



Singleton C of E Primary School Newsletter November 2019



Christian Value – Friendship

John 15:12-15 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you.



Note from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents,

The new school year is well underway now and our new Foundation Stage have settled in beautifully. I have been particularly impressed with our Junior Leadership team this term. These important role models are showing a positive and pro-active approach to school life, and helping others behave appropriately and have pride in their school. They made me very proud when they represented school during our recent Diocesan Inspection, as they were truly amazing.

Gentle reminder our Christmas 'Open Afternoon' is on Wednesday 6th November. The children love sharing all the good work they do with their families and the teaching staff welcome your support.

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.



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.
- Please make sure that you alert the office as soon as possible if you change telephone number, email address or move house.
- The deadline for applying for Reception 2020 places is 15th January 2020.
- The new menu will start on Monday 18th November (it will be week 2 on the menu cycle). Please make sure that you have sent your child's menu choice back to the office



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 £63.80 (7th January to 14th February 2020)

(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

Please note Miss Manning is now in charge of all the extra-curricular activities. **All queries should now go to her.** She works from 1:45pm – 4:30 pm in the office. She is also on the door every day at 4.15pm releasing the children from the after school clubs. Alternatively, her e-mail is- terrienne.manning@singleton.lancs.sch.uk



EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2019

Monday	Brass Y2-6 Lunchtime - £35 Basketball Y3-6 3-4.15pm £14
Tuesday	Football Y1-2 3-4:15pm £14 Street dance Y3-6 3-4:15pm £14 Mad Science – payable online
Wednesday	Tennis Y4-6 3-4:15pm £21 (FULL) Hockey Y1-3 3-4:15pm £14 Singing Y3-6 betw 12:30-1:30 £28
Thursday	Singing Y1-2 betw 12:30-1:30 £28 Netball Y4-6 12:30-1pm Free Football Y3-6 3-4:15pm £10 Cheerleading Y1-3 3-4:15pm £10 Recorders Y3-6 12.30-1pm Free
Friday	Drama Y3-6 12:30-1pm £12

Attendance and Birthdays



Happy Birthday to the following children

November

- 3rd - Benjamin Small
- 6th - Joseph Shepherd
- 6th - Rocco Fusco
- 6th - Luca Fusco
- 9th - Luca Noden
- 19th - Finley Piggott
- 27th - Oliver Hall
- 29th - Tia Mathers
- 29th - Erik Watson



Attendance

The overall attendance for October was 98.6%

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 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 Friday 8th May 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)

HOLIDAYS 2020 /21

****Provisional Dates to be agreed by Governors ****

Autumn Term

Open Thursday 3rd September, 2020
 Close After School Friday 23rd October, 2020 (Normal Time)
 Open Monday 2nd November, 2020
 Close After School Friday 18th December, 2020 (1.30 p.m.)

Spring Term

Open Tuesday 6th January, 2021
 Close After School Friday 12th February, 2021 (Normal Time)
 Open Monday 22nd February, 2021
 Close After School Friday 26th March, 2021 (1.30 p.m.)

Summer Term

Open Monday 12th April, 2021
 Closed Monday 3rd May – Bank Holiday
 Close After School Friday 28th May, 2021 (Normal Time)
 Open Monday 7th June, 2021
 Close After School Friday 16th July, 2021 (1.30 p.m.)

Inset Days:

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

Inset Days:

- Tuesday 1st & Wednesday 2nd September 2020
- Monday 4th January 2021
- Monday 19th & Tuesday 20th July 2021

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

November	December	January
4 th – School Opens 5 th – Diwali Day 6 th – Open afternoon 1:15pm – all welcome 11 th Foundation Class Worship – 9:05 am – everyone welcome 18 th – Class 2 Worship – 9.05am – everyone welcome 21 st – The Bethany Project Choir 1-3pm 21 st – Parents Evening 3-6pm – NO CHILDREN ALLOWED	4 th – Flu Vaccinations – All Students 5 th – Christmas Fair 3-5pm 10 th – Infant Nativity 6pm 11 th – Panto Grand Theatre – Peter Pan 12 th – Infant Nativity 2pm 17 th – Junior Carol Concert 1.30pm 18 th – Christmas Dinner and Party Day 19 th – Junior Carol Concert 6pm 20 th – Prize giving 9.05am 20 th – School Closes 1.30pm	7 th – School Opens 8 th – Year 5/6 Science Session at Hodgson Academy 13 th – Year 6 Numeracy Booster Class 3-4.15pm 14 th – Year 6 Literacy Booster Class 3-4.15pm 20 th – Class 1 Worship 9.05am – everyone welcome 20 th – Year 6 Numeracy Booster Class 21 st – Year 6 Literacy Booster Class 27 th – Year 6 Numeracy Booster Class 28 th – Year 6 Literacy Booster Class

<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 Thursday 5th December 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; STEM resources and lovely new outdoor furniture for the playground. FOSS are currently raising money for outdoor learning equipment and new laptops for the 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.



Tower Wood residential trip

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

The trip as always was a wonderful experience for our children. They had the most amazing time trying activities that challenged and pushed them out of their comfort zones – but also that were incredibly good fun.

We are so grateful to Mr Goostry, Mrs Marshall and Mr Walker for volunteering to go on this trip. In a small school with a small number of staff, we work so hard to provide our children with a vast array of experiences and in order to do this we rely heavily on our small team going above and beyond.

The children had the best time and as usual the staff and governor team were truly amazing, encouraging the children to try new things and ensuring they had fun.

Christmas Fair



Mrs Millward is organising a sweet stall for the children at the Christmas Fair as this is always very popular.

She would be very grateful for any donations of sweets so that we can make lovely Christmas sweetie bags for the stall.

Please hand these into Mrs Reeves at the office - thank you in advance for your support.



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

- Evening performance on Tuesday 10th December 6pm and Afternoon performance on Thursday 12th at 2:00pm.

This year there will be two Junior Carol Concerts in Church

- Afternoon performance on Tuesday 17th December at 1.30pm and one evening performance on Thursday 19th December at 6:00pm

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.

Star of the Week / Head teacher Commendations

October 2019



Head teachers Commendations

Foundation

Zachary Dalnas, Darcey Underwood

Class 1

Jensen Abrahams, Isla Frith, Finley Hunt,
Oliver Robinson

Class 2

Darcey Brooke, Thomas Dunkow, Edward Dunkow,
Finley Smith

Class 3

Charlie Piggott, Isla Rund, Niamh Smith
Emily Taala

October 2019



Foundation

Charlotte Knapman, Imogen Stagg

Class 1

Jack Dobson, Arthur Leonard, Sam Dalnas, Daniel
Small

Class 2

Charlie Potter, Oliver Selway, Emma Blacow, Henry
Robinson

Class 3

Heidi Lee, Matilda Murphy, Ethan Davies, Amelia
McGee

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.

Children

Children are both welcomed and encouraged at all our services and especially at our regular Family Communion held each Sunday. There are toys and books at the back of church for children to use during the service.

Remembrance Service Sunday 10th November at 10:30am

Rev Keighley would like to invite all school families to attend this service

Open Afternoon

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

- Wednesday 6th November 2019 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



Primary School Applications 2020

A reminder for all our parents that have children who are due to start school in September 2020, all applications must be submitted electronically by **11:59pm 15th January 2020**

You must apply online.

Lancashire's online system will go live on the morning of 16th April 2020 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.



Autumn term Kids Club activities.

Kids Club try very hard to run a range of activities that complement the extra curricular opportunities run by school. Being a small school with only 4 teaching staff we recognise that there are not enough staff to run a vast range of activities. Therefore school focuses on providing a good range of sporting activities, talentshow, forest schools, booster classes and peripatetic music etc, whilst Kids club focus on art, craft and STEM as well as offering opportunities for physical activities, role play and free play.

Did you know that you can put your child into Kids Club for a short session from 3:00 - 4:15pm to do an extra curricular activity?

Tuesday and Thursdays 3:00 - 4:15pm - Art and Craft Club

Wednesday 3:00 - 4:15pm - STEM Challenge club

Friday 3:00 - 4:15 - Indoor sports

The theme for the Autumn Term will be **SPACE**

We have planned another action-packed term. Craft activities will include making:-

- Rockets
- Spaceships
- Aliens
- The solar system

The STEM Challenges will include

- Jellybean building
- Bubble blowing Competitions - can you make something to blow the largest bubbles?
- Design and make a bath toy - Can you make it Float?

Our outdoor activities will include

- Gardening
- Bikes and Trikes
- Parachute
- Trim Trail
- Rounders
- Badminton



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 - 4:15pm

The importance of GOOD attendance



Attendance during one school year	Equals absent days	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which is this is the number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Your children get 14 weeks holiday a year!

There are **38 weeks** in the year when schools are open, and **14 weeks (175 days)** when families can visit family overseas; go on holiday; travel; pupils can work, take educational trips, attend non urgent medical appointments.....**So is your request for leave exceptional?**



When a Child arrives late:

- It interrupts concentration
- It wastes valuable learning time
- The teacher repeats information / instructions whilst others have to wait
- The late child is at an immediate disadvantage because they may have missed important teaching points, missed discussions where ideas are shared and will be generally unsettled
- Children feel stressed and anxious about having to walk into their lessons late, some children find being late very distressing.

A polite reminder about drop off and collecting on time before / after school and after clubs.

- Parents will drop off / collect children (or arrange for this to happen) **punctually** - if parents are late then the children will be placed in Kids Club and there will be a charge. Please note there is an expectation that you collect promptly at 3:00 (or 4:15pm if your child participates in an extra - curricular activity)

Photo Gallery



