

September 2022 Newsletter

Singleton Church of England Primary School

"Passion for LearningPassion for life"

Christian Value – Respect

Luke 6:31 "And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely summer and that you managed to get some family time. We welcome two new teachers this term: - Mrs James (Y5/6) and Mr Hogg (Y1/2) and Miss Kirby – our new HLTA. This is a very exciting term for Singleton School; as usual, the staff have planned an 'action packed' school year for our children. We are hoping to have lots of opportunities where we can invite parents back into school and where we can share all the fantastic things our children do. Please keep your eyes on the diary dates.

We know COVID is still very much a part of our lives – but lets hope that we manage to get through the term without COVID impacting too much.

We have many new children starting with us this term and I would like to welcome all the children and their families to our school. We look forward to getting to know you all and hope you settle in quickly to life at Singleton School.

Mrs Rund has organised a wealth of courses / updates for parents this year. Please have a look and see if any are of interest to you. Let the office know if you wish to attend any.



Opening Times

Monday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Tuesday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Wednesday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Thursday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Friday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm

Booking for Acorns closes at 7p.m for the following day. This helps to manage staff and ratios. Without booking the day before, the children will be unable to attend.

All booking information and links are on the school website. Please be aware that fees are subject to change. Acorns offer a 10% discount for siblings. This will automatically be deducted upon booking.

Important Information:

Acorns has its own Facebook page – please have a look at all the wonderful activities that they provide. The feedback from our children is that the club is "amazing". We agree with them!!!

For any further enquiries, contact details are as follows:

Current Fees		
Before School Breakfast Club	7.30 am - 8.45 am	£4.75 per child (includes breakfast)
After School Club – full session	3.00 pm - 5.30 pm	£9.50 per child (includes snack)
After School Club – early session	3.00 pm - 4.15 pm	£4.50 per child (no snack)
After School Club following an extra-curriculum activity	4.15pm - 5.30 pm	£5:00 per child (includes snack)

- Sarah Goldie TEL: 07860816175
- EMAIL: sarahgoldie_uk@outlook.com

Please note that Acorns Activity Club is no longer run by school and all enquiries should be directed to Sarah Goldie the owner of the provision.



School 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 - 12.00 noon

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

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**.

Dinner money for this term £83.30, please pay this via ParentPay.

If you decide that you no longer want your child to have a school lunch you must give the office a **weeks'** 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 (e.g. Football boots, shin pads, waterproof etc.)— Please ask Mrs James if you are unsure what your child needs.
- Miss Ashworth will oversee the smooth running of the clubs and ensure that children are passed over to parents/ carers at the end of the session
- All children attending extra-curricular clubs should be collected from Class 3's door.
- Please pick up your child promptly at **4.15pm after clubs**.
- 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 that as we continue to receive the Sports Grant in the year 2022 /23 we will continue to supplement the cost of the extra-curricular activities once again this year. However due to increases in on costs there will be a slight price increase to £3:00 per session (£4 for tennis)

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS SEPTEMBER 2022

	Lower school	Upper School
Monday	Multi-skills Y2/3 £18	Dance Y4/5/6 £18
Tuesday	Mrs Lilley's Woodland Reading Club Y1/2 £12 Football Y2/3 £18	Brass (lunchtime) Y2/3/4/5/6 £30 Football Y2/3 £18 Basketball Y4/5/6 £18
Wednesday	Hockey Y2/3 £18	Hockey Y2/3 £18 Tennis Y4/5/6 £24
Thursday	Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £30 Yoga Y2/3 £15	Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £30 Football Y4/5/6 £15
Friday		

Payment

Mrs Reeves will write to parents in advance of the new term to outline the clubs on offer. Club places are allocated on a first come first serve basis. Sporting Clubs are provided by third party providers.

All payments are now via the 'Parent Pay' system.
As per our payment policy – School Dinners are to be paid for in advance.



The overall attendance for **July** was

96%

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 Miss Ashworth, our Family Learning Mentor



Happy Birthday to the following children

August

2nd Thomas B
9th Archie
17th Phoebe
20th Ayla
27th Ralph S
30th Finley H

September

2nd Gabriella
3rd Ava H
12th Jack
16th Michael
21st Jacob
29th George
24th Luca D
25th Theo T



Parish and Community links



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

Junior Church runs on the second Sunday of every month at 09:30am. (Contact Fiona Small for information; 07913901015)

There is also an 'All-Age Family' service at St. Chad's on the first Sunday of every month at 10:00am (lasts about 45 mins).

Note: Qualification for application to Saint Aidan's on faith grounds is that parents attend church twice a month - all the services listed above would count.

Parental Workshops 2022 – 23

Parent courses and workshops

Mrs. Rund is organizing parental courses and workshops as we have done in the past. This year we are once again working with the Lancashire Adult learning Centre to supplement our offer. In the coming months we have arranged for a full range of courses and workshops. If you are interested in any of these please let Mrs Reeves know to reserve your place.

Foundation Stage parents

KS1 Parents

- 20th September- KS1 Math's Parent Workshop 3:10pm – This will be delivered by Mrs. James /Mr Hogg
- 20th September – EYFS Reading Workshop - This will be delivered by Mrs Rund

KS2 Parents KS1 /KS2 Parents

- 4th October - KS2 Math's Parent Workshop 3:10pm – This will be delivered by Mrs. James

All Parents

- **Friday 23rd Sept / Friday 20th Jan – 2:00 – 3:00pm** - Learning Mentor support sessions- Social / Emotional / Behaviour support. Everybody welcome for a cup of tea and a chat. We have lots of useful leaflets and these sessions are good opportunities to chat with other parents. Miss Ashworth will also go through the Solihull approach and developmental milestones as well.



July 2021

Noah
Zac
Rocco
Arthur
Seb
Huxley
Aria



July 2021

None due to Prize giving



Diary Dates and Holidays

HOLIDAYS 2022 /2023

Autumn Term 2022

Starts on: Tuesday 6th September 2022

Half Term: Monday 24th October –Friday 28th October 2022

Ends: Friday 16th December 2022

Spring Term 2023

Starts on: Wednesday 4th Jan 2023

Half Term: Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February 2023

Ends: Friday 31st March 2023

Summer Term 2023

Starts on: Monday 17th April 2023

May day: Monday 1st May 2023

Half Term: Monday 29th May -Monday 5th June 2023

Ends: Friday 21st July 2023

Total number of openings – 195

HOLIDAYS 2023 /2024

Information Pending

Inset days

1st / 2nd /5th September 2022

3rd January 2023

5th June 2023

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

September	October	November
19th – Bank Holiday (The Queen's Funeral) w/c 19th Junior Leadership Team election speeches 20th – KS1 Parents Maths Workshop 3:10pm 20th – EYFS Reading workshop 9am 23rd – 2 pm Learning Mentor parental workshop 26th – Year 5/6 Class worship 9:05am 29th – EYFS – Story Workshop 1-3pm 30th MAD HAIR DAY – bring a bottle for FOSS Christmas Fair	3rd – Y1/2 Class worship 9:05am 4th - KS2 Maths Parent Workshop 3:10pm 14th – Non uniform day FOSS – Tombola 17th – Y3/4 worship 9:05am 19th -Open afternoon 1:15pm (STEM FOCUS) 20th -FOSS Magical Disco 21st – Break up half term 3:00pm 31st – School Opens	7th - FS Assembly 9:05am 8th - Parents evening- FS (1/2 class) Y2 Y4 Y6 9th - Parents evenings - FS (1/2 class) Y1 Y3 Y5 25th – Non uniform day – Chocolate donation

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. We are hoping that by September COVID restrictions will not be significantly impacting on school life, but please be mindful that changes may have to be made to the planned dates above if COVID restrictions are still in place.



Prize giving Winners July 2022



YEAR 6

Head Teachers Award – Finley Smith

Spirit of Singleton – Beatrice Walker

Creativity – Sophie DaCosta Mathers

Christian Values – Joseph Shepherd/ Poppy Conway

Ethos – Emma Blacow

Progress – Amelia Barber

Effort and Achievement – Fred Hesketh

Sporting Excellence – Noah Hartley

Musical Excellence – Ollie Rigby

Pride of Singleton –

Jayden Moores, Charlotte Roskell, Lilly Vaziri, Edward Dunkow, Henry Robinson

Rotary Citizenship Award –

Termly Awards – All Year Groups

Christian Values – Thomas B, Evie, Oliver

Creativity – Carter, Annabel S, Daniel

Effort and Achievement – Sophia, Mia O, Arthur, Gabriella

Ethos – Aria, Arianna, Luis

Progress – Jacob, Harry F, Alfie



Miss Ashworth is going to run Parent Workshops again this this academic year. They are very much an informal coffee and a biscuit type event and we encourage parents to come along.

This year after feedback from parents during home learning and in general the focus is going to be on the following:-

- Supporting your child with emotional health and well being
- Supporting with behaviour
- Supporting with resilience

These workshops are intended to be a supportive session. We will go through the Solihull approach looking at the importance of reciprocity, containment, resilience and the relationship between a parent and a child.

We will support with behaviour, looking at behaviour management strategies, consistency, boundaries structure and routines. Finally we will discuss behavioural developmental milestones.

The first session is planned for
23rd Sept at 2:00pm



Healthy Snacks Policy

As you are all well aware, the Governing body have a policy that **only fruit snacks** are permitted in school for break times.

We ask that you ensure that you continue to support this; the Governing Body made this decision because we have a number of children with allergies and we also promote 'Healthy Eating' in our school. If other snacks are sent in they will be returned home uneaten. Please ensure that you reinforce with the children that fruit snacks must not be shared with others – they must eat their own.



FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) Updates

Up and coming events

Event	Date and time
Magical Disco	20 th October FOSS Magical Disco
Non uniform days	30 th September MAD HAIR DAY – bring a bottle for FOSS Christmas Fair 14 th October – Non uniform day FOSS – Tombola 25 th November – Non uniform day – Chocolate donation
Christmas Fair	2nd December 3 – 5 pm

In the last academic year we used the money that was raised by FOSS to contribute towards the purchase of the Forest Schools Equipment, new outdoor resources for EYFS, reading books and playground toys. A big thank you to you all for your support it really does make a difference to our little school.

This year we are fundraising to buy some new ICT equipment, and more outdoor learning resources.

There is a new Treasurer of FOSS this year- Mrs Noden has kindly agreed to take on the role. Please remember that as parents you are all automatically members of FOSS and any support is greatly appreciated. You don't have to attend every meeting or support at every event – but anything that you can contribute or bring to the table is always greatly appreciated.

Next FOSS meeting: TBA



Tower Wood Residential Trip

It is that time of year again when our Year 5 and 6 pupils begin to think about their residential trip. The annual residential trip to Tower Wood usually takes place in October but due to staffing changes we postponed this until February 2023.

This trip will now take place from 25th to 27th January 2023.

Mrs. James will run a meeting for all parents to explain what a 'Tower Wood' residential trip looks like and to give you an overview of the type of activities that the children will participate in. We will let you know the date of this in due course.

The cost of trip will also be confirmed once Tower Wood have sent through the information.

We intend to set up a payment plan of 3 installments once we have confirmation of the price.

Please click on the link below for more information

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/outdoorededucation/our-centres/tower-wood/>



A special welcome to all our new pupils and their families. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months.

Mrs. Rund and Miss Ashworth have a fantastic term planned with lots of exciting activities.

This term we also welcome 3 new members to our staff team.

- Mrs. James – is our new Year 5/6 teacher
- Miss Kirby – is our new Y5/6 Teaching assistant and HLT.
- Mr Hogg is our new Y1/2 teacher

We still have a number of job vacancies please check out our website for details and share the details with anyone that you know that might be interested.



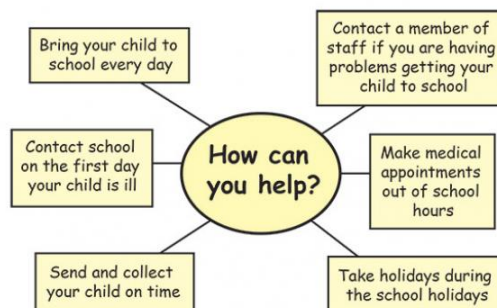
The Importance of good attendance



Attendance during one school year	Equals absent days	Which approximately weeks absent is	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 collection is monitored by Miss Ashworth (Family Learning Mentor)

