



Singleton C of E Primary School Newsletter October 2018



Christian Value – Friendship and caring

“Therefore encourage one another and build up one another just as you are doing” – Thessalonians 5:11



Note from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that it is October already time really does fly! September as always was a busy month in school. Class 3 have a very exciting few weeks ahead of them, as they are preparing to go on their residential Trip to Tower Wood in the Lake District. Mrs Haigh and Mr Goostryare also very excited!

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

Our lovely Mrs Grundy will be leaving us at the end of October. She is relocating to the Lake District.....whilst we will all miss her very much we wish her lots of luck. I would like to personally thank Mrs Grundy for all her hard work and support over the years, she has been an outstanding member of our team and she will leave very big boots to fill!

There are many 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 carefully to make sure that you do not miss anything as at busy times we will not always send out text reminders.

School Office

Messages from the office:-

- **Kids Club** now has an **online booking system** – please **do not** phone the office and ask to be booked on as Kids Club is separate to school and Mrs Reeves **cannot book** children on the new system. Miss Manning deals with all the Kids Club Administration – so please contact her with any Kids Club queries.

Polite request

- **Currently hours of time are lost each week with parents and carers phoning/emailing to ask questions about times and dates of events. We regularly update the website and Facebook and we send out a monthly newsletter (and place one on the website) and where possible a reminder text. It is your responsibility to read the information given and check dates and times. We recognise that on occasion's times and dates have to be changed – but the office always updates the latest newsletter and sends out text reminders if this happens. Please check your emails / texts and the website first before phoning the office. Please note at busy times, we may not be able to send out a reminder text!**



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

A note from Mrs Reeves – Office Manager

Payments to School

Please note all clubs and dinners must be paid for **in advance**.

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 Mrs Reeves or send in in a labelled envelope. **Dinner money for next term up to 26th October (half term) will be £83.60** (please make cheques payable to Lancashire County Council).

If you decide that, you no longer want your child to have a school lunch you must give the office a week notice as all food is ordered a week in advance.

Absence - If your child is absent, from school please inform the office by 9.20am and **leave a message** on the answerphone.

Extra-Curricular activities

Information about PE and extracurricular activities

- Please make sure that your child has additional kit for any after school activity, as P.E Kit **must not** be worn.
- It is important that for sports such as football and hockey your children have the correct kit as these clubs will always take place outdoors– Please ask Mr Goostry if you are unsure what your child needs.
- Please pick up your child promptly at **4.15pm after clubs**. Children will be placed in Kids Club if you are late and you will be charged accordingly.
- Please make sure that you pay for clubs in advance. If this does not happen then your child will not be booked on the course



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

Monday	Yr 1-4 Dodgeball 3–4.15pm £14 Yr 5&6 Forest School 3-4pm Free Yr 3,4,5&6 Brass – 12-1pm
Tuesday	Yr 1&2 Football 3-4.15pm £14 Yr 3-6 Cheerleading 3-4.15pm £14
Wednesday	Yr 4,5&6 Tennis 3-4.15pm £21 Yr1,2&3 Hockey 3-4.15pm £14
Thursday	Yr 1&2 Singing 12.30-1.30pm £28 Yr 5&6 Netball 12.30-1pm Free Yr 3,4,5&6 Football 3-4.15pm £12 (no football 25 th Oct)
Friday	Yr 3,4,5&6 Singing 12.30-1.30pm £28

Attendance and Birthdays



Happy birthday to the following children

October

1st Lily Montgomery
1st Reece Smith
3rd Reuben Smith
4th Poppy Conway
8th Eleanor Smith
23rd Charlotte Clayton
25th Amelia Barber
28th Molly Montgomery
30th Edward Dunkow



Attendance

The overall attendance for September was 98.9%

Congratulations to those children who had 100%

For more information about attendance and holidays in term time, please check out the school website. If you need support with attendance and punctuality please contact Mrs Lilley, our Family Learning Mentor

Diary Dates and Holidays

<p>HOLIDAYS 2018/2019</p> <p>Autumn Term</p> <p>Open Wednesday 5th September, 2018</p> <p>Close After School Friday 26th October, 2018 (Normal Time)</p> <p>Open Monday 5th November, 2018</p> <p>Close After School Friday 21st December, 2018 (1.30pm)</p> <p>Spring Term</p> <p>Open Tuesday 8th January, 2019</p> <p>Close After School Friday 15th February, 2019 (Normal Time)</p> <p>Open Monday 25th February, 2019</p> <p>Close After School Friday 5th April, 2019 (1.30 pm)</p> <p>Summer Term</p> <p>Open Tuesday 23rd April, 2019</p> <p>Closed Monday May 6th, 2019 (Bank Holiday)</p> <p>Close After School Friday 24th May, 2019 (Normal Time)</p> <p>Open Monday 3rd June, 2019</p> <p>Close After School Friday 19th July, 2019 (1.30pm)</p>	<p>HOLIDAYS 2019 /20</p> <p>Not available at this time</p>
<p>Inset Days:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September 2018 • Monday 7th January 2019 • Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2019 	

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

October	November	December
<p>8th –Foundation Stage Parents coffee and chat with Mrs Haigh 2pm</p> <p>8th – Class 2 assembly 9:05am</p> <p>11th – Worship in Church 9:10am – all welcome</p> <p>11th – Informal parents evening 5:00 – 6pm - – no children allowed</p> <p>14th - Harvest and Blessing of the Peace Garden in Church 9:30am</p> <p>15th -Class 1 Assembly 9:05am</p> <p>15th -Reading workshop for FS and Y1 parents – 2:00pm</p> <p>19th -Non uniform day FOSS – Tombola prize</p> <p>22nd - 24th Tower wood Residential</p> <p>25th -FOSS Magical Disco</p> <p>26th -School Closes for Half term 3pm</p>	<p>5th - School opens</p> <p>6th -Class 3 Science at Hodgson Academy</p> <p>7th – Open Afternoon 1:15pm</p> <p>8th – Flu Vaccinations</p> <p>12th -Foundation Stage assembly 9:05am</p> <p>13th -Class 3 Science at Hodgson Academy</p> <p>20th -Class 3 Science at Hodgson Academy</p> <p>22nd - Formal Parents evening – no children allowed</p> <p>27th -Class 3 Science at Hodgson Academy</p> <p>30th -FOSS Christmas Fair 3pm</p>	<p>4th – Nativity 6pm Church</p> <p>6th - Nativity 2pm Church</p> <p>11th - Carol Service 6pm Church</p> <p>12th - Panto – Grand Theatre</p> <p>13th - Carol Service 1:30pm Church</p> <p>18th - Christmas Dinner and Party day</p> <p>19th - Prize Giving 9:10am</p> <p>20th - Christmas service Church 9:10 am</p> <p>21st - School Closes 1:30pm</p>

<http://www.singleton.lancs.sch.uk/>

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. 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 usually does try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as an additional support to parents but this may not always happen during busy periods.

Magical Disco – This will be held on **Thursday 25th October** – more details to follow

There will be a family Christmas fair event on **Friday 30th November at 3pm**. The FOSS team work extremely hard to organise a fun-filled family events and to raise money for our children. Please try to support them. There will be two FOSS non-uniform days this term as follows:-

- 28th September- Non uniform day – Bring a bottle
- 19th October Non uniform day – Tombola prize

FOSS are currently raising money for the following

- New Reading books – a top up for the Oxford reading scheme
- Outdoor play equipment for the infants – see ideas below
- A contribution towards ICT equipment – replacement laptops in Mrs Millwards classroom



Tower Wood residential trip

It is that time of year again when our year 5 and 6 pupils go on their residential trip. The annual residential trip to Tower Wood takes place from 22nd to 24th October

Mr Goostry will run a meeting on Tues 2nd Oct at 3.10pm for all parents to go through the itinerary, go through the kit list and give you the opportunity to explain any medical need that the children have. Please could all remaining money be returned to the office ASAP

The children are very excitedas are Mr. Goostry and Mrs. Haigh



Informal Parents Evening / Meet the Teacher

Final reminder

We will once again be holding an Informal Parents evening and we ask that you attend. **(Please do not bring your children to this)**. This is an important evening as it gives us an opportunity to update you on the new things we are doing in school.

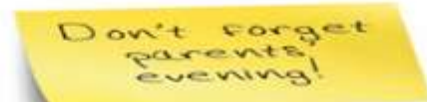
The informal parent's evening will take place on

- Thursday 11th October –evening 5:00 – 6pm
– **no children allowed**

There will be presentations about

- Online safety
- Behaviour
- STEM updates
- Meet the Junior Leadership Team
- Reading and Phonics

Following this there will be an opportunity to meet with your children's teachers in their classrooms where further information will be available about curriculum coverage, homework expectations etc.



Star of the Week / Head teacher Commendations

September 2018



Foundation

Whole Class

Mia Visvanathan, Arthur Leonard

Class 1

Daniel Small, Finley Hunt, Mimi Coyne, Darcey Brooke

Class 2

Beatrice Walker, Finley Smith, Harry Hopwood, Gracie Bullen

Class 3

Skye Booth, Amelia McGee, Gigi Brindle-Wills, Joseph Small

September 2018



Head teachers Commendations

Foundation

Mia Visvanathan, Finley Piggott

Class 1

Samuel Dalnas, James Smith, Erik Watson, Tom Dunkow

Class 2

Finley Smith, Sophie Mathers, Harry Hopwood, Emma Taylor

Class 3

Emily Taala, Harvey Wright, Kate Taylor, Tom Brooke

Parish / Community News



Family Communion

Our Family Communion service is held every Sunday at 9.30am. On the first Sunday of the month this is followed by coffee and biscuits served in church.

Harvest Family Service 14th October 9:30am

This is always a lovely service for the children. Any donations of food/toiletries welcome for Vincent House – a charity that supports the homeless. Bring them with you on the day – or hand in to the school office if you cannot attend. This year our Harvest service will be followed by the 'Dedication of Singleton Peace Garden'

Dedication of Singleton Peace Garden – from 10:30 am onwards

On Sunday 14th October, there will be special service in which the children will be involved. Singleton Trust have developed a Peace Garden in the Church grounds and they will dedicated the garden to those of Singleton Parish who died defending their country. Everybody welcome.

Autumn term Kids Club activities.

Autumn 1

We have planned another action packed term for Kids club. This term our theme is Castles.

Craft activities will run on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm. In craft, this term the Wednesday and Friday craft sessions will be on construction and the children will make a castle. The Thursday session will be Harry Potter craft.



Pencil brooms



wands



Bookmarks



Wizard Letters



Pebble messages

The club will also run

- STEM challenges
- Table tennis, throwing and catching games
- Badminton - (Friday)
- Role play areas
- Story time
- Making a Bug Hotel

In the **autumn term 2** the theme Fireworks then Christmas and the following exciting activities have been planned The craft activities include making :-



In the run up to Christmas

These will include:-

- Role play -Father Christmas's grotto
- Firework art
- Christmas Craft

For further details about Kids Club please contact Miss Manning - you can leave an answerphone message and she will get back to you.

Craft activities - take place on a Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week from 3:00 - 4:00pm

'New To Foundation' - coffee and chat with the teacher

Mrs Haigh would like to invite all our new (Foundation Stage) parents to an informal meeting on-

Monday 1st October at 2pm.

This is a follow up to the induction process; it gives you all a chance to meet each other, have a cup of tea and listen to Mrs Haigh who will go over with you any key information.

She will also run through behaviour management with you and discuss what 'normal' behaviour expectations / patterns are for 4 year olds and how we implement structure, boundaries and routines into daily life in school. She will also give you top tips for supporting with behaviour at home!



Reading Workshop- Supporting your child with reading

Final Reminder

Mrs. Haigh is going to run a workshop on 'helping your child learn to read' on:-

Monday 15th October at 2pm

The workshop is open to Foundation Stage and Year 1 parents.

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.



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. Lilley can't believe how quickly they have settled in to the routines and structures. They all have good appetites and enjoy their lunch and love playtimes. New friendships are already being made and little characters beginning to emerge!



Photo Gallery



Christmas Diary Dates

Christmas is fast approaching and that means many diary dates. Please make sure you make a note of the production times.

This year there will be two infant Nativity performances in Church

- One evening performance at 6pm and one afternoon performance at 1:30pm.

This year there will be two junior Carol Concerts in Church

- One evening performance at 6pm and one afternoon performance at 1:30pm

Tickets will be on sale towards the end of November priced at **£3:00**



All the money raised through the selling of tickets to the Christmas events is used to buy things for the children. For example at Christmas, we buy:-

- Prizes for the Christmas Party
- Crackers for the Christmas dinner
- A present for every child from Father Christmas
- Drinks and sweets / biscuits for the Grand Theatre Panto
- As well as purchasing props, production licences etc.



At other times of the year such as open afternoons, the money raised from running a café enables us to provide a range of things such as:-

- Tea, coffee and biscuits at all the assemblies,
- Rewards for the treasure boxes in each of the classrooms,
- Leaving gifts for the Year Six pupils,
- Plants and garden decorations for gardening day etc.

