

# October 2022 Newsletter

## Singleton Church of England Primary School

"Passion for Learning .....Passion for life"

Christian Value – Respect

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

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that it is October already... time really does fly! This month we welcome 2 new members of the staff team Mr Howson our new Site Supervisor and Mrs Marshall our new Amin Assistant. They are looking forward to getting to know the children and all the families.

September as always was a busy month in school, but it was lovely to have some sort of normality resume. The children have embraced all that school has to offer, they are loving the extra-curricular activities and having assemblies together.

It has been wonderful welcoming back parents to share our assemblies and to attend the parenting courses we offer.

There are many exciting things happening over the next few months in the run up to Christmas! On 20<sup>th</sup> October, we have an exciting Magical Disco to look forward to as well as the Panto at the Grand in December. Please check the diary dates carefully to make sure that you do not miss anything as at busy times we will not always send out text reminders.



### 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	4.15 pm - 5.30 pm	£5.00 per child (includes snack)

- Sarah Goldie TEL: 07860816175
- EMAIL: [sarahgoldie\\_uk@outlook.com](mailto: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

### 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, please contact the office for details.

**Dinner money for next term £85.75**  
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.

### Flu Vaccination

Please remember to complete the online consent form for the flu vaccine, whether you wish your child to have the vaccine or not.



## 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 OCTOBER 2022

	Lower school	Upper School
<b>Monday</b>	Multi-skills Y2/3 £18	Dance Y4/5/6 £18
<b>Tuesday</b>	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
<b>Wednesday</b>	Hockey Y2/3 £18	Hockey Y2/3 £18 Tennis Y4/5/6 £24
<b>Thursday</b>	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
<b>Friday</b>		

### 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.

### 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.



The overall attendance for **September** was 98%

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

#### October

1<sup>st</sup> – Alexia

1<sup>st</sup> – Alice Y

1<sup>st</sup> – Lily M

3<sup>rd</sup> – Reuben

6<sup>th</sup> – Harris

14<sup>th</sup> – Mia O

26<sup>th</sup> – Autumn

28<sup>th</sup> – Molly



## 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.

### All Parents - Learning Mentor Workshops

Learning Mentor support sessions- Social / Emotional / Behavioural 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

The Next sessions are planned for ;-

- **Friday 18th November at 2pm**
- **Friday 20th January at 2pm**



### September 2022

#### Foundation

Lily, Olivia S, Ayla, Blake

#### Class 1

Ralph, Malayka, Arianna, Violet

#### Class 2

Mia M, Aidan, Arthur, Darcey, Eliana

#### Class 3

Darcey, Erik, Daniel, Finley H



## Diary Dates and Holidays

### HOLIDAYS 2022 /2023

#### Autumn Term 2022

**Starts on:** Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2022

**Half Term:** Monday 24<sup>th</sup> October –Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 2022

**Ends:** Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2022

#### Spring Term 2023

**Starts on:** Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2023

**Half Term:** Monday 13 February - Friday 17 February 2023

**Ends:** Friday 31st March 2023

#### Summer Term 2023

**Starts on:** Monday 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023

**May day:** Monday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2023

**Half Term:** Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May -Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

**Ends:** Friday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2023

Total number of openings – 195

### HOLIDAYS 2023 /2024

**Information Pending**

#### Inset days

1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> /5<sup>th</sup> September 2022

3<sup>rd</sup> January 2023

5<sup>th</sup> June 2023

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

October	November	December
<b>13<sup>th</sup></b> – School worship in Church for Harvest <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> – Non uniform day FOSS – Tombola <b>17<sup>th</sup></b> – Y3/4 worship 9:05am <b>19<sup>th</sup></b> -Open afternoon 1:15pm ( <b>STEM FOCUS</b> ) <b>20<sup>th</sup></b> -FOSS Magical Disco <b>21<sup>st</sup></b> – Break up half term 3:00pm <b>31<sup>st</sup></b> – School Opens	<b>7<sup>th</sup></b> - FS Assembly 9:05am <b>8<sup>th</sup></b> - Parents evening- FS (1/2 class) Y2 Y4 Y6 <b>9<sup>th</sup></b> - Parents evenings - FS (1/2 class) Y1 Y3 Y5 <b>18<sup>th</sup></b> – Parent workshop with Learning Mentor <b>25<sup>th</sup></b> – Non-uniform day – Chocolate donation	<b>1<sup>st</sup></b> Flu Vaccinations <b>2<sup>nd</sup></b> - Christmas Fair 3 – 5pm <b>6<sup>th</sup></b> -Nativity 2pm <b>7<sup>th</sup></b> -Nativity 6pm <b>12<sup>th</sup></b> Junior Carol concert 1:30pm <b>13<sup>th</sup></b> Junior Carol service 6pm <b>14<sup>th</sup></b> Christmas Dinner and party day <b>15<sup>th</sup></b> Panto at the Grand Theatre <b>16<sup>th</sup></b> School closes 1:30 pm

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.



## Junior Leadership Team

We are thrilled to announce our new Junior Leadership Team...The Year 5 / 6 pupils prepared speeches and performed them in front of the whole school outlining their vision for the JLT and their personal 'Leadership' 'qualities'. The children were amazing and we are going to have a fabulous JLT this year.

- **Literacy Leaders** – Harry, Betsy, Rocco
- **Numeracy Leaders** – Luca, Erik, Luis
- **Science Leaders** – Charlie, James, Oliver R
- **Pastoral Leaders / Growth Mindset** – Nancy, Poppy, Lily, Alice, Holly, Krystal
- **Digital Leaders** – Rueben, Theo, Oliver S
- **Sporting Leaders** – Tom, Zac
- **Health and Safety and Safeguarding** – Darcey, Will

## Christian Leaders

We are thrilled to announce our new Christian Leadership Team

**Y1 – Jacob & Malayka**

**Y2 – George & Arianna**

**Y3 – Luca N & Darcey**

**Y4 – Eliana & Finley P**

**Y5 – Ruby**

**Y6 – Bella**



It is with great sadness that we say Goodbye to our lovely Mrs. Topping. Mrs. Topping has worked at Singleton School for 7 years and has been a valued member of our team. She has decided that the time has come, with her children all grown up to utilize her law degree.

Mrs. Topping has a new post with Age Concern, a charity very close to her heart. We wish her all the luck in the world as she moves on to pastures new and thank her for all that she has done for our little school over the years.



Miss Ashworth ran a very successful Parent Workshop in September and has decided to run another in November. A big thank you to all parents that attended.

These sessions 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 Next session is planned for  
Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November at 2pm**





## FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) Updates

### Up and coming events

Event	Date and time
Magical Disco	<b>20<sup>th</sup></b> October FOSS Magical Disco
Non uniform days	<b>14<sup>th</sup> October</b> – Non uniform day FOSS – Tombola <b>25<sup>th</sup> November</b> – Non uniform day – Chocolate donation
Christmas Fair	<b>2nd December</b> 3 – 5 pm

October is a busy month for FOSS events, so please put the dates in your diary. FOSS will send out separate letters with full details of significant events.

All families are automatically a member of FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) The Chair of FOSS is Claire Yates, she along with her small team of volunteers work incredibly hard behind the scenes organizing events. There is a new Treasurer of FOSS this year- Mrs Noden who has kindly agreed to take on the role.

FOSS are always looking for volunteers and encourage parents to become involved. You don't have to be available to help with every event, they welcome any support even if it's just behind the scenes support. The money that FOSS raise is so important to our little school as it means we can buy things for the children that just would not be possible out of the small school budget.

In the past FOSS have purchased: -

- Interactive TV's for the classrooms
- Trim Trail
- Outdoor gym
- Forest Schools Equipment
- Equipment for our woodland such as the stage
- Computers / STEM equipment
- Tables and Chairs for the new hall
- Reading books and so much more

This year, Mrs. Rund and Mr Hogg are delighted that FOSS have raised enough money to build an outdoor canopy – so that the infants can learn outside all year round. Thank you to all our wonderful parents and our amazing FOSS team.

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

Next FOSS meeting: TBA

### 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

- **Tuesday - 6<sup>th</sup>** Nativity 2pm
- **Wednesday - 7<sup>th</sup>** -Nativity 6pm

This year there will be two Junior Carol Concerts in Church

- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup>** Junior Carol concert 1:20pm
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup>** Junior Carol service 6pm

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 Parties
- 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 licenses etc.



## 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 January 2023.

This trip will now take place from **25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please click on the link below for more information

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



## Applying to Secondary Schools

### 1. Important dates

The arrangements for the transfer of pupils to secondary schools in September 2023 will, as far as possible, conform to the following timetable.

**1 September 2022** - Apply from this date

School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

**31 October 2022** - National closing date for secondary applications (statutory).

During this period all applications are processed and all preferences are considered against the published admissions policy. Where there are more applications than places available, decisions are made as to which children should be offered the available places.



We will liaise and exchange information with all other admission authorities including neighbouring local authorities. The allocation and offer of a secondary school place is finalised.

**1 March 2023** - Offers issued to parents\*

## Applying to Primary Schools

### 1. Important dates

The arrangements for the admission of pupils to primary schools in September 2023 will, as far as possible, conform to the following timetable.

**1 September 2022** - Apply from this date

School places are not allocated on a first come, first served basis. All applications received up to the closing date are given equal priority, but if you miss the deadline, a late application may reduce your chance of getting your preference of school.

**15 January 2023** - National closing date for primary applications (statutory).

During this period all applications are processed and all preferences are considered against the published admissions policy. Where there are more applications than places available, decisions are made as to which children should be offered the available places. We will liaise and exchange information with all other admission authorities including neighbouring local authorities. The allocation and offer of a primary school place is finalised.

**17 April 2023** - Offers issued to parents\*

(The national offer date is 16 April, if this date falls on a weekend or a bank holiday, offers are sent the next working day.)





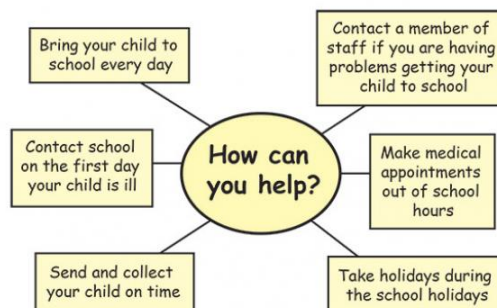
## The Importance of good attendance



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)

