



# Singleton C of E Primary School Newsletter March 2019



Christian Value – TRUST

Psalm 56:3-4 When I am afraid, I put my trust in you. In God, whose word I praise- in God I trust and am not afraid. What can mere mortals do to me?



## Note from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents,

As a staff, we reflect constantly on the enrichment that we provide for our children and it is wonderful to see that 'Individual Pathways' are encouraged and nurtured by all our staff. From STEM (Science / Maths/ Engineering / Technology), to performing arts, sports, art, forest schools and musical theatre, already in this academic year we have provided a wealth of opportunities for all pupils to shine.

I have always believed that education is a process that is strengthened through partnership. Clearly, the student-teacher-parent partnership is critical but, there are many others that can support us in building confidence, broadening horizons, challenging assumptions and empowering action. These are elements of what I would describe as a 'compelling' education. Having Paul Rose, a real life explorer come in to school in December was a fine example of this. We know that our children achieve best when motivation is highest and that different children are motivated in different ways. Pleasing teachers and parents is important but may be less likely to drive high achievement than an inner desire to reach one's own potential. To this end, I believe a recognition of how lucky we are, along with empowerment to make a positive impact on the world around us, can be very compelling indeed.



## 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 is unable to 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](mailto:kidsclub@singleton.lancs.sch.uk)
- Remember to check all the diary dates on each newsletter – we also have a useful section on the school website where you can pick up the latest forms and letters that we send out – just click on the virtual office page.
- We are once again having our residential trip to Tower Wood in Windermere from Monday 21<sup>st</sup> to Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> October 2019. The trip will cost approximately £180 based on numbers interested. If you wish your child to attend please contact the office as soon as possible



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 from 25<sup>th</sup> Feb – 5<sup>th</sup> April will be £66**

**(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

<b>Monday</b>	Yr 1-2 Cricket 3–4.15pm £10 Yr 3/4/5/6 Brass – 12-1pm £25 Y6 Numeracy Booster 3-4.15pm Free
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
<b>Wednesday</b>	KS2 Singing 12.30-1.30pm Yr 1/2/3 Tennis 3-4.15pm £18 - FULL Yr4/5/6 Hockey (outdoor) 3-4.15pm £12
<b>Thursday</b>	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

## Attendance and Birthdays



Happy Birthday to the following children

### March

- 7<sup>th</sup> Amy Simpson
- 8<sup>th</sup> Tom Brooke
- 8<sup>th</sup> Mia Visvanathan
- 10<sup>th</sup> Mimi Coyne
- 11<sup>th</sup> Arthur Leonard
- 12<sup>th</sup> James Smith
- 25<sup>th</sup> Emily Taala
- 31<sup>st</sup> Thomas Dunkow



### Attendance

The overall attendance for February 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 5<sup>th</sup> September, 2018  
 Close After School Friday 26<sup>th</sup> October, 2018 (Normal Time)  
 Open Monday 5<sup>th</sup> November, 2018  
 Close After School Friday 21<sup>st</sup> December, 2018 (1.30pm)

#### Spring Term

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

#### Summer Term

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

#### Inset Days:

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

### HOLIDAYS 2019/2020

#### Autumn Term

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

#### Spring Term

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

#### Summer Term

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

#### Inset Days:

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

## Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

March	April	May
4 <sup>th</sup> – Class 2 Worship 9.10am 4 <sup>th</sup> – Numeracy Booster 3.15-4.15 4 <sup>th</sup> - MAD week 5 <sup>th</sup> – Literacy Booster 3.15-4.15 7 <sup>th</sup> - World book day 10 <sup>th</sup> Education Sunday 9:30am at Church 11 <sup>th</sup> - Numeracy Booster 3.15-4.15 <sup>th</sup> – 12 <sup>th</sup> - Literacy Booster 3.15-4.15 15 <sup>th</sup> – FOSS non uniform day (bring an Easter egg/chocolate) 18 <sup>th</sup> – Foundation Class Worship 9.10am 18 <sup>th</sup> – Year 5 Science Event at Hodgson 18 <sup>th</sup> - Numeracy Booster 3.15-4.15 19 <sup>th</sup> – Literacy Booster 3.15-4.15 25 <sup>th</sup> - Numeracy Booster 3.15-4.15 26 <sup>th</sup> – Literacy Booster 3.15-4.15 28 <sup>th</sup> – Parents evening 3 – 6pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Numeracy Booster 3.15-4.15 2 <sup>nd</sup> – Literacy Booster 3.15-4.15 3 <sup>rd</sup> - Singletons Got Talent 1:15pm 4 <sup>th</sup> - Easter Open Afternoon 1:15 - 3:00 5 <sup>th</sup> – School Closes 1:30pm 23 <sup>rd</sup> - School Opens 23 <sup>rd</sup> – Literacy Booster 3.15-4.15 24 <sup>th</sup> Sponsored event 25 <sup>th</sup> Easter Worship Day 29 <sup>th</sup> – Class 1 Worship 9.10am 29 <sup>th</sup> – Numeracy Booster 3.15-4.15 30 <sup>th</sup> – Literacy Booster 3.15-4.15	6 <sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday 10 <sup>th</sup> – FOSS non uniform day – bring a bottle 13 <sup>th</sup> SATs week KS2 20 <sup>th</sup> Foundation Stage Assembly 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Summer Open Afternoon 1:15- 3:00 22 <sup>nd</sup> – <b>ICE BUCKET CHALLENGE FOR THELMA 3:15pm</b> 22 <sup>nd</sup> – All Data collection forms to be handed in to Office by today 23 <sup>rd</sup> - New Starter Induction meeting 5:30pm 24 <sup>th</sup> - School Closes 3:00pm



<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

### Latest News

The movie night in February was a great success raising £337. It was very well attended, thank you for all your support.

**The next event will be the Easter Raffle – please could children bring in an Easter egg or chocolate on non-uniform day, which is 15<sup>th</sup> March.**

As a member of our school community, you are automatically a member of our FOSS team. We also welcome grandparents on our FOSS team! We always need new support on our FOSS team - and even if you cannot make every meeting or event, we really do welcome any support no matter how small. If you are interested in joining please let Mrs Reeves in the office know so she can pass your details over.

## Formal Parents Evening

Our Formal Parents Evening will be on **Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March from 3:00pm – 6:00pm**. We will send out a letter nearer the time so that you can select a suitable time slot.

The idea of a formal parents evening is to give you specific information as to your child's achievements and then targets for their future learning development.

We have an open door policy at Singleton School and you are welcome at any time to discuss a concern or issue that you may have. Please do not save things up until March.....come and talk to us as and when the need arises. This will enable us to meet the learning, emotional, and social needs of your child/ren at all times.

Parents evening should really be a confirmation of what you already know and a time to discuss with the teacher how we are going to support your child's future learning. Your child's work will also be on display for you to have a look at before/ after you have spoken to the teacher.

## Singletons Got Talent

### Singletons Got Talent 2019



**3<sup>rd</sup> April - Singleton's Got Talent 2019**

It's almost time for 'The Greatest Show on Earth' .... this year's talent show is going to be amazing.

A massive thank you to Mrs. Haigh for giving our children the opportunity to put on a Talent Show. She really does go above and beyond for our children and we do appreciate you working through your lunch breaks for the last 3 months!

Please make sure that if your child is involved they have their music and props available for the rehearsals

Tickets will be on sale from the office in the next few days  
£3.00 for adults, children are free

## Open Afternoon

### Easter Open Afternoon

We look forward to you all joining us for our Easter Open afternoon on

**Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April from 1:15pm**



## Star of the Week / Head teacher Commendations

February 2019



### Foundation

Jack, Arthur, Mia M

### Class 1

James S, Lily, Luca, Darcey, James M, Oliver

### Class 2

Finley, Scott, Emma B, James, Amelia, Isla

### Class 3

Amelia, Joseph, Ethan, Tom, Niamh, Kate

February 2019



### Head teachers Commendations

#### Foundation

Finley, Eliana

#### Class One

Sam, Finley, Amelia, Harry

#### Class Two

Emma B, Finley, Charlie, Isabella

#### Class Three

Emily, Ben, Reece, Harrison

## 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.



### Education Sunday

This year Education Sunday will be held at St Anne's Church Singleton, on:-

**Sunday March 10<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am**

We encourage all families to support this, as it is a special service for the children. If you would like your child to be involved in the service please let Mrs Haigh, know as soon as possible as she will be allocating roles and practicing within the next week.

## Spring term Kids Club activities.

Miss Davison has settled well into the role of Team Leader at Kids Club. She is thoroughly enjoying the job and is bringing lots of new and creative ideas to the club.

The Singleton Trust donated £300 to Kids Club to buy new games and resources for our children. We are very grateful for their kind donation and would like to thank them on behalf of the children. The new resources are starting to arrive much to the delight of the children.

### Spring Term 2019

The theme for the Spring Term is **Rainforests and Outdoor learning/ Chinese New Year and Easter.**

The role play areas will include

- An Explorer hut
- Easter role play

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

Our outdoor activities will include

- Hoola hooping
- Skipping Club
- Parachute
- Trim Trail



## Sponsored Event 2018

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This year we will be holding our annual sponsored event on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

It will be linked to raising money for new playground toys as we do each year, but also we will be making a donation to the 'Bethany Project' which supports the Tanzanian Children that came to our school to sing a few years ago. Mrs Haigh and the 'Distinctive Christian Leaders' have been discussing this and they feel strongly that this year they would like to continue to support these children as they had such a big impact on us.



## SATs 2019

Our Year 6 and our Year 2 children have worked so hard over the past 12 months in preparation for their SATs.

SATs this year start on **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May for our Y6 children.**

Year 2 children don't have a set week of testing – all tests have to be carried out in **the month of May**. In the past our Year 2 children really were unaware that they were taking tests – however, the DfE changes have made the testing protocols much more formal. We do however, despite this try and support the children and keep things as calm and normal as we can!

Please make sure that **all Year 2 and Year 6** children have **outstanding attendance** at this time – in order that we can fully support them and ensure that they reach their full potential.

Mr. Goostry offers additional support each morning for all Year 6 from **8:45am**. It is imperative that you ensure that your child is in on time at **8:45 am** each day.

## X Factor Winners 2019

### X Factor Winners

Well done to all the children that took part. We are very proud of you all. Congratulations to our winners

Year 2 - Harry Mitchell

Year 3 - Beatrice Walker and Fred Hesketh

Year 4 - Emma Taylor

Year 5 - Niamh Smith and Emily Taala

Year 6 - Kate Taylor



## Staff News

It is with great sadness that we bid farewell to our lovely Teaching Assistant Mrs Banbury at the end of this half term. Mrs Banbury has been a wonderful member of our staff team and she has played a key role in our journey as a school to securing outstanding teaching and learning. Mrs Banbury lives just south of Preston and she has secured a job closer to home. She will leave very big boots to fill...we will all miss her very much but we wish her every success.



We are excited to welcome our new Teaching Assistant Miss Green into Class 1.

# Photo Gallery







In the summer term 2019, the Staff of Singleton School will be taking part in a sponsored 'Ice Bucket Challenge' to raise money for Motor Neurones Charities. This is a very special event in support of a charity very dear to our hearts and we hope that you will all support us.

Mrs Haigh's mum Thelma has Motor Neurones disease. Thelma has been a part of our school family for many years, giving up hours of her time to teach our children how to sew. Thelma made our beautiful 150<sup>th</sup> celebration wall hanging of the village that hangs in the entrance hall. She also made the wall hangings that hang outside the new hall to celebrate the building of the new hall in 2011. More recently, Thelma helped our children make a beautiful frieze representing the Creation from the Bible.

Thelma is an incredible woman, wise, caring, kind and she has an unbelievable strength and determination.

All the staff at Singleton School (including Mrs Clayton and Mrs Millward!!!) will be taking part in the challenge.

**PLEASE SUPPORT**

We have set up a Just Giving page on our Facebook

<https://www.justgiving.com/Singleton-School>



