

# High Littleton Church of England Primary School Friday 14th June 2024

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# Head's Up...

Athens Educational Visit: I was delighted to see and hear about the fantastic time that some of our Year 5 children had during their week-long visit to Athens. The children were given this opportunity through the government's Turing Scheme, which Mr John Snell, Headteacher at Welton Primary School, had kindly organised. My grateful thanks to Mr Gunning who supported the children from High Littleton as they visited local schools and various historical sites, including the Acropolis.

**Student teachers:** Yesterday we said goodbye to our two student teachers, Hannah Mascall and Mollie Chivers, who have spent the last few months in Otter and Hedgehog classes respectively. We wish them well in their future careers in education. **Teaching staff:** You will have received an email recently outlining our teaching staff for next year and which year groups they will be teaching. Mrs Payne will continue to teach our new Reception children in Owl Class. Miss Wheeler (returning from maternity leave) and Mrs Richardson will be teaching Year 1 in Hedgehog Class. Miss Langley will continue to teach the Year 2 children in Fox Class and Ms Tunstall will be with the Year 3 children in Badger Class. Mrs Woods, Mr Smalley and Mr Gunning will continue to teach Years 4, 5 and 6 in Otter, Robin and Deer classes respectively.

**Wraparound Care:** We are currently in discussion with an external provider to run wrap around care for parents. We would like your views on this and whether you would use the service. We are considering this an option from September/October 2024 (recruitment permitting). Please complete our short survey <u>here</u>.

**Phonics**: Huge congratulations to all our Year 1 children who took part in the Phonic Screening Check yesterday. Miss Langley, Mrs Payne and I were delighted by their efforts. Results will be published in the coming weeks.

**BANES Dynamo Cricket**: Congratulations to our boys and girls cricket teams who took part in the BANES Dynamo Cricket tournaments which was held at the Sulis Club in Bath.

Attendance and Punctuality: Our current whole school attendance is 96.2%. Our target at the beginning of the year was 98%. Please can I ask that children attend school as regularly as possible and that they are on time. Being late for school on a consistent basis has an adverse affect on the child as they are late for registration, early morning activities and they also miss out on the key areas of teaching.

**Sports Day**: The school sports day for this year takes place on **Wednesday, 3rd July** at the Recreation Ground beginning at **1:30pm**. All children in the school take part in the afternoon and all parents are more than welcome to attend this event and children will be dismissed from the Rec.

We have also recently received the Gold School Games Mark for our continued excellence in delivering PE and school sports.



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

# Parent Questionnaire Results 2024

Many thanks to you for responding and completing our annual Parent Questionnaire. We are delighted with the results, which you can find below. We received 117 responses.

Strongly agree/agree: 95%
Strongly agree/agree: 98.3%
Strongly agree/agree: 99%
Strongly agree/agree: 90.6%
Strongly agree/agree: 96.6%
Strongly agree/agree: 99%
Strongly agree/agree: 100%
Strongly agree/agree: 98.3%
Strongly agree/agree/neutral: 100%
Strongly agree/agree: 94.9%
Strongly agree/agree: 98.3%
Strongly agree/agree: 100%
Strongly agree/agree: 92.3%
Strongly agree/agree: 97.4%
Strongly agree/agree: 98.3%
Strongly agree/agree: 99%

The standard of teaching is good at this school. 117 responses



# **Athens Turing Scheme**

<u>Travel Day</u>: On Monday morning, seven children from Robin Class woke up at 6:00 am to travel to Norton Hill Primary School. We travelled by coach to London Gatwick Airport which took nearly 3 hours. Having checked in and having looked around the airport we went through security. The flight took three and a half hours, it was fun! When we arrived in Athens, we took the Metro to our hostel and finally arrived at 10pm Greek time. (8pm BST)

<u>Weather and Climate</u>: The average temperature was 37 degrees and it was really hot at night.; it was very sweaty!

<u>Historical sites:</u> We visited the mesmerising ancient Agora. It was a stunning place! It was the sight of the Greek market and a place for the Greeks to meet. We went to the museum and saw the artefacts of the Greek remains. To be honest it was a surprise nobody stole any of it as some of the artefacts were made out of pure gold! There were lots of statues of Greek people and a girl's grave! On the second day, we visited the Parthenon, the temple of Athena, which was on top of the Acropolis. Athena was the namesake of Athens after supposedly giving the Greeks an olive tree, whereas Poseidon gave a salt water spring. We could see the view of Athens and it was VAST!! Did you know that 4 million people live in Athens which is 10 times smaller than Tokyo (Tokyo has 40 million people living in it!).

<u>Where we stayed</u>: We stayed at a hotel in the middle of Athens called Safestay. It had a lovely view from the roof where there was a bar and where we had breakfast. We had lunch and dinner whilst we were travelling. We could see the Acropolis from where we stayed and we could see the Pantheon as well. In the sunset when the sun went behind the Pantheon it looked really cool.

<u>The food:</u> We tried new things like peppers stuffed with rice, moussaka and traditional Greek kebabs - we also ate a ton of chips!

<u>The beach</u>: On the last evening, we took a trip to the beach. We went on a metro and a bus. When we got there we set up our towels and went in the sea, even Mr Gunning took a swim! When the sun set we went to a seaside restaurant. We had a cold drink, fries and a traditional Greek kebab. When we got back it was late and dark and we went straight to bed.

<u>The Greek school:</u> After a short trip on the metro, we met our 'tour guides' (teachers from the Greek school). We did a 5 minute walk to our location. We waited in the school yard until pupils came out of their classroom and greeted us. We were invited into their school, it was nice because of the air conditioning and the ice cream. All the children were so nice and friendly that they made us a song! I think they love football. Everyone there was wearing football jerseys. One of the younger children's teachers kindly invited us to play a game which included "ha and hoo", then we got some time to play with the Athens children.

<u>Conclusion:</u> To sum up our outstanding trip we have experienced a once in a lifetime opportunity, we got to interact with foreign school and taken part in their culture. We have set foot in places we never have never seen before and all of us would love to visit again. We met miraculous creatures that are native to their land such as tortoises and there was a special pond dedicated to turtles. We tried new food, explored new places and enjoyed a completely different point of view. Even if it was hot, boiling or even scorching we had the time of our lives!

### DID YOU KNOW?!

- On the tenth of July 1977 Athens reached the highest temperature ever recorded in Europe: 48 degrees Celsius.
- Athenian soldiers were called hoplites
- 80% of Greece is mountainous
- Athens is nicknamed The Classical City!

Sabrina, Molly, Indie, Roxy, Josh, Hayden, Betty



# **Dynamos Cricket**





Well done to our Y6 children who took part in the Dynamos Cricket tournaments. Both groups represented the school in a day of cricket against other local schools.

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### **Colour Run**

The PTA colour run will be held on Friday 21st June. Details can be found <u>here</u> and sponsorship form <u>here</u>. All children taking part must have consent, so please ensure that you have carefully read the details and complete the Google Consent <u>here</u>.



### Upcoming dates for your diary

Friday 21st June: Colour Run—Details above

Friday 28th June: Non uniform day—bottle donation for the tombola

Friday 5th July: Summer Fayre at The Rec



# **Free School Meals**

### Is your household earned income/take home pay below £616.67 per month?

### Is your child missing out on Benefit Related Free School Meals?

If your household earned income/take home pay is below £616.67 per month, (which is equivalent to £7,400 per year) and your child attends a Bath & North East Somerset academy or maintained school then you could be entitled to Benefit Related Free School Meals?

Your household income is the figure that Universal Credit use to work out how much Universal Credit to pay you, **not** your actual Universal Credit payment.

If your child is in Reception, Year 1, or Year two and receives Universal Infant Free School Meals, you can still apply for the Benefit Related Free School Meals.

Please do not reapply if your child is already in receipt of Benefit Related Free School Meals.

Ways to apply:

- Online via the following link: <u>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</u>
  You can ask your child's school for an application form
- You can make a telephone application by calling 01225 394317. If you reach our answerphone, please leave a message and we will call you back.

For more details, please visit our website at: <u>https://beta.bathnes.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals</u>

### Qualifying benefits:

• 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 and 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

# Attendance

MOMENTS

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MATTER,

Please see below attendance for each class from September to today:

Owl	96.3%
Hedgehog	96.5%
Fox	95.3%
Badger	96.6%
Otter	95.7%
Robins	96.1%
Deer	97.0%
Total	96.2%

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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.



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