

High Littleton Church of England
Primary School
Friday, 22nd September
2023



Welcome one and all!

As we come to the end of the third full week at school, I would like to extend a warm welcome back to you all. I would also like to welcome all the new Reception children and their families to High Littleton Primary School. Also, we welcome Henry to Hedgehog class; Rafe & Theo to Fox class; and Kitty, Owen and Amber who join Deer Class. I have no doubt that your time at High Littleton will be a happy one. With our new children joining us, the number on roll has increased to 182 children who currently attend the school (with a capacity of 210). A very warm welcome back to Mr Kyle Smalley who joins our staff team as a class teacher (formerly a trainee teacher with us). Also Ms Louise Cornish joins us in Fox class on Monday to Wednesday covering Miss Wheeler who departs for her maternity leave. We wish her good luck and a wonderful time with her children.

I've been really pleased during these first two weeks to walk around the school and to see that the behaviour of the children has been exceptional.

Last week, Badger Class kicked off the educational visit schedule with a trip to Cheddar Gorge Caves. The visit will both consolidate and increase their current knowledge and understanding of Britain's past, by focusing on how people in the Stone Age would have lived.

The attendance and punctuality of children at High Littleton is of utmost importance to us as a school. As you are aware, holidays during term time will not be authorised unless there are exceptional circumstances. Most holiday requests are dealt with by a panel of Governors who make the decision to authorise or not authorise any requests. Obviously, children are ill from time to time, however, the school works closely with our Education Welfare Officer to ensure that our attendance continues to be as high as possible. All things considered, last year's attendance was a pleasing 96%. However we would like to do even better this year. Please help us in ensuring that your child attends school as regularly as possible.

Our annual Open Morning for prospective parents will be taking place on Tuesday, 7th November 2023 from 9.30am - 12pm.

Finally, as part of our Outdoor Play and Learning (OPAL) project, please ensure that your child has a **coat and wellies** as they will be out in all weathers during break time and lunchtime.

For those of you who are new to the school, this newsletter is published every fortnight.



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Notices

Quad Kids

Congratulations to our Y4/5 Quad Kids team, who represented High Littleton School in an athletics event with various other local schools on Monday. The team performed really well and, finishing in 6th place overall. Congratulations to Reuben who finished in third place. Well done, we are very proud of you all.



PTA

Our PTA co-chairs Rosie and Becky have decided to step down and hand the baton over to the next parent leader/s. We cannot thank them enough for the dedication to our PTA over the last few years. They have been the driving force behind so many successful events and their enthusiasm has meant that the school have been supported in many ways financially by the PTA—THANK YOU!

This does mean that it is time to nominate a new chair and Rosie and Becky would encourage anyone who might be interested in finding out more about this role, to drop them an email—highlittletonpta@gmail.com.

On 9th October the PTA will be holding their annual AGM in the school (more details to follow). If you would like to support the PTA in anyway, please come along—everyone is welcome.

Are you able to volunteer on the High Littleton School PTA?

Details can be found on the website [here](#). If you would like further information please contact Rosie O'Rourke or Becky Harvey (Joint Chairs) at highlittletonpta@gmail.com.

Our PTA are also supported by Easy Fundraising who donate money every time you make online purchases via their platform. Please sign up to Easy Fundraising which is free and easy to do via the link [here](#).



Lost Property

Thank you to those parents who have named their child's belongings. We are still noticing that some lost property is unnamed—please ensure all uniform, coats and bags are named so that we can return to your child.

Please also periodically check that your child hasn't brought home someone else's named uniform, children don't always realise they have put on someone else's jumper or cardigan, even when it has someone else's name label inside—thank you.

Behaviour Policy

We are extremely proud of the children who attend High Littleton Church of England Primary School. Visitors to school often comment about the positive behaviour of the children and that they are a credit to the school. Our Behaviour Management System follows six simple Golden Rules.

Our whole school approach to behaviour includes all children, all staff and all parents. These rules will be followed in class, during lunchtime, in the playground, during Collective Worship and extra-curricular clubs as well as at the beginning and at the end of the school day.

Golden Rules

The following rules will be displayed around the school.

1. We listen; we don't interrupt.
2. We look after property; we don't damage things.
3. We are gentle; we don't hurt others.
4. We work hard, we don't waste time.
5. We are honest; we don't cover up the truth.
6. We are kind and helpful; we don't hurt anybody's feelings.



Sanctions

Sanction 1: Yellow card (name recorded)

Sanction 2: Red Card (name recorded)

Sanction 3: Sent to Key Stage Leader or Deputy Headteacher

Sanction 4: Sent to Headteacher

Sanction 5: Letter home to parents

Sanction 6: Parents to come into school

Sanction 7: Exclusion at the discretion of the Headteacher

Rewards

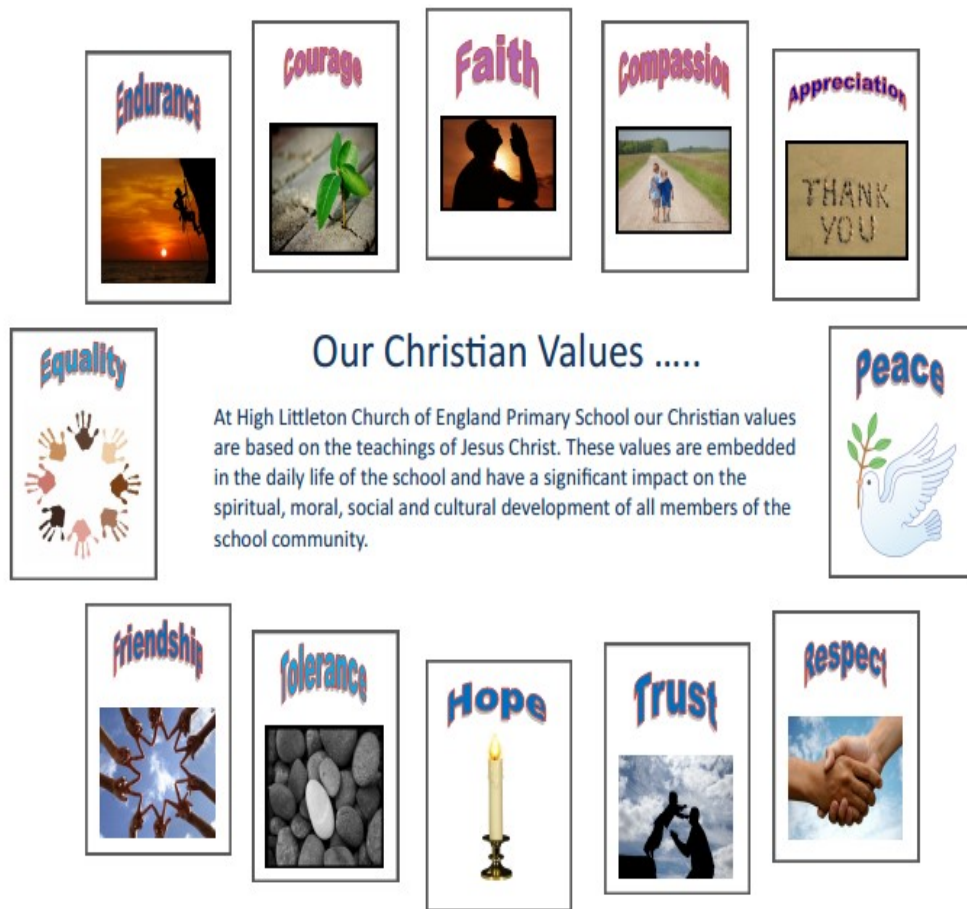
Work Together Jar

At the discretion of the staff, if they feel a child or a class has followed the Golden Rules they will be awarded a marble to place in a jar. The idea is that each class decide on how many marbles they can collect during the term. At the end of the term, if they have achieved their goal, the class will be awarded a treat. This reinforces the idea of teamwork and the need to follow the Golden Rules if they are to be rewarded.

Mr Griffith's Tea Party

At the end of each term, two children from each class will be invited to attend a tea party hosted by Mr Griffith. The decision will be based on which children have been following the Golden Rules. Each child will receive an invitation in the post from Mr Griffith a week before the party takes place. It is also a lovely opportunity for Mr Griffith to spend some quality time with the children!

Christian Values



Nut-Free School

Please can I remind you that we are **NUT FREE SCHOOL**. Please can you 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.

Autumn Term Parents' Evenings

Please note that this term's Parents' Evenings will take place **in person** during the w/c 16th October. We will contact you again via email to inform you of how to book an appointment with your child's teacher prior to these dates.

Don't forget
parents'
evening!

Attendance

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

Owl	N/A
Hedgehog	98.3%
Fox	96.6%
Badger	99.3%
Otter	97.7%
Robins	98.4%
Deer	96.9%
Total	97.7%

Breakfast Club

Breakfast Club continues to be a popular choice for our children at HL.

We are open 5 days a week from 7:40am and provide the children with a selection of healthy breakfast foods (available until 8.10am) to set them up for the school day ahead. We have a wide range of toys and also an extensive craft supply which the children can enjoy. We also have a reading corner, pool table and lots of board games.

We would like to add to our range of activities of activities especially Lego or other building toys, babies, and a dolls house...if you have had a post Summer clear up then please do bear us in mind, we would be very grateful for any donations!

Breakfast Club is bookable via Parentpay.

Mr Hayes, Miss Richards, Mrs Stenner and Mrs Beale





HIGH LITTLETON CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL

"Valuing all God's children within an inclusive"

OPEN MORNING

Tuesday, 7th November 2023

9.30am - 12pm

Are you looking for your child to start school in September 2023?
We are opening our doors to prospective parents so that you can
come and see what goes on at High Littleton Primary School.

No appointments necessary.



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School Dinners

Please can we remind you that dinners are £2.80 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 PartV1 of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999

Please follow us on Instagram [high_littleton](#) for the latest news and information about the school.



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

www.highlittletonschool.com

Dates for your Diaries 2023-2024

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.