

# December 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,

As 2022 draws to a close, I believe it is more important than ever that we prepare our young people for the ever- changing world in which they live. It has been wonderful this year to see our pupils developing an eagerness to take an active interest in political and social events at their age appropriate level. Our year 5 and 6 children have astounded me with their ability to reflect and debate around news headlines with knowledge and understanding beyond their years. All our children continue to make me proud on a daily basis. Our Christian leaders are excellent role models leading the way with our values of wisdom, trust, respect, endurance, love and friendship. The Junior Leadership team has gone from strength to strength this year. They are confident, brilliant little leaders that are passionate about their school and love having the opportunity to have a 'say' as to how we can further improve and develop. Our successes have been vast in 2022, outstanding academic results that should be celebrated, but more than that, our children are growing into happy, caring, confident individuals with aspirations, ambition and a sense of pride. Christmas is a time to celebrate, and give thanks for what we have and what we have achieved, but it is also a time to think about others less fortunate than ourselves. On behalf of all the staff at Singleton School I would like to wish you all a very Happy Christmas. There is so much happening in school over the next few weeks – please keep your eye on the diary dates so that you don't miss anything



### 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.

**Acorns will be open until 3.30pm on 16<sup>th</sup> December.**

### 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:

- 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

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 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 is £68.60 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 has been a slight price increase to £3:00 per session (£4 for tennis)

### EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS JANUARY & FEBRUARY 2023 – FROM 9<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY

	Lower school	Upper School
<b>Monday</b>	Handball Y2/3 £15	Handball Y2/3 £15 Dance Y3/4/5 £15 Numeracy Booster Class Y6
<b>Tuesday</b>	Brass Y2/3/4/5/6 £20 Mrs Lilley's Winter Wonderland Reading Club Y1/2 £10 ( <b>finish 4pm</b> ) Football Y2/3 £15	Brass Y2/3/4/5/6 £20 Football Y2/3 £15 Tag Rugby Y3/4/5 £15 Literacy Booster Class Y6
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tennis Y2/3 £20	Tennis Y2/3 £20 Outdoor Hockey Y4/5/6 £15
<b>Thursday</b>	Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £25 Speed Stacking Y2/3 £15	Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £25 LAMDA – Y3/4/5/6 £32.50 Football Y4/5/6 £15 Speed Stacking Y2/3 £15

## 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.

Should a club be cancelled, Mrs Reeves will communicate how this will be reimbursed.



The overall attendance for  
**November 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

### December

James H  
Arianna  
Zac  
Nancy  
Harry M  
Charlie P  
Oliver R



## 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

#### 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 20th January at 2pm**

## Nativity and Carol Service

Please note that the Nativity will take place in **School** Hall and the Carol Service will take place in the **Church**



### November 2022

#### Foundation

Matilda, Summer, Olivia H

#### Year One

Malayka, Elijah

#### Year Two

Ava H

#### Year Three

Luca D, Charlotte

#### Year Four

Isla

#### Year Five

Ruby, Oliver R

#### Year Six

Harry



### October 2022

#### Foundation

Joshua, Archie, Matilda, Phoebe

Class 1

Jacob, Annabel, Emma, Theo

Class 2

Harry, Charlotte, Jensen, Evelyn

Class 3

Luis, Reuben, Tom, Amy

### November 2022

#### Foundation

Ayla, William, Michael, Arthur

Class 1

Aria, Alice Y, Ava B, Autumn

Class 2

Seb, Imogen, Jack, Finley P

Class 3

Luca, Nancy, Poppy, Charlie



## 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 31<sup>st</sup> March 2023

#### Summer Term 2023

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

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

**King Charles Coronation :** Monday 8<sup>th</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

#### Proposed dates

#### Autumn Term 2023

**Open:** Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2023

**Half Term:** Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27<sup>th</sup> October 2023

**Closes:** Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2023

#### Spring Term 2024

**Open:** Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January 2024

**Half Term:** Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> February 2024

**Closes:** Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2024

#### Summer Term 2024

**Open:** Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April 2024

**May Day:** Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May 2024

**Half Term:** Monday 27<sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31<sup>st</sup> May 2024

**Closes:** Friday 19<sup>th</sup> 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

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

#### Inset days

1<sup>st</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> September

22<sup>nd</sup> December

22<sup>nd</sup> July

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

December	January	February
<b>1<sup>st</sup>- Flu Vaccinations</b> <b>1<sup>st</sup> - Whole School Worship in Church</b> <b>2<sup>nd</sup> - Christmas Fair 3 – 4.30pm</b> <b>6<sup>th</sup>- Nativity 2pm</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> -Nativity 6pm</b> <b>8<sup>th</sup> - Prize Giving 9:05 am</b> <b>12<sup>th</sup> Junior Carol concert 1:30pm</b> <b>13<sup>th</sup> Junior Carol service 6pm</b> <b>14<sup>th</sup> Christmas Dinner and party day</b> <b>15<sup>th</sup> Panto at the Grand Theatre</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> School closes 1:30 pm</b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup> - School Opens</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup>– X Factor (Time tables) competition starts this week</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> – Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> - Literacy Booster 3- 4.15</b> <b>16<sup>th</sup> -Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup>- Literacy Booster 3- 4.15</b> <b>17<sup>th</sup> Life Education Bus to visit school</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> 2pm Learning Mentor Workshop – all parents welcome</b> <b>23<sup>rd</sup> -Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15</b> <b>24<sup>th</sup>- Literacy Booster 3- 4.15</b> <b>25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> Towerwood Residential Trip for Year 5 and 6</b> <b>30<sup>th</sup> -Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15</b> <b>31<sup>st</sup>- Literacy Booster 3- 4.15</b>	<b>6<sup>th</sup> Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15</b> <b>7<sup>th</sup> – Literacy Booster 3-4.15</b> <b>9<sup>th</sup> X Factor Final</b> <b>10<sup>th</sup> School Closes 3pm</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> School Opens</b> <b>20<sup>th</sup> Numeracy Booster 3-4.15</b> <b>21<sup>st</sup> Literacy Booster 3-4.15</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> Numeracy Booster 3-4.15</b> <b>27<sup>th</sup> MAD Week</b>

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 15<sup>th</sup> 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.

Please Pay using Parent Pay.



## Christmas Dinner and Parties!

**Our Christmas dinner will be on  
Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December.**

All children are welcome to have a school Christmas dinner. If your child is on a packed lunch and you would like them to have a school dinner on this day please speak to Mrs. Reeves in the Office. The cost of a Christmas dinner is £2.45. Those children who already have a school meal will already receive a Christmas Dinner.



Our Christmas Parties will also take place on this day. Children are allowed to wear party clothes – so please come to school in party clothes!

Please make sure that children wear suitable shoes and bring a coat, as they will have outdoor playtimes as normal.



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 20th January at 2pm**





## FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) Updates

### Up and coming events

Event	Date and time
Christmas Fair	2nd December 3 – 4.30 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](mailto:friendsofsingleton@outlook.com)

### Prize Giving



**Our Autumn Term Prize Giving will take place on  
Thursday 8th December at 9:05am in the New Hall**

For those parents new to school we have a Prize giving celebration at the end of each term.

Children receive awards for the following

- Christian Values
- Progress
- Ethos
- Creativity
- Effort and Achievement

If your child has won an award then Mrs. Reeves will contact you. Please do not tell your child as we like them to be surprised on the day.

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

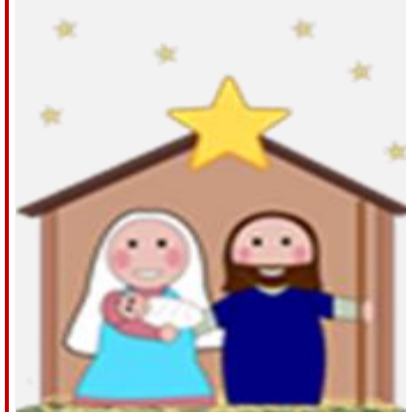
This year there will be two Junior Carol Concerts in **Church**

- **Monday 12<sup>th</sup> Junior Carol concert 1:30pm**
- **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> Junior Carol service 6pm**

Tickets can be purchased via Parent pay 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 25<sup>th</sup> to 27<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

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/>



## Christmas Finish times

We close for the Christmas Break on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December at 1:30pm – We ask that you please collect your children promptly



Acorns Singleton is staying open until 3:30pm – if you wish to book a place please use the link below

<https://acornsbreakfastandafterschoolclub.kidsclubhq.co.uk/cust#/auth>

## 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 **15<sup>th</sup> January 2023**

**You must apply online.**

Lancashire's online system will go live on the morning of 19<sup>th</sup> 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)

