



Singleton C of E Primary School Newsletter January 2020



Christian Value – Endurance

Galatians 6:9 *And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up.*



Note from Mrs Clayton

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year

We hope you all had a lovely Christmas and New Year. The staff enjoyed a much deserved rest and have come back to school full of enthusiasm. As usual, we have an action packed term planned so please keep an eye on the diary dates.

Our legendary Singletons Got Talent and X-Factor competitions take place this term, so keep learning those times tables and dust off your dancing shoes! Mrs Haigh is already getting very excited about Singleton's Got Talent ... and Mr Goostry is busy polishing up on his times tables! Mrs Millward is also planning a MAD (Music, Art and Drama) week and has some very exciting ideas regarding the theme.

Year Six Numeracy and Literacy booster classes also start this term on a Monday and Tuesday after school.

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 14th Feb 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	Brass	Y2-6	Lunchtime	£25
	Handball	Y1&2	3-4:15pm	£10
Tuesday	Football	Y1&2	3-4:15pm	£12
	Tag Rugby	Y3-5	3-4:15pm	£12
Wednesday	Tennis	Y1-3	3-4:15pm	£18
	Hockey	Y4-6	3-4:15pm	£12
	Singing	Y3-6	Lunchtime	£24
Thursday	Football	Y3-6	3-4:15pm	£10
	Dodgeball	Y1&2	3-4:15pm	£10
	Netball	Y4-6	Lunchtime	Free
	Singing	F,Y1&2	Lunchtime	£24
Friday	Drama	Y3-6	Lunchtime	£12

Attendance and Birthdays



Happy birthday to the following children

January

1st Fin Bullough
 1st Imogen Stagg
 4th Daniel Small
 4th Jayden Moores
 4th Harry Hopwood
 5th Harvey Wright
 6th Isabelle Rowland
 22nd Theo Coffey
 23rd William Selway
 24th Isabella Frith
 24th Daniel Birks
 27th Isla Scholz
 29th Luis Rigby



Attendance

The overall attendance for December was 97.6%

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

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 5th 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)

January	February	March
6 th – Inset training – safeguarding 7 th – School Opens 7 th - X Factor (Time tables) competition starts this week 8 th – Year 5/6 Science Session at Hodgson Academy 13 th – Year 6 Numeracy Booster 3-4:15pm 14 th – Year 6 Literacy Booster 3-4:15pm 15 th Year 5/6 Science at Hodgson 20 th – Class 1 Worship 9.05am – everyone welcome 20 th – Year 6 Numeracy Booster 3-4:15pm 21 st – Year 6 Literacy Booster 3-4:15pm 22 nd Year 5/6 Science at Hodgson 27 th – Year 6 Numeracy Booster 3-4:15pm 28 th - Year 6 Literacy Booster 3-4:15pm 29 th – Year 6 Science at Hodgson	3 rd – Class 3 worship 9.05am –everyone welcome 3 rd – Year 6 Numeracy Booster 3-4:15pm 4 th – Literacy Booster 3-4:15pm 5 th – Year 5/6 Science at Hodgson 10 th – Numeracy Booster 3-4:15pm 11 th – Literacy Booster 3-4:15pm 12 th - Year 5/6 Science at Hodgson 13 th – X Factor Final 14 th – School Closes 3pm 24 th – School Opens 24 th – Numeracy Boosters 3-4:15pm 25 th – Literacy Boosters 3-4:15pm Please note – Parents evening has been moved to 26th March 2020	2 nd – MAD week 2 nd – Class 2 worship 9.05am – everyone welcome 2 nd - Numeracy Booster 3-4:15pm 3 rd - Literacy Booster 3-4:15pm 5 th – World book day 9 th - Numeracy Booster 3-4:15pm 10 th - Literacy Booster 3-4:15pm 16 th – Foundation Class Worship 9.05am – everyone welcome 16 th - Numeracy Booster 3-4:15pm 17 th - Literacy Booster 3-4:15pm 23 rd - Numeracy Booster 3-4:15pm 24 th - Literacy Booster 3-4:15pm 26 th – Parents evening 3:10 – 6:00pm 30 th - Numeracy Booster 3-4:15pm 31 st - Literacy Booster 3-4:15pm

<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

FOSS MOVIE NIGHT



More details to follow ...

Formal Parents Evening

Our Formal Parents Evening will be on **Thursday 26th March 2020 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 progress 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

Booster Classes

Our Year 6 pupils are working incredibly hard but the time of year has come again where we run Booster Classes. These classes give us the opportunity to work in small groups with the children to ensure that we are meeting their needs. Mr Goostry, Mrs Millward and Mrs Clayton will be running the sessions.

These sessions will take place every Monday and Tuesday up until the SATs. They will commence on: -

Monday 14th January - Numeracy 3:15 – 4:15pm

Tuesday 15th January – Literacy 3;15 – 4:15 pm



Primary School Applications 2018/19

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.



Star of the Week / Head teacher Commendations

December 2019



Foundation

Zach Dalnas, Aidan Mutema

Class 1

Oliver Robinson, Reuben Smith, Isabelle Rowland,
Rocco Fusco

Class 2

Amy Simpson, Ollie Rigby, Erik Watson, Jayden
Moores

Class 3

Tia Mathers, Emily Taala, Bella Frith, Benjamin
McQuillan

December 2019



Head teachers Commendations

Foundation

Daniel Birks, Harry Fox

Class One

Evelyn Blacow, Alfie Cross, Pippa Hesketh,
Nancy Lee

Class Two

Harry Mitchell, Oliver Selway, Sophie Mathers,
Ollie Rigby

Class Three

Emelia Rogers, Scott Thompson, Skye Booth,
Evie Whitham

Parish / Community News



Time for reflection

"My God is my strength in whom I trust." Psalm 18 V 2

We encourage the children to reflect on how repeatedly within the Bible God is seen as the source of all true security and strength. We help them understand that Trust is essential to human life and lies at the heart of all relationships.

Trust can mean putting yourself in others' hands. We have to trust experts - pilots, dentists, surgeons, teachers etc. Yet, within our society, there often seems to be distrust between people and those responsible for leading them. Trust is central to society, to living together in harmony, so it is to be valued and honoured. We can begin to rebuild trust by being reliable ourselves, by not letting people down. Similarly, when we work with others, if we are willing to let go of control ourselves and trust in the abilities and knowledge of others, everyone can be enriched.

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.



Spring 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 - will include Badminton and Benchball this term - in the new hall

Spring Term 2020

The theme for the SPRING Term will be AROUND THE WORLD

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

- Pizza making
- Pasta jewellery



China

- Chinese Lanterns
- Fans



France

- Biscuit Building Eiffel Tower challenge
- Disney craft



Australia

- Koala newspaper craft



Egypt

- Pyramid building



Scotland

- Loch Ness Monster



The STEM Challenges will include

- Floating Dinosaur Rescue
- Spider Web Challenge
- Billy Goat Bridge Building

Prize Giving Winners - December 2019

Congratulations to all of our Autumn Term 2019 winners

Christian Values Award	Creativity Award	Ethos Award	Progress Award	Effort and Achievement Award
Foundation Luca Drury	Foundation Charlotte Knapman	Foundation Imogen Stagg	Foundation Darcey Underwood	Foundation Theo Coffey
Class One Gabriella Wills	Class One Nancy Lee	Class One Evie Wilson	Class One Arthur Leonard	Class One Alfie Cross
Class Two Henry Robinson	Class Two Thomas Dunkow	Class Two Theo Taala	Class Two Poppy Conway	Class Two Fred Hesketh
Class Three Benjamin McQuillan	Class Three Amelia McGee	Class Three Isla Rund	Class Three Iris Watson	Class Three Charlie Piggott
				

X – Factor 2019

Our annual X Factor competition is starting soon. Mr. Goostry is already preparing to host the final!! So please help your children with their times tables over the next few weeks. This proves to be a fun way to learn tables and Mrs Haigh always buys good prizes for our winners!

The following tables will be tested

Year 1 – 2's, 5's, & 10's

Year 2- 2's, 3's, 5's & 10's

Year 3- 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 6's & 10's

Year 4- 2's, 3's 4's, 5's, 6's, 7's & 10's

Year 5 / 6 – All tables



The importance of GOOD attendance



Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	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)
- Late drop off and collection is monitored by Mrs Lilley - Family Learning Mentor

Photo Gallery

