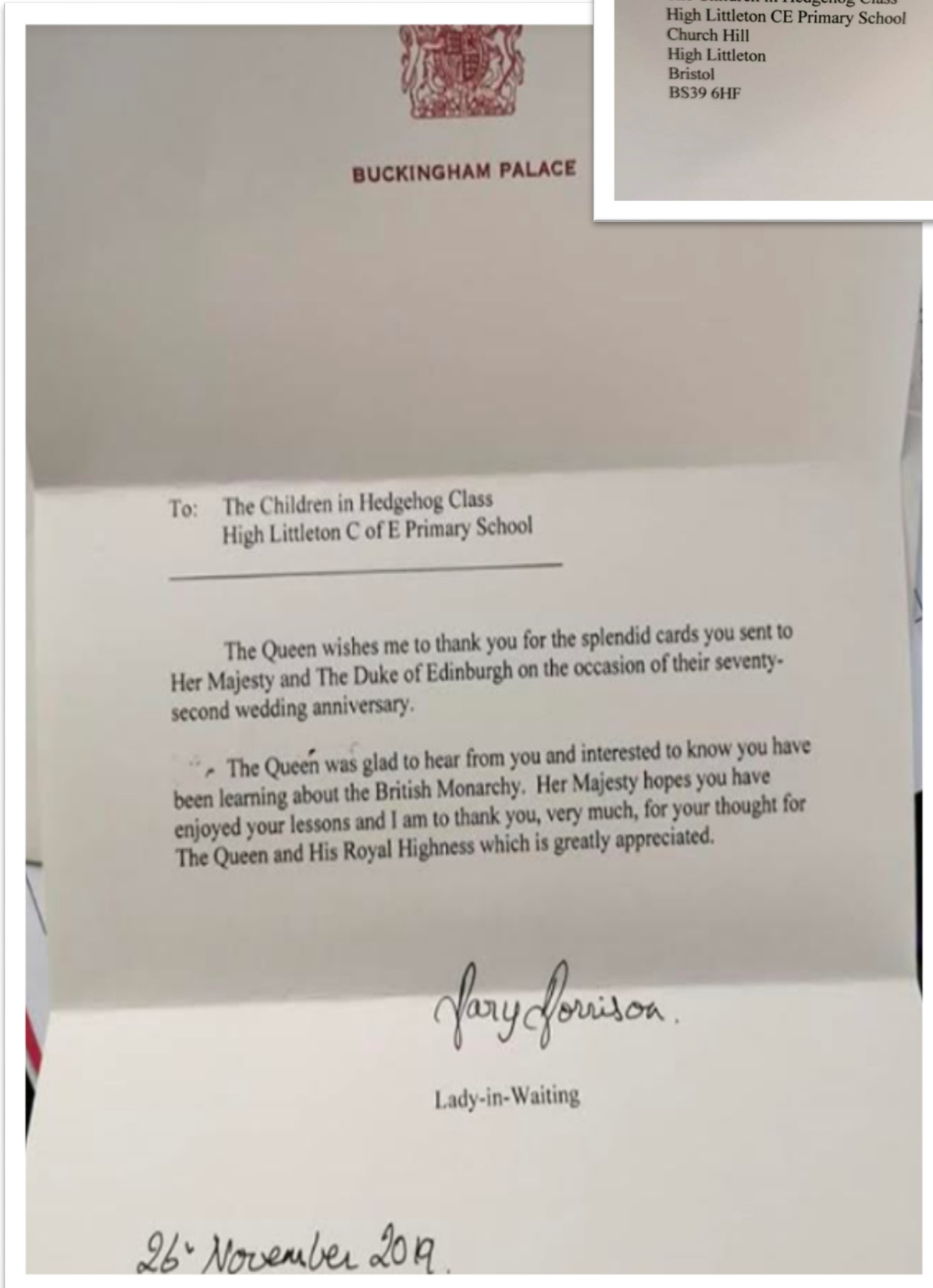
We now have a 'Christmas' section on our website where we will be adding photos and letters for quick reference over the Christmas period.

The Christmas card postbox is located in the Library outside Owl/Hedgehog Class. Please ensure all cards have the Child's full name and class on the envelope. Please do not put Christmas cards in the post box in the foyer.

The children are looking forward to the theatre trips during the last week of term. Please ensure you have given consent and made payment via Parentpay. Thank you to the PTA who are supporting this trip by subsidising the cost of the coaches.

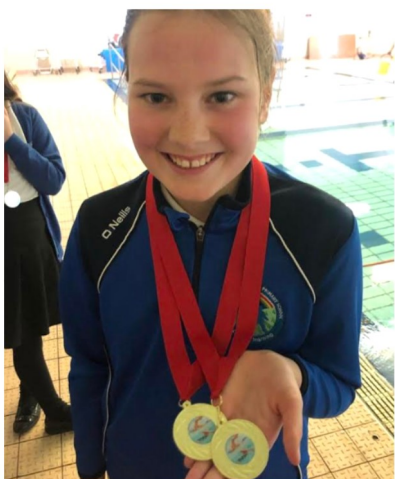


# A Royal Letter



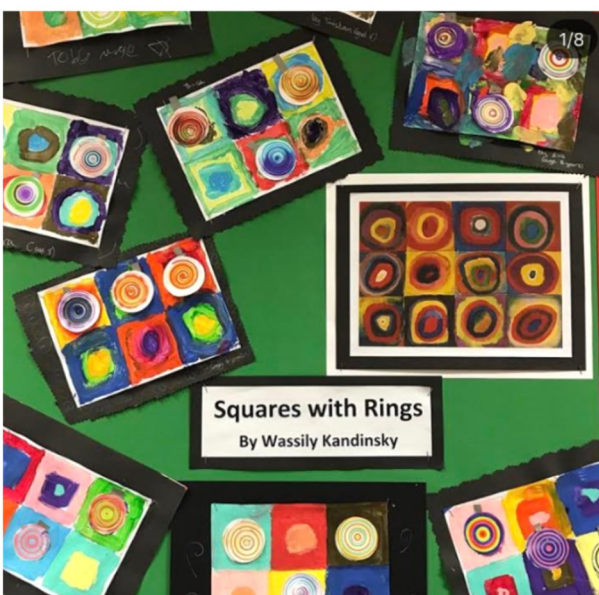


## Swimming Gala Winners





# Christmas Art Day





## Small Schools' Swimming Gala

On Wednesday 4th December, High Littleton took part in a Small Schools Swimming Gala at Midsomer Norton swimming pool. Nine people attended the gala and we are happy to announce that we won!

In the girls freestyle relay, we triumphed and came home with a gold medal each, the girls in this team were; Poppy, Ava, Erin, and Matilda.

Next was the boys freestyle relay, they came second. The boys team were; Ben, John, Billy and Henry. Thirdly, was the 25m freestyle, Matilda took part in this race and was placed second.

Then the boys 25m freestyle, Ben took part in it and came first. Next was the girl's 25m breast-stroke and Ava took part in this race. After the girl's breaststroke was the boys 25m breast-stroke, John took part in this race. Next

was the girl's 50m freestyle, Erin took part in this race. Then it was the boy's 50m race and Henry took part in this.

Next it was the girl's 25m backstroke, Chloe took part in this race and came second. After was the boy's backstroke, Billy took part and came second. After backstroke was butterfly, Matilda took part and came third. Next was the boys butterfly, Ben took part in this race. Finally, was the cannon relay, we came first and the people who took part were Erin, Matilda, Billy and Ben.



By Matilda and Erin

## Football

On Thursday 28th November, Year 5 and 6 boys football team competed in the BANES Small Schools Football Tournament at Somervale Secondary School. We competed in a series of games throughout the tournament against teams including; St Mary's, Timsbury, Farmborough, Longvernal, Farrington, Welton and Clutton. We played six games, each game was 10 minutes long and 8 players played each time. After all our games, the team with the most points would win.

Our first match was against St Mary's, Timsbury, each team trying to captain the match. After lots of hard work from each team, the score ended 0-0 and 1 point was awarded to each team.

Our next match was against Clutton, both teams started well but Lewis struck home after just 3 minutes. Oliver followed, scoring another and the final score was 2-0, 3 points were awarded to us.

Our third match we faced Farmborough, probably the strongest team yet. After a hard equal 3 minutes, we took control scoring 3 goals, then Farmborough scored a goal making the final score 3-1.

Three more games awaited us against Welton, Longvernal and Farrington, we knew we had to win every game to be in with a chance of winning the tournament. Fortunately, we won each game comfortably. After a tight wait seeing who had won it was between us and St Mary's, Timsbury. Unfortunately, Timsbury won on goal difference, we were gutted but we did play well with a great team.



By Henry W, Lewis M and Sam He

## Sports Leadership Academy

On 2nd December, Ava and Oscar (Y6) went to Bath University to attend a Sports Leadership Academy. They did lots of fun sport games and learnt how to be a good leader. They brought back lots of resources including stickers, leader cards, sport cards and round robin sheets which they will use during playtimes. It was a great opportunity!

## Benefice Advent Service

On Thursday, members of Badger Class attended the Benefice Advent Service at Farrington Gurney Church. They were joined by 2 other local schools and sang 'Gaudete'. Well done to those who attended who sang beautifully, we are all very proud of them.



## Senior Citizen's Party

Thank you to those who donated cakes for the Senior Citizen's party today. We were delighted to welcome more than 20 local Senior Citizen's into school, where the Year 6 children led a tour of the school followed by tea and cake in the hall. A special thank you to Lara, Taya and Jo who helped set up the hall and serve tea and coffee.

## Clubs

Clubs for terms 3 and 4 are now available on Parentpay to give consent/make payment (where applicable). Please note, payment must be made no later than 10th January to secure your child's place on that club.

Once you have signed up for a club, there is an expectation that your child will attend every week. If your child is unable to attend due to family commitments, please ensure you inform the office on the morning of the club. Unfortunately, club numbers have reduced over the term and staff members have not been made aware that a child is not attending their club. Staff members give their time for free and want to ensure that it is viable to hold a club if there are a few children attending, thank you.

# Christmas Dinner

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This year we will be serving Christmas Dinner on Wednesday 18th December. Please see below meal choices which will be bookable on Parentpay (no later than Wednesday 11th December).



### Child's Christmas Menu

Roast Turkey and Stuffing

Or

Vegetarian Loaf with Apricots

With

Roast Potatoes  
Carrots  
Peas  
Brussel Sprouts  
Gravy

Puddings

Chocolate Fudge Log with Cream

Or

Christmas Decorated Biscuits

Or

Fresh Fruit Salad





## Attendance

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

Reception	95.9%
Year 1	96.1%
Year 2	98.5%
Year 3	97.1%
Year 4	97.3%
Year 5	98.2%
Year 6	98.3%

Owl	95.4%
Hedgehog	97
Fox	98.3%
Badger	97.2%
Otter	98.2%
Deer	98.3%

## 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

## Please note.....



We have a post box in the foyer where you can drop any slips, letters, requests etc.

School meals must be booked and paid for (where applicable) on Parentpay by Wednesday for the following week. Next term we will be phoning home for all children who have not pre-ordered and will request parents bring a packed lunch.  
**You can now book online for the whole of term 2.**

Please can I confirm that we are NUT FREE SCHOOL. Please also ensure you do not provide SESAME items. We are asking all parents to bear this in mind when sending lunches and snacks to school. Thank you for your co-operation.

## **Christmas Fayre SATURDAY 7th DECEMBER 4-6.30PM**

We are looking forward to seeing lots of you at our Christmas Fayre tomorrow from 4pm. You can still purchase tickets for Santa's grotto through the website [www.pta-events.co.uk/high-littleton-primary](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/high-littleton-primary) or on the day.

Thank you to all those who have volunteered to help at the fayre and for all your donations.

### **Christmas Jumpers**

We are still collecting used Christmas jumpers, which we will sale after school next Friday. If you are able to donate, please drop your jumpers into Reception, thank you

### **School Tea Towels**

The PTA have purchased a bulk of tea towels with the whole school's portrait design. These can be ordered via [www.pta-events.co.uk/high-littleton-primary](http://www.pta-events.co.uk/high-littleton-primary).

### **Easyfundraiser– [www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)**

Easyfundraiser is a brilliant website which turns everyday online shopping into free donations for the PTA. All you need to do is sign up with the website above (search High Littleton C of E Primary). The retailers make a small donation to the charity to say "thank you" after you have bought your shopping through Easyfundraiser. Retailer include Amazon, Marks and Spencers, Ebay, Clarks and John Lewis.

### **The Crisp Packet Recycling Scheme**

We have filled two boxes with crisp packets to exchange for cash for the PTA. Please keep bringing your donations and spread the word in your workplace/family members/community. Donations can be dropped into the box in the foyer.

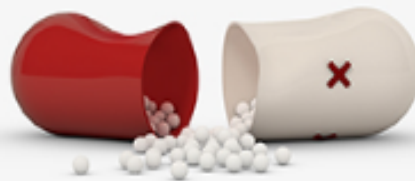
### **Stamptastic**

At Stamptastic you can buy a rubber name stamp to label your child's school kit and our school receives 20% commission. The stamps are personalised and can be used on most fabrics, metal, wood and some plastics. At the checkout just enter our PTA's code, BS397HF, in the discount box.



## Taking ANTIBIOTICS when you don't need them puts you and your family at risk

Keep Antibiotics Working



Antibiotics are used to treat bacterial infections such as meningitis, tuberculosis and pneumonia. They do not work on viruses, so antibiotics cannot treat infections such as colds and flu. Bacteria are continually adapting to develop new ways of withstanding antibiotic treatment. This is called antibiotic resistance and is one of the biggest threats facing us today.

Antibiotic resistance can then spread between different bacteria in our bodies. Antibiotic resistant bacteria can be carried by healthy or ill people and can spread to others. Overuse and misuse of antibiotics is a major factor that causes antibiotic resistance. The more often a person takes antibiotics, the more likely they are to develop antibiotic resistant bacteria in the body. To reduce this risk, it is important that antibiotics are taken only when necessary and that patients follow advice given by the doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

There are simple actions you can take to help keep antibiotics working:

- Don't ask for antibiotics if you have a cough or cold. Antibiotics should only be taken for bacterial infections. Many infections get better on their own, without the need for antibiotics. Go to your pharmacist for advice first and they may be able to help with your symptoms.
- If the doctor does prescribe you with antibiotics, take them exactly as prescribed; never save them for later and never share them with others.
- Spread the word. Tell your friends and family about antibiotic resistance.

You can also help prevent infections spreading by:

- Using tissues and disposing of them when you sneeze.
- Washing hands thoroughly with soap, especially after you have used a tissue or sneezed into your hand.
- Get the flu vaccine if you or your child is eligible.



**You can find out more and choose a pledge about how you can protect yourself, your family and friends against the spread of antibiotic resistance on the Antibiotic Guardian website (<http://antibioticguardian.com/>).**

**There are several fun educational activities linked to the national curricula to educate children on microbes, infections and antibiotics on the e-Bug website ([www.e-bug.eu](http://www.e-bug.eu)).**





## 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](http://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.