



High Littleton Church of England Primary School 17th January 2020

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



Happy New Year!

Welcome back to you all and on behalf of everyone at High Littleton Church of England Primary School, may I take this opportunity in wishing you and your families a happy and healthy 2020.

Dance Umbrella: We are delighted to welcome Michelle Rochester, who many of you will know, organises the annual Dance Umbrella at the Forum in Bath. Michelle is delighted to have been asked to support both Hedgehog and Otter Classes as they will be performing on stage on Wednesday, 25th March. Information on how to purchase tickets has already been sent out.

Deer Class Meeting: On Monday afternoon, Mr Gunning held a meeting in Deer Class with Year 6 parents to discuss this year's residential visit, SATs and their trip to London. If you were unable to attend, please could you contact Mr Gunning for more information.

Attendance and Punctuality: Please may I remind you that the school is open from 8.40am and that the school day starts at 8.50am. Once the main gates are locked, any child who arrives after this time is recorded as being late, which can on occasions impact on their attendance which is monitored closely by the school's Education Welfare Officer. Your support in getting your child to school on time would be greatly appreciated.

Young Voices: On Wednesday of this week, 44 children and a whole host of adults embarked on the annual journey to Birmingham for the Young Voices concert. The children had an amazing time and were impeccably behaved throughout the day. They were joined by another 6000 children from across the country in an evening of song and dance with Tony Hadley (lead singer of Spandau Ballet) even making an appearance. My grateful thanks to Miss Tunstall, Mrs Platten, Miss Wheeler and Mrs Stenner for taking the time to give the children a most memorable experience for ensuring the safe return to school during the wee small hours of Thursday morning!

Students: As you may be aware, since September we have had three student teachers from Bath Spa University, working at High Littleton in Owl, Hedgehog and Deer classes. They have now started their complimentary placements at other primary schools within the trust for Terms 3 and 4. However, we now have three new students who are joining us for the next couple of terms, Miss Graham, Miss Ellery and Miss Lakey will be working alongside the class teachers in Fox, Otter and Deer classes respectively. We hope that they enjoy their time with us at High Littleton.

INSETs: During the first two INSET days of this term, our team of teachers embarked upon a series of professional development opportunities. On the Monday, staff joined with other teachers across the Trust to look at how we can improve our Guided Reading sessions. The following day, we again joined with other schools to look at how to improve our curriculum in line with the new Ofsted framework. There is now a greater emphasis placed on schools to teach children a body of knowledge across all subjects and to improve their long-term memories so that they can recall the knowledge taught and apply it to new learning.



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

Eco-School

High Littleton Primary School has just started the journey to becoming an international, Green Flag Award Eco-School. The programme is designed to raise environmental awareness amongst young people and in England it is run by environmental charity Keep Britain Tidy. Internationally, the programme is the largest educational programme in the world present in nearly 70 countries with millions of children participating. Our school is now part of this global community working to create environmental change for the benefit of our children and future generations.

The Eco-Schools programme empowers pupils, raises environmental awareness, improves the school environment and can also lead to financial saving. Being an active member of the programme will be something your child will remember for the rest of their life.

The programme focuses on ten important environmental topics:

- Biodiversity
- Energy
- Global Citizenship
- Healthy Living
- Litter
- Marine
- School Grounds
- Transport
- Waste
- Water

Every school taking part in the Eco-Schools around the world programme follow the same simple Seven Step framework. This usually takes schools between one and two academic years to complete. After achieving our first Green Flag, our school can continue in the programme and achieve multiple Green Flags whilst continuing to work on and promote environmental issues. One of the most exciting things about the programme is that the process is designed to engage the whole school and its wider community.

If you would like to get involved in the Eco-School programme by sharing your time, ideas or skills please contact us directly. If you are struggling for spare time, don't worry, we will keep you updated on our progress regularly and invite you to participate in Eco-Schools projects or events that the pupils organise.

We hope you are as excited about our eco-journey as we are.

Juliet Bailey

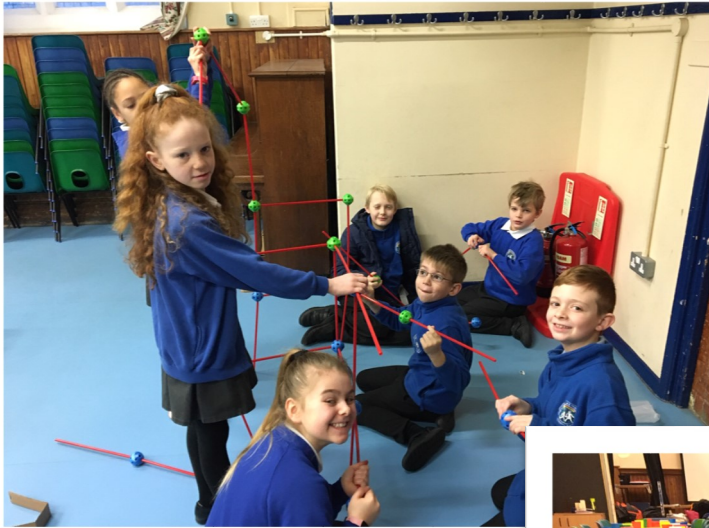
Eco-Coordinator



Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues to be a huge success with 17 children attending this morning! Please ensure you pre-book your child's attendance via Parentpay so that we can ensure we provide adequate staffing for all who wish to attend.

Here are a few photos for you to enjoy!



BANES Small Schools Athletics

Last week a group of children represented the school at the Banes Small Schools Athletics Games. We are thrilled to have secured a place in the County Final as runners up. The children will be going to UWE in a few weeks time to compete.



Young Voices



Safeguarding

Whilst the prime focus of High Littleton Church of England Primary School is to secure the best educational provision for the child, the school believes that the safety, welfare and care of children is paramount. We are committed to the highest standards in protecting and safeguarding the children entrusted into our care at all times.

If you have any concerns about safeguarding, please contact either myself as Designated Safeguarding Lead for the school or Mr Gunning as the Deputy Safeguarding Lead.

Further information about the school's safeguarding policies and procedures can be found on our website by following the link: <http://www.highlittletonschool.com/safeguarding>



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 Part V1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

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.