

November 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."

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 new 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.

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.

It was lovely to see so many parents/ grandparents attend our STEM open afternoon. Thank you for your ongoing support!



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 - 3.00 pm

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 has been a slight price increase to £3:00 per session (£4 for tennis)

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS OCTOBER 2022

	Lower school	Upper School
Monday	Multi Skills Y2/3 £18	Multi Skills Y2/3 £18 Dance Y4/5/6 £18
Tuesday	Brass (lunchtime) Y2/3/4/5/6 £25 Mrs Lilley's Christmas Reading Club Y1/2 £8 (finish 4pm) Football Y2/3 £12	Brass (lunchtime) Y2/3/4/5/6 £25 Football Y2/3 £12 Basketball – Y4/5/6 £12
Wednesday	Outdoor Hockey Y2/3 £12	Tennis Y4/5/6 £16
Thursday	Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £30 Yoga and Mindfulness Y2/3 £18	Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £30 LAMDA – Y3/4/5/6 – until 4pm Football Y4/5/6 £18

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



The overall attendance for October **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

November

2nd - William
6th - Luca F
6th – Rocco
9th Luca N
19th Finley P
27th Oliver H
29th Erik



Parish and Community links



uneaten. Please ensure that you reinforce with the children that fruit snacks must not be shared with others – they must eat their own.

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).

Parental Workshops 2022 – 23

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.

Parent courses and workshops

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**



October 2022

Foundation

Joshua, Archie, Lily

Year One

Harry, Sophia

Year Two

George, Emma

Year Three

Matilda, Ted

Year Four

Jensen, Evelyn

Year Five

Luca, Finley

Year Six

Poppy, Zac



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

Proposed dates

Autumn Term 2023

Open: Wednesday 6th September 2023

Half Term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October 2023

Closes: Friday 22nd December 2023

Spring Term 2024

Open: Monday 8th January 2024

Half Term: Monday 12th February – Friday 16th February 2024

Closes: Thursday 28th March 2024

Summer Term 2024

Open: Monday 15th April 2024

May Day: Monday 6th May 2024

Half Term: Monday 27th May – Friday 31st May 2024

Closes: Friday 19th July 2024

Total number of openings – 190

Please note these are proposed dates and need to be agreed by the full governors in December

Inset days

1st / 2nd /5th September 2022

3rd January 2023

5th June 2023

Inset days

1st, 4th and 5th September

22nd December

22nd July

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

November	December	January
<p>7th - FS Assembly 9:05am</p> <p>8th - Virtual Parents evening- FS Y2 Y4 Y6</p> <p>9th- Virtual Parents evenings - FS Y1 Y3 Y5</p> <p>18th – Parent workshop with Learning Mentor</p> <p>25th – Non-uniform day – Chocolate donation</p>	<p>1st Flu Vaccinations</p> <p>2nd - Christmas Fair 3 – 5pm</p> <p>6th- Nativity 2pm</p> <p>7th -Nativity 6pm</p> <p>12th Junior Carol concert 1:30pm</p> <p>13th Junior Carol service 6pm</p> <p>14th Christmas Dinner and party day</p> <p>15th Panto at the Grand Theatre</p> <p>16th School closes 1:30 pm</p>	<p>4th School Opens</p> <p>17th Life Education Bus to visit school</p> <p>20th 2pm Learning Mentor Workshop – all parents welcome</p> <p>25th to 27th Towerwood Residential Trip for Year 5 and 6</p>

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. The School Office try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as an additional support to parents but this may not always happen during busy periods.



Pantomime at the Grand Theatre

The annual visit to the Grand Theatre will be on:-

Thursday 15th December

This year the Panto is Sleeping Beauty. There has been an increase in costs for the coaches this year (due to the rising fuel prices) and we are really grateful to our wonderful FOSS for very kindly paying for one of the coaches.

This will mean that we are able to keep the cost the same as last year which is £20 per child.

Payments will be added to ParentPay in the next couple of weeks.



VIRTUAL PROGRESS EVENING

This term we will be holding our progress evening virtually.

We found that the virtual progress evenings worked extremely well last year.

Parent feedback indicated that many parents preferred them as they ran to time, were more private and they didn't have to make childcare arrangements.

So, our intention is to carry out one **virtual** progress evening and one **face to face** progress evening this year.

The virtual progress evenings will take place as follows

- 8th November – for Foundation Stage , Y2, Y4, Y6
- 9th November – for Foundation Stage , Y1, Y3, Y5

You can book your own time slots via the link sent to you



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 18th November at 2pm**



FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) Updates

Up and coming events

Event	Date and time
Non-uniform days	25th November – Non uniform day – Chocolate / sweets donations  <p>Mrs Millward is organising a Chocolate tombola and sweet stall at the Christmas Fair as this is always very popular with the children. She would be very grateful for any donations of sweets / chocolates so that we can make lovely Christmas sweetie bags for the stall as well as tombola prices.</p>
Christmas Fair	2nd December 3 – 5 pm

November and December are busy months for FOSS events, so please put the dates in your diary. FOSS will send out separate letters with full details of significant events.

The Christmas Fair is fast approaching it will take place on: -

Friday 2nd December at 3pm.

We always need volunteers and also welcome any fresh ideas. This is a really popular event and we look forward to all our families supporting. If you can help out in any way, whether it be on the day helping with set up and running stalls, or behind the scenes, please let the FOSS team know. We always need cakes for our cake stalls and raffle prizes – so if you can't help out on the day but could donate some cakes or volunteer to try and get donations for raffle prizes we would be very grateful.

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. They 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 more money that FOSS raise the more exciting projects we can do for the children.

If you can help in any way, please email friendsofsingleton@outlook.com

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 held in **School**

- **Tuesday - 6th - Nativity 2pm**
- **Wednesday - 7th - Nativity 6pm**

This year there will be two Junior Carol Concerts in **Church**

- **Monday 12th Junior Carol concert 1:30pm**
- **Tuesday 13th 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 2023

We are delighted to be able to run our annual residential to Tower Wood once again. This trip is open to our Year 5/6 pupils. This year the trip will take place on 25th to 27th January 2023.

During this term (date tba) all parents and children that are going on the residential are invited into school where Mrs James will go through the trip and the experiences that the children will have. The residential trip is always a wonderful experience for the children, they have the most amazing time trying activities that challenge and push them out of their comfort zones but also have incredibly good fun!

The cost of the trip will be approximately £190

Please click on the link below for more information

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



Primary School Applications

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 **15th January 2023**

You must apply online.

Lancashire's online system will go live on the morning of 19th April 2023 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.



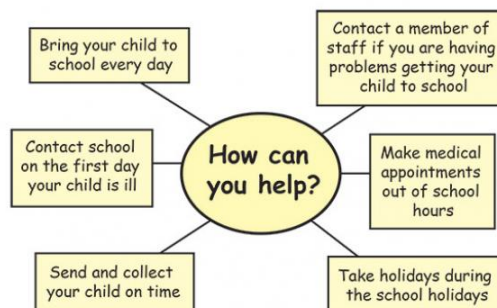
The Importance of good attendance



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)

