



Singleton C of E Primary School Newsletter December 2018



Christian Value – Love

Luke 2:10 And the angel said to them, "Fear not, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people."



Note from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents,

What an interesting year 2018 has been, many events both at home and abroad, a Royal Wedding and Brexit to name but a few. I believe that it is more important than ever that we prepare our young people for the ever- changing world in which they live. It has been wonderful this year to see our pupils developing an eagerness to take an active interest in political and social events at their age appropriate level. Our year 5 and 6 children have astounded me with their ability to reflect and debate around news headlines with knowledge and understanding beyond their years. The children continue to make me proud on a daily basis. Our 'Christian Leaders' continue to make a massive impact on our school, they are excellent role models leading the way with our values of wisdom, trust, respect, endeavour, love and caring. The Junior Leadership team has gone from strength to strength this year. They are confident, brilliant little leaders that are passionate about their school and love having the opportunity to have a 'say' as to how we can further improve and develop.

Our successes have been vast in 2018, outstanding academic results that should be celebrated, but more than that, our children are growing into happy, caring, confident individuals with aspirations, ambition and a sense of pride.

Christmas is a time to celebrate, and give thanks for what we have and what we have achieved, but it is also a time to think about others less fortunate than ourselves. On behalf of all the staff at Singleton School I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas.

There is so much happening in school over the next few weeks – please keep your eye on the diary dates so that you don't miss anything

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 post in the office box in a labelled envelope. **Dinner money for next term up to 15th February (half term) will be £63.80** (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 1-2 Cricket 3–4.15pm £10 Yr 3/4/5/6 Brass – 12-1pm £25 Y6 Numeracy Booster 3-4.15pm Free
Tuesday	Yr 1-2 Cheerleading 3-4.15pm £12 Yr 3,4,5 Tag Rugby 3-4.15 £12 Y6 Literacy Booster 3-4.15pm Free
Wednesday	Yr 1/2/3 Tennis 3-4.15pm £18 Yr4/5/6 Hockey (outdoor) 3-4.15pm £12
Thursday	Foundation, Y1/2 Singing 12.30-1.30pm £24 Yr 5/6 Netball 12.30-1pm Free Yr 3/4/5/6 Football 3-4.15pm £10 <i>(no football 7th February due to FOSS Movie night)</i>
Friday	Yr 3/4/5/6 Singing 12.30-1.30pm £24

Attendance and Birthdays



Happy birthday to the following children

December

5th Nancy Lee
13th Oliver Robinson
15th Amelia McGee
15th Harry Mitchell
22nd Charlie Potter
24th Zac Bullough
28th Henry Robinson



Attendance

The overall attendance for November 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)

December	January	February
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 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 22 nd – Fire Service Visit to Class 1 and 3 28 th - -Numeracy Booster 3:15 – 4:15 29 th -Literacy Booster 3:15 – 4:15	4 th – Class 3 Assembly 9.10am 4 th – Numeracy Booster 3.15-4.15 5 th – Literacy Booster 3.15-4.15 7 th – FOSS Movie Night 3-5pm 8 th – X Factor Final 1.30pm 11 th – Life Education Bus 11 th – Numeracy Booster 3.15-4.15 12 th – Literacy Booster 3.15-4.15 15 th – School closes for half term 3pm 25 th – School opens 25 th – Numeracy Booster 3.15-4.15 26 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.

FOSS

Christmas Fair

We had a fantastic Christmas Fair again this year – a huge thank you to everyone involved and to all the people who supported the event. The event raised an amazing £712! The Enterprise team raised £500.



Christmas Dinner and Christmas Parties!

Our Christmas dinner will be on Tuesday 18th December. All children are welcome to have a school Christmas dinner. If your child is on a packed lunch and you would like them to have a school dinner on this day please speak to the office.

Our Christmas Parties will also take place on this day. Children are allowed to wear party clothes – so please come to school in party clothes! Please make sure that they wear suitable shoes as they will have outdoor playtimes as normal.



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. Please could any outstanding money be brought to the office by Friday 7th December.



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.



Star of the Week / Head teacher Commendations

November 2018



Foundation

Mia Masters, Isla Frith, Alfie Cross

Class 1

Oliver Robinson, Bella Lee, Alice Yates, Erik Watson, Samuel Dalnas, Holly Baker

Class 2

Joseph Shepherd, Poppy Hardcastle, Oliver Brown, Heidi Lee, Joshua Dalnas, Matilda Murphy

Class 3

Emily Taala, Eleanor Smith, Harvey Wright, Joseph Small, Oliver Riley, Charlotte Clayton

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Head teachers Commendations

Foundation

Arthur Leonard, Molly Montgomery

Class 1

Rocco Fusco, Will Tomlinson, Zach Bullough, Mimi Coyne

Class 2

Edward Dunkow, Joseph Shepherd, Gracie Bullen, Tia Mathers

Class 3

Amelia McGee, Niamh Smith, Beth Gorton, Harrison Thoburn

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.

Christmas services

Sunday 16th 4.00 pm Carol Service

Christmas Eve 4.00 pm Crib Service

11.30 pm Midnight Eucharist

Christmas Day 9.30 am Holy Communion (said)

Autumn term Kids Club activities.

In the **Autumn term 2** the theme is 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
- Christmas Crafts

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



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 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 are on sale in the office priced at **£3:00**, children are free.



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.

Well done

Two of our amazing children recently entered a LEGO competition where they created their own Arctic scene using LEGO. They have won the competition and not only did they get some fantastic LEGO prizes and kits for themselves, along with their entry being published in the National Geographic Kids magazine, they also won fantastic prizes for school. £3000 of STEM funding, a visit from Paul Rose the explorer, a LEGO boost (a special robot kit that can help children to learn how to code) and a LEGO Arctic Scout Truck that comes to life when used with LEGO BOOST. Well done and a huge thank you!



Photo Gallery

