



Singleton C of E Primary School Newsletter November 2018



Christian Value – Love

'I have come that they may have life and have it to the full' John 10:10



Note from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents,

The new school year is now well and truly underway, our Foundation Stage children have settled in beautifully and their characters are now blossoming. I have been particularly impressed this term with our Junior Leadership Team. We have such a pro-active group of children who are committed and invested to making our school the best it can be. They are wonderful role models to our younger children and they display excellent leadership qualities. I was particularly proud of their contribution to the informal parents evening. Thank-you to all the parents that supported the informal parents evening. It is very important that we work together in partnership to support our children. Christmas is just around the corner and this is the most exciting and magical time in school year. We have many exciting events in the pipeline, with Christmas Productions, Fairs and Pantomimes to name but a few. Check out the dates for your diary section so you do not miss anything. Finally, our new TA Mr Powell has started his role in Y1/2 please make him feel welcome.

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 admin so please contact her with any Kids Club queries kidsclub@singleton.lancs.sch.uk

Polite request

- Currently hours of time are lost each week with parents/carers phoning/emailing to ask questions about times and dates of events. We regularly update our 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 occasions 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 21st December (half term) will be £77** (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 £12 Yr 5&6 Forest School 3-4pm Free Yr 3,4,5&6 Brass – 12-1pm £30
Tuesday	Yr 1&2 Football 3-4.15pm £12 Yr 3-6 Cheerleading 3-4.15pm £12
Wednesday	Yr 4,5&6 Tennis 3-4.15pm £18 Yr1,2&3 Hockey 3-4.15pm £12 MAD Science 3:15 – 4:15pm
Thursday	Yr 1&2 Singing 12.30-1.30pm £24 Yr 5&6 Netball 12.30-1pm Free Yr 3,4,5&6 Football 3-4.15pm £10
Friday	Yr 3,4,5&6 Singing 12.30-1.30pm £24

Attendance and Birthdays



Happy birthday to the following children

November

Benjamin Small 3rd
Joseph Shepherd 6th
Rocco Fusco 6th
Luca Fusco 6th
Finley Piggott 19th
Oliver Hall 27th
Tia Mathers 29th
Erik Watson 29th



Attendance

The overall attendance for October was 98%

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

HOLIDAYS 2018/2019

Autumn Term

Open Wednesday 5th September, 2018
 Close After School Friday 26th October, 2018 (Normal Time)
 Open Monday 5th November, 2018
 Close After School Friday 21st December, 2018 (1.30pm)

Spring Term

Open Tuesday 8th January, 2019
 Close After School Friday 15th February, 2019 (Normal Time)
 Open Monday 25th February, 2019
 Close After School Friday 5th April, 2019 (1.30 pm)

Summer Term

Open Tuesday 23rd April, 2019
 Closed Monday May 6th, 2019 (Bank Holiday)
 Close After School Friday 24th May, 2019 (Normal Time)
 Open Monday 3rd June, 2019
 Close After School Friday 19th July, 2019 (1.30pm)

Inset Days:

- Monday 3rd & Tuesday 4th September 2018
- Monday 7th January 2019
- Monday 22nd & Tuesday 23rd July 2019

HOLIDAYS 2019/2020

Autumn Term

Open Thursday 5th September, 2019
 Close After School Friday 25th October, 2019 (Normal Time)
 Open Monday 4th November, 2019
 Close After School Friday 20st December, 2019 (1.30pm)

Spring Term

Open Tuesday 7th January, 2020
 Close After School Friday 14th February, 2020 (Normal Time)
 Open Monday 24th February, 2020
 Close After School Friday 3rd April, 2020 (1.30 pm)

Summer Term

Open Monday 20th April, 2020
 Closed Monday May 4th, 2020 (Bank Holiday)
 Close After School Friday 22nd May, 2020 (Normal Time)
 Open Monday 1st June, 2020
 Close After School Friday 17th July, 2020 (1.30pm)

Inset Days:

- Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd & Wednesday 4th September 2019
- Monday 6th January 2020
- Monday 20th July 2020

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

November	December	January
5 th - School opens 6 th -Class 3 Science at Hodgson Academy 6 th Diwali Day – workshops for all children 7 th – Open Afternoon 1:15pm 12 th – Flu Vaccinations 12 th - Foundation Stage Worship 9:05am 13 th -Class 3 Science at Hodgson Academy 20 th -Class 3 Science at Hodgson Academy 22 nd - Formal Parents Evening – no children allowed 3- 6pm 27 th -Class 3 Science at Hodgson Academy 30 th -FOSS Christmas Fair 3pm	4 th – Nativity 6pm Church 6 th - Nativity 2pm Church 11 th Class 3 Science at Hodgson Academy 11 th - Carol Service 6pm Church 12 th - Panto – Grand Theatre 13 th - Carol Service 1:30pm Church 18 th - Christmas Dinner and Party day 19 th - Prize Giving 9:10am 20 th - Christmas Service Church 9:10 am 21 st - School Closes 1:30pm	7 th – Inset Training Day 8 th - School Opens 8 th - Literacy Booster 3:15 – 4:15 9 th – X Factor (Time tables) competition starts this week 14 th – Numeracy Booster 3:15 – 4:15 15 th -Literacy Booster 3:15 – 4:15 21 st – Class 1 assembly 9:05am 21 st -Numeracy Booster 3:14 – 4:15 22 nd -Literacy Booster 3:15 – 4:15 28 th - -Numeracy Booster 3:15 – 4:15 29 th -Literacy Booster 3:15 – 4:15

<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.

Christmas Fair

Our annual Christmas Fair will take place on Friday 30th November straight after school at 3pm.

Our FOSS team, work incredibly hard and we are so grateful for all their support. This year with the money raised through FOSS events and match funding from Singleton Trust we have bought; a new overhead projector for the hall, new laptops in class 2 and STEM challenge materials. Singleton Trust also donated over £1500 worth of reading books to add to our reading scheme.

Budget cuts over the years have made it financially challenging for small schools and we do rely on the support of our FOSS fund raising team and the kindness of Singleton Trust to help us buy resources for our children.

Our Christmas Fair is fast approaching and we need helpers to support with the organising and setting up of the fair. If you can help in anyway – from making cakes to sell on the day to running a stall or helping set up, please let the office know. Any contributions of crafts or ideas for stalls, will be gratefully received.



Panto at the Grand

On Wednesday 12th December the whole school will go on their annual trip to The Grand Theatre to see the Christmas Pantomime. This year the Panto is Beauty and the Beast. This always proves to be one of the best trips of the year especially if Mr. Goostry is made to take part!

The cost will be £15.50 per child for the tickets and transport – school will provide refreshments.

Letters with full details will be sent out in the next few weeks!



Formal Parents Evening / Meet the Teacher

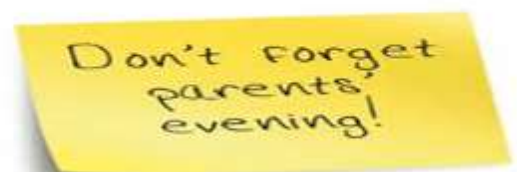
We will once again be holding a formal parents evening and we ask that you attend. **(Please do not bring your children to this)**. This is an important evening as it gives us an opportunity to update you on your child/children's progress

The formal parent's evening will take place on

- Thursday 22nd November from 3:00 – 6pm

Please do not bring your children to this – we introduced this rule as a result of feedback from the parental questionnaires that highlighted parents found it off putting having children making noise, running around etc. whilst they were trying to have their interview with the teacher.

Please note Kids Club will be available until 6pm – please contact Miss Manning for more details.



Star of the Week / Head teacher Commendations

October 2018



Foundation

Arthur Leonard, Evelyn Blacow, Molly Montgomery, Isabelle Rowland, Jensen Abrahams

Class 1

Nancy Lee, Amy Simpson, Pippa Hesketh, Poppy Cobain, James Murray, Oliver Selway, Luca Fusco, Zak Bullough, Evie Wilson, Theo Taala

Class 2

Amelia Barber, Isabella Frith, Emma Blacow, Oliver Roskell, Edward Dunkow, Charlie Piggott, Jayden Moores, Heidi Lee, Fred Hesketh, Emelia Rogers

Class 3

Emily Grundy, Lee Davies-Ward, Missy Conway, Harrison Thoburn, Matthew Ogden, Reece Smith, Evie Whitham, Beth Gorton, Ethan Davies, Tom Brooke

October 2018



Head teachers Commendations

Foundation

Gabriella Wills
Alfie Cross

Class 1

Luis Rigby, Oliver Robinson
Tom Dunkow, Charlie Potter

Class 2

Henry Robinson, Beatrice Walker
Isabella Frith, Heidi Lee

Class 3

Missy Conway, Benjamin McQuillan
Henry Bullen, Oliver Coyne

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

Thank you to all our families that supported the Harvest celebration in October. Vincent House gratefully received all food donations.

Junior Church Dates and Christmas services

To be confirmed

Autumn term Kids Club activities.

In the **Autumn term 2** the theme is Fireworks then Christmas and the following exciting activities have been planned In the run up to Christmas.

The craft activities include making :-



These will include:-

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

Spring Term 2019

The theme for the Spring Term is **Rainforests and outdoor learning/ Chinese New Year**. We have planned another action packed term. Craft activities will run on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday from 3:00 - 4:00 pm.

This term the children will get to design and make a rainforest, also we will be running a sewing club and there will be a range of stem challenges including;-

- Who can make the biggest elastic band ball
- STEM Lego Challenges
- Who can make the tallest tower from newspapers
- Who can make the strongest bridge from newspapers



Primary School Applications 2018/19

A reminder for all our parents that have children who are due to start school in September 2019, all applications must be submitted electronically by **11:59pm 15 January 2019**.

You must apply online.

Lancashire's online system will go live on the morning of 16 April 2019 and will allow online applicants to view their school offer. Please be patient as around 13,000 applicants may be trying to access information.

LCC email school offers to you. They cannot confirm results with you over the phone due to data protection.



Tower Wood Trip 2018

Our Year 5 and 6 children went on their annual residential trip to Tower Wood. The children arrived at school buzzing with excitement. The mums were a little apprehensive ... at the thought of having two nights to themselves!!!

The children had the most fantastic time trying activities that some of them had never done before.

Mr Goostry and Mrs Haigh were amazing as always. They really do get the best out of our children – encouraging them to try new things. As a school, we cannot thank them enough for giving up their time to take our children away for such a lovely experience.

Open Afternoon

We would like to invite all our parents and grandparents to our Autumn term open afternoon on

- Wednesday 7th November 2018 at 1:15pm

The theme will be Christmas Crafts. Our children love having the opportunities to share their learning. Please come along and support.

We will run a Christmas Cafe in the new hall - all money raised supports all that we do for the children



Christmas Diary Dates

This year there will be two infant Nativity performances in Church

- One evening performance at 6pm and one afternoon performance at 2pm.

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.

Photo Gallery – Tower Wood



Photo Gallery

