



A NOTE FROM MRS. CLAYTON

OFFICE

Dear Parents,

October already.....where does the time go? September was a really busy month in school. The junior children had a fantastic time at Tower Wood. They all came back exhausted but full of exciting stories about their adventures. (Mr Goostry and Mrs Haigh also came back exhausted!) I would like to thank Mr Goostry and Mrs Haigh on behalf of all the children for giving up their time to give them such a lovely experience.

Our new Foundation children have settled in very well. They are full of life and enthusiasm and we are really enjoying getting to know them all.

We are interviewing for the 'Office Manager' role in October we will let you know as and when we appoint.

Thank you to all parents for your support with the new office systems. The payment in advance for dinners and clubs was a great success.

The Kinetic Theatre Groups Science Show was excellent and the children thoroughly enjoyed it!

There are lots of exciting things happening over the next few months in the run up to Christmas! At the end of October we have an exciting Magical Disco to look forward to as well as the Panto at the Grand in December. So check the diary dates

If you need to contact school for any reason then the office opening hours are as follows:

Monday	8.00 am - 4.15pm
Tuesday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Wednesday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Thursday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Friday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm

Tel (01253) 882226

Please note that the office is closed for lunch between 12:00 and 1:00pm.

The phone will not be answered at this time.

If your child is absent from school, please could you make sure that you inform the school office by 9.20am.

Dinner Money
 You can pay for School dinners on a weekly or half termly basis. If you choose to pay weekly you will need to pay a week in advance. Weekly dinner money will be collected on a Friday at the office – please hand in to Miss Manning or Mrs Coggin or send in in a labelled envelope.

Dinner money cheques should be made payable to **Lancashire County Council (L.C.C.)**

Other Money
 All other money should be clearly labelled and posted into the 'Drop Box'.

Extra-Curricular

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS – AUTUMN TERM 2016

Monday	Forest Schools Y5/6 (Free) until 4.15 Dodgeball Y3/4/5/6 (£2 per session) until 4.15
Tuesday	Recorders (Free) until 4.15 KS1 Football (£2 per session) until 4.15 Netball KS2 (£2 per session) until 4.15
Wednesday	Guitar (£4 per session) 12.30 – 1.30 Tennis Y4/5/6 (£2 per session) until 4.15 Outdoor Hockey Y1/2/3 (£2 per session) until 4.15
Thursday	Singing (£4 per session) 1-3pm KS2 Football (£2 per session) until 4.15 Yoga – all ages (£2 per session) until 4.15

Birthdays

Happy birthday to the following children

October

1st Lily Montgomery
1st Reece Smith
4th Poppy Conway
8th Eleanor Smith
23rd Charlotte Clayton
25th Amelia Barber
26th Thomas Cartwright
30th Edward Dunkow



Attendance

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The overall attendance for **September** was **97.60%**

Congratulations to those children who had 100%:



Inter-Schools Football Tournament

2016 Inter-Schools Football Tournament.

Singleton's 6-a-side football team took part in the inter-schools football competition on 20th September at Carr Hill High School. With just 6 players in the squad and no substitutes we were undoubtedly the underdogs this year.

Our first match ended in a crushing 4-0 defeat but we recovered to win our second game 7-0! This put us through to the semi-finals where we squeaked through 2-1.

We faced St Michael's in the final and despite lots of pressure, went 1-0 down with just two minutes left to play. Our perseverance paid off when Ethan Rogers scored our equaliser with virtually the last kick of the match! Now - for the dreaded penalties.

Annie Simpson-Cleghorn, our cat like keeper, saved the opposition's first two penalties, which meant that after Captain Tom Atcheson had scored his spot-kick, the pressure was on Brandon Creely to convert the winner. Brandon's unstoppable shot meant that Singleton were crowned Small Schools Champions 2016! Brilliant!

Singleton 2016 Football Team: Tom Atcheson (Capt)
Ethan Rogers, Annie Simpson-Cleghorn, Ethan Small,
Brandon Creely, Oliver Bithell.

Extra curricular activities and additional music lessons

Sporting Activities

Hockey and Football will be outdoors whatever the weather. Please make sure that you provide appropriate clothing. We do not allow the children to wear PE Kits for after school activities. Please send in additional appropriate clothing for any extracurricular activity your child joins.

For Football children will need the correct kit – this includes boots and shin pads. For all other activities children should wear trainers.

Mr Goostry is the P.E. coordinator in our school if you require any further information please ask him after school once he has released his class.

Music

We run a range of additional music lessons. These do take place in the school day. Lancashire Music Services come into school along with other music teachers to deliver, brass, guitar, violin and singing. There are currently a few spaces on the guitar course.

Unfortunately Mr Evans is unable to commit to Brass lessons this term due to unforeseen family circumstances. We will keep you in the loop as to when he is able to return to school

Head teacher Commendations September 2016



Emily Grundy
Emily Taala
Beth Gorton
Reece Smith
Niamh Smith
Eleanor Smith
Ross Barber
Lilly Challoner
Matilda Addison

Star of the Week awards September 2016

Foundation

All of Foundation

Darcey Brooke

Class One

Poppy Conway, Charlie Piggott, Abbey Flannagan,
Benjamin Small

Class Two

Missy Conway, Eleanor Smith, Matthew Ogden,
Charlotte Clayton

Class Three

Lilly Challoner, Elizabeth Davis, Ross Barber, Annalise
Simpson-Cleghorn



Foundation Stage

Our new little people have made an absolutely brilliant start to school life. They are very confident and come in each day with a lovely smile on their faces. Mrs. Haigh and Mrs. Collins can't believe how quickly they have settled in to the routines and structures. They all have good appetites and enjoy lunch and love playtimes. New friendships are already being made and little characters beginning to emerge! ☺ We did actually smile at the end of the first week because the whole experience had been more traumatic for the parents than the children!



Tower Wood 2016

The annual residential trip to Tower Wood was once again a very successful trip. The children were amazing and rose to every challenge. They worked together as a team and really got the best out of all the activities. I would like to thank Mr Goostry and Mrs Haigh for taking the children on this residential trip. It is a very big responsibility and commitment to agree to take children away and many schools don't provide residential experiences. I am very grateful that we have such dedicated and committed staff that are willing to go the extra mile for our children. Being a small school with such a small staff team – means our staff most definitely go above and beyond on a daily basis to ensure that we provide such a massive array of opportunities. A very special thank you to Mrs Haigh who had to step in at the last minute and even missed her husband's birthday!



Climbing the Sky Pole at Tower Wood by Sophie Kerr

At Tower Wood some people were really worried about the Sky Pole. They were worried that they wouldn't be brave enough or strong enough to climb it. We used a growth mindset to push ourselves and do things we thought we weren't able to do and that night at dinner everyone was talking about how proud they were, so even when you're scared you have to trust in yourself and never stop trying.

Holiday Dates 2016 /17

School Holiday Dates 2016 /2017

Autumn Term

Open Wednesday 7th September, 2016
Close After School Friday 28th October, 2016
(Normal Time)
Open Tuesday 8th November, 2016
Close After School Thursday 22nd December, 2016
(1.30pm)

Spring Term

Open Monday 9th January, 2017
Close After School Friday 10th February, 2017
(Normal Time)
Open Tuesday 21st February, 2017
Close After School Tuesday 4th April, 2017 (1.30 pm)

Summer Term

Open Tuesday 18th April, 2017
Closed Monday May 1st, 2017 (Bank Holiday)
Close After School Friday 26th May, 2017 (Normal Time)
Open Monday 5th June, 2017
Close After School Friday 21st July, 2017 (1.30pm)

Inset Days: Monday 5th & Tuesday 6th September 2016
Monday 7th November, 2016
Monday 20th February, 2017
Wednesday 5th April, 2017

Dates for your Diary

October

3rd Class 3 assembly – parents welcome 9:05am
4th Tag Rugby Competition
10th Reading Workshop 2 – 3pm for FS and Y1 parents
13th Harvest assembly in Church – all welcome
13th Informal Parents Evening 5.30pm
14th Y6 Challenge at Rossall School
17th Class 2 assembly – parents welcome 9:05 am
18th Blue Bag collection
20th FOSS Magical Disco 3- 5pm
27th Open afternoon from 1:15pm – all invited
28th Non uniform day – Bring tombola prize (Christmas Fair)
28th Break up 3:00pm
30th Closing date for Secondary School applications

November

6th Junior Church
7th Inset – Staff training day
8th School re- opens 8:45am
8th – Interactive Maths week – indoor and outdoor challenges
14th Class 1 assembly – parents welcome 9:05 am
17th Tanzanian choir – visit
28th Foundation assembly – parents welcome 9:05am

December

2nd Christmas Fair 3-5pm
4th Junior Church
6th Infant Nativity 6pm in Church
8th Infant Nativity 6pm in Church
13th Panto at the Grand
13th Junior Carol service in Church 6pm
15th Junior Carol service in Church 1.30pm
19th Christmas dinner and parties – own clothes
21st Prize giving 9.10 am
22nd Break up 1.30

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It is your responsibility to note diary dates!

Please note that we try to inform you of diary dates/ changes to dates well in advance so that you can plan ahead. We will not necessarily send out specific letters for every individual event as dates and times are quite clearly indicated in the monthly newsletter which gives up to 3 months' notice.

Miss Manning however, usually does try to send out reminder texts as an additional support to parents but this may not always happen during busy periods.

However, all information is available on the website

Photo Gallery - Tower Wood 2016





Parish News



Singleton Parish News

We would like to invite you to our Harvest Family Service on Sunday **9th October at 9.30am**. This is always a lovely service for the children. Any donations of food / toiletries welcome for Vincent House – a charity which supports the homeless. Bring them with you on the day – or hand in to the school office if you cannot attend.

6th November – Junior Church – everybody welcome

4th December -Junior Church – everybody welcome

Christmas diary Dates

Christmas is fast approaching and that means lots of diary dates. Please make sure you make a note of the production times. This year there will be two infant Nativity performances in church at 6pm.

The junior Carol Concert will have one evening performance and one afternoon performance.

Tickets will be on sale towards the end of November but make sure you put these dates in your diary.



Informal Parents Evening

PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF START TIME AND AGENDA

We will once again be holding an informal parents evening and we ask that you attend.

(Please do not bring your children to this)

The informal parent's evenings will take place on Thursday 13th October at **5.30pm – 6.30pm** in the new hall

There will be a presentation about Growth Mind-set. We have decided to delay the presentation on EARWIG – our new online assessment tool as there have been numerous updates in line with the DFE changes to assessment. The Staff feel that they want to develop their knowledge and understanding before we launch. We will keep you in the loop and arrange a date later in the year once we feel confident using the system. Further information will be given about curriculum coverage for the autumn term and homework expectations. There will also be an opportunity to just talk to the teacher and tell them about your child if they are new to the class. It also gives us the opportunity to tell you about our vision for the year.

Reading Workshop

Mrs. Haigh is going to run a workshop on Monday 10th October at 2pm.

The workshop is open to Foundation Stage (and Year 1 parents – it will be the same as last year). Mrs. Haigh will run through strategies for supporting your child with learning to read. Please come and join Mrs. Haigh in the **Old Hall.....**tea / coffee and maybe even a biscuit will be provided! Please let the office know if you are interested in a place. We would recommend that all foundation parents attend where possible.



Healthy Snacks Policy

As you are all well aware the Governing body have a policy that only fruit snacks are allowed in school for break times.

We ask that you ensure that you continue to support this, as this decision was made by the Governing Body because we have a child with a severe nut allergy.

We do not allow children to take food out of their pack lunch boxes for break time. Please ensure that if your child is on a packed lunch you send in their fruit snack separately as this is kept in the classroom/on their peg for easy access at break time.

