

February 2023 Newsletter

Singleton Church of England Primary School

"Passion for LearningPassion for life"

Christian Value – Endurance

"Let us run with endurance the race God has set before us". Hebrews 12:1

Dear Parents,

January has once again been a very busy month in school. Our Year Six children have settled into their revision term, attending 'Booster Classes' with a positive mind-set. They all work extremely hard at all times and we are all very proud of them.

Mrs James has begun the knock out stages of the annual X-Factor competition and she is very impressed with how many children have entered and how determined our children are to learn their tables. Times tables are crucial to maths....and it is never too soon to start learning them!

Our Year 5 /6 children have been on their residential trip to Towerwood – they had a fabulous time. A big thank you to Mrs James, Mrs Rund and Mrs Lilly for giving up their own time, volunteering to take our children – we really appreciate all that you do for our children. Please keep your eye on the diary dates as there is a lot happening over the next few months. Please note we are struggling to recruit for the Office Admin role – so please be mindful that Mrs Reeves is on her own and trying her very best at this time!



Acorns
Breakfast and Afterschool Club

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

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:

Staff are trained in pediatric first aid and have regular safeguarding training. We can offer the club sessions on a regular and one-off basis, although sessions will need to be booked in advance. Acorns is owned by Sarah Goldie, a fully qualified teacher of 20 years and managed by Gabrielle McGowen.

Current Fees

| | | |
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| 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) |

For any further enquiries, contact details are as follows:

- 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 through Parent Pay. This does still need to be done in advance a weekly or half-termly basis.

Dinner money for next term is £73.50 (up to 31st March) 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 **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 (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 FEBRUARY - MARCH 2023 FROM MONDAY 20 TH FEBRUARY TO THURSDAY 30 TH MARCH 2023 | | |
|--|---|---|
| | Lower School (FS /1/2/3) | Upper School (4/5/6) |
| Monday | Handball Y2/3 £18 | Dance Y3/4/5 £18 Numeracy Booster Y6 |
| Tuesday | Brass Y2/3/4/5/6 £30 Football Y2/3 £15 Mrs Lilley's Reading Club Y1/2 £10 | Brass Y2/3/4/5/6 £30 Tag Rugby Y3/4/5 £15 Literacy Booster Y6 |
| Wednesday | Tennis Y2/3 £20 | Hockey Y4/5/6 £15 |
| Thursday | Speed Stacking Y2/3 £18 Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £30 | Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £30 Football Y 4/5/6 £18 LAMDA – Y3/4/5/6 – until 4pm £39 |

There will be no clubs afterschool on Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th March due to Parents Evening

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.
We are a cashless school and all payments should be made via the Parent Pay system.

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.



The overall attendance for January was

97%

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

February

2nd Aidan
3rd Thomas C
10th Violet
10th Seb
12th Ava B
15th Matilda G
19th Joshua
20th Belle
23rd Emma
27th Darcey U
28th Carter



Parish and Community links



Time for reflection

Wisdom

"All wisdom comes from God." Proverbs 2 v 6

Through this Christian Value, we try to develop within our children a good sense and judgement based on life experience and biblical teaching. Also, an understanding that Wisdom is not about what you know (this is knowledge/information) but about what you do with what you know - the application of your knowledge. Being wise does not necessarily have anything to do with age or intellect. Although it is a gift, it is a virtue that we believe needs to be nurtured.

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).

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.

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

Pupil Progress Meetings 2023

Our Second 'Pupil Progress Meeting' of the year will be held as Face to Face meetings. There are a few changes to the usual format: -

- Rather than splitting the year groups up onto separate nights parents will be able to select an appointment on either evening – we hope that this change will help parents that work in the evening.
- The time slots will be available to book on line and links will be sent out nearer the time. The allocated time is limited to a 5 minutes progress chat with your child's class teacher. Please remember if you have a concern or worry then do not wait until parents evening as we have an open-door policy. The focus of 'Formal Progress Meetings' is for staff to run through progress and next steps within learning.
- If your child has an Individual Education Plan (IEP) then you will have already had your meeting with your child's class teacher for this term and so **do not** need to book a slot
- If you co-parent and intend to both attend the same meeting please book only one slot but place a note on the system to indicate that both parents will be attending.
- If you co parent and wish to have a separate appointment then please book individual slots but place a note on the system to indicate this is the intention.
- Some books will be available in the classrooms for parents to look at – so please plan a further 10 minutes into your schedule. Please note that the classrooms will be **closed for cleaning from 6:15pm** onwards – so if you book a later slot please look at books before meeting with the teacher to avoid disappointment.
- **Please note children are not allowed to attend this event.** Acorns will be available should you require short term child care. They are offering a 30 minute slot for your appointment for £2.50, up to 5.30pm when the club will close.

Full details and links to book slots will be sent out nearer the time but please note the dates for your diaries:

Tuesday 14th March – Pupil Progress Consultation Evening **3: 15 – 6:15pm**

Wednesday 15th March - Pupil Progress Evening **3: 15 – 6:15pm**

Don't forget
parents
evening!



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

Coronation King Charles - Monday 8th May 2022

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

Ends: Friday 21st July 2023

Total number of openings – 195

HOLIDAYS 2023 /2024

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

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)

February

6th – Year 5/6 Assembly 9.05am
6th – Numeracy Booster 3-4-15
7th – Literacy Booster 3-4.15
8th – FOSS meeting
9th - X Factor Final
10th School Closes
20th School Opens
20th Numeracy Booster 3-4.15
21st Literacy Booster 3-4.15
27th Numeracy Booster 3-4.15
27th MAD Week
28th Literacy Booster 3-4.15

March

2nd – World Book Day
3rd – **Non uniform – chocolate**
6th - Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15
7th - Literacy Booster 3- 4.15
13th – Foundation Class Assembly 9.05am
13th Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15
14th **NO Literacy Booster / afterschool clubs**
14th Pupil Progress meetings 3:15 – 6:15pm
15th Pupil Progress Evenings 3:15 – 6:15 pm
15th **NO after school clubs**
20th Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15
21st Literacy Booster 3- 4.15
22nd **Sponsored event**
27th – Year 3/4 Assembly 9.05am
27th Numeracy Booster 3- 4.15
28th – Hinduism Workshops for the whole school
28th Literacy Booster 3- 4.15
31st School Closes 1:30pm

April

17th – School Opens
17th – Numeracy Booster 3-4.15
18th – Literacy Booster 3-4.15
24th – Numeracy Booster 3-4.15
25th - Literacy Booster 3-4.15

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 indicated in the monthly newsletter which gives up to 3 months' notice. The Office will try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as an additional support to parents but this may not always happen during busy periods.



FOSS Updates

Up and coming events

| Event | Date |
|-----------------|---|
| Non-uniform day | 3 rd March - Chocolate – Easter raffle |

FOSS will also be running the very popular Easter Egg raffle for the children from Monday 6th March. Tickets will be sold via Parent Pay. Each class will have a range of Chocolate hamper Prizes. More information to follow



The next FOSS meeting will be on Wednesday 8th Feb, 5.45pm at the Miller Arms, please come and join us – everyone welcome!

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

Y6 Booster Classes

This year there are changes to the usual SATs timetable due to the Coronation of King Charles and an additional Bank Holiday on Monday 8th May 2022

The key stage 2 tests are timetabled from Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12 May 2023.

- **Tuesday 9 May:** English grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- **Wednesday 10 May:** English reading paper.
- **Thursday 11 May:** mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- **Friday 12 May:** mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

We will be running Booster classes from January in Literacy and numeracy every Monday and Tuesday to ensure given the challenging few years our children have had that we give them the best possible support. We ask that all Y6 children attend these. The children will be given additional specific SATs related homework and there will be an expectation that they also use BBC bitesize. BBC bitesize should be used for 10 - 15 mins a day, it offers a range of videos, quizzes and games for the children to watch and learn from. The children should pick topics that they feel less confident with. Please click the link below: -

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zrybvk7>



January 2023

Foundation

Olivia S, Blake, Michael, Oliver

Year One

Alice R, Aria

Year Two

Theo, Ralph

Year Three

Evie, Annabel

Year Four

Isabelle, Eliana

Year Five

Betsy,

Year Six

Theo, Sienna



January 2023

Foundation

Lily, Summer, Alexia, Olivia

Class 1

Thomas, Ralph, Harris, Charlie

Class 2

Evie, Annabelle, Finley B, Mia V

Class 3

Rocco, Betsy, Mimi, Erik



Primary School Applications

The application process has now closed.

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.



Sponsored Event 2023

Mrs. Rund and the Junior Leadership Team (JLT) will organize this year's sponsored event. For those of you that are new to school every year we task our Junior Leadership Team with the development and organization of a sponsored event. The money raised from the event is used twofold: -

- To update playtime toys and equipment each year
- To support a children's charity

The Junior Leadership Team work with Mrs. Rund to find a children's charity that they feel they would like to support. This is such a valuable opportunity for our older children to develop an understanding of the needs and experiences of other children in our world. Having focused, intentional discussions with children about charity increases the likelihood that they will give or think of others. Charity builds empathy, which is a critical social and emotional skill.

The JLT also then are given a budget and the responsibility of picking equipment and resources to encourage exercise and fitness and creative play at playtimes. Again, this is such a valuable life skill for our older children.

Once the children have made their plans they will send out more information. The sponsored event will be launched in March.

Sponsored Event Wednesday 22nd March 2022



World Book Day / MAD week

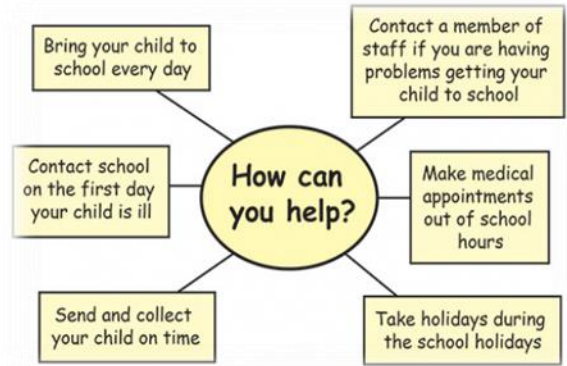
Mrs. Millward is once again organizing a Fabulous MAD (Music Art and Drama) week which will encompass the 'World Book Day' celebration for our children. She is going to send out full information about the week and the activities over the next few weeks.

MAD week will take place during the week beginning 27th Feb.

World book day is on **Thursday 2nd March**. For our new parents:- on World book Day the children can come dressed as one of their favourite book characters and bring the book with them to share with their class.



The Importance of good attendance



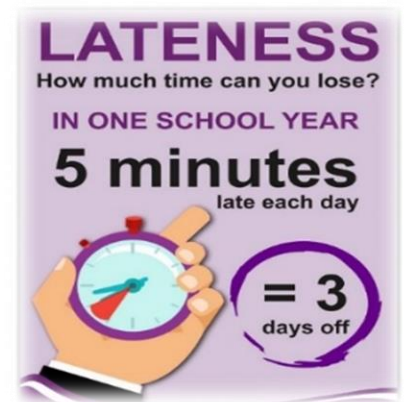
| Attendance during one school year | Equals days absent | Which is approximately weeks absent | Which is this is the number of lessons missed |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|-------------------------------------|---|
| 95% | 9 days | 2 weeks | 50 lessons |
| 90% | 19 days | 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 Acorns 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 in monitored by Miss Ashworth – Family Learning Mentor



Coronation of King Charles III

King Charles III's coronation will be held on **Saturday 6th May 2023** at Westminster Abby.
Monday 8th May – will be a Bank Holiday

Six-part ceremony

There are six parts to the coronation - the recognition, oath, anointing, investiture, enthronement and homage.

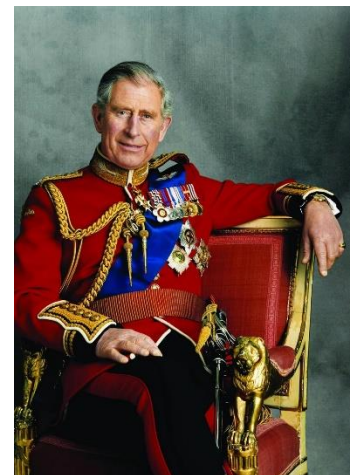
1. The recognition sees the monarch stand in the theatre - the central part of the Abbey - and turn to the north, south, east and west to 'show himself unto the people'. Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby will then declare him the 'undoubted King'. This ritual date back to Anglo-Saxon times.
2. Second is the coronation oath, which will see the King promise to reign according to law, exercise justice with mercy and maintain the Church of England.
3. The third part - the anointing - follows, which is the process of blessing and consecrating the new monarch with holy oil - the central act of the religious ceremony. The King will remove his crimson robe and sit in King Edward's Chair.
4. Fourthly, the investiture is the official crowning. It will see the King dressed in special robes and presented with the orb, coronation ring, sceptre and rod. Sitting in King Edward's Chair, he will be crowned with St Edward's Crown before the congregation shouts out 'God Save the King'.
5. This is followed by the enthroning, which will see the monarch lifted onto a different throne by archbishops, bishops and "other peers of the kingdom".
6. The final stage of the King's coronation is known as homage. It sees the Archbishop of Canterbury, the Prince of Wales and other royal blood princes paying tribute to the King by placing their hands between his and kissing his right hand.

Camilla to be crowned

The Queen Consort will then also be crowned.

Unlike the wives of Kings, the husbands of Queens do not become King Consorts and are therefore not crowned.

But ahead of her Platinum Jubilee, the Queen announced Camilla would be known as Queen Consort on King Charles's accession.



Safeguarding information for parents

Singleton Safeguarding team

Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)

- **Amanda Clayton** (Head) – Lead DSL
- **Leonie Millward** (SENCO) – DSL
- **Katie Ashworth** (Learning Mentor) – DSL

Governors with Responsibility for Safeguarding

- **Alec Davies** – Chair of the Governing Body / safer recruitment
- **Keith Walker** – Chair of the SHE committee / Safer recruitment

Safeguarding DBS lead

- **Rachel Reeves** (Office Manager)
 - Rachel keeps and maintains a log of all staff and volunteers who have DBS clearance to work with children and the Governors review, and general safeguarding in school monthly.

Prevent Lead

- **Lisa Rund** (FS Teacher)
- **Martin Keighley** (Governor)



Useful information / Publications for parents

Each month we will provide some links or publications to download that will cover a wide range of current Safeguarding information for parents.

This month we have focused on a general overview of safeguarding – see below for the ‘Safeguarding’ Parents handbook and a link to the NSPCC website that focus’s on having the more difficult conversations with our children.



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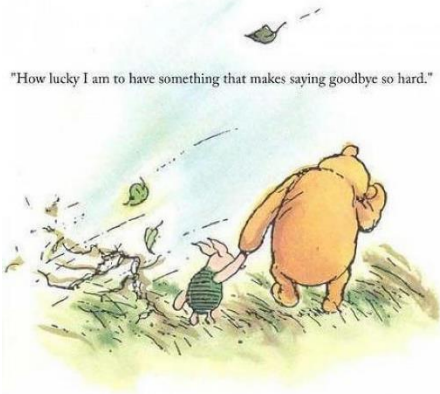
The NSPCC provide a wealth of information for parents on a range of topics to help you keep your children safe. Sometimes as parents we have to have more difficult conversations on more challenging topics. Please click on the link below for advice and support around having those conversations about 'difficult subjects that you may need to have to keep your children safe.'

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/talking-about-difficult-topics/>

Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



"How lucky I am to have something that makes saying goodbye so hard."



THANK YOU

On behalf of the Staff, Governors, parents and children I would like to thank Laura Walker our outgoing Chair of the Governing Body for her dedicated service to our little school through the most unprecedented and challenging times. Laura has without a doubt been a source of strength, an exceptional leader and she has gone above and beyond in her Voluntary role as Chair of Governors. Laura will be greatly missed and we wish Laura well in her future endeavors.

We also say goodbye and thank you to Sue Provost one of our Foundation Governors who also leaves at this time.

WELCOME

We would like to welcome two new Governors. Miranda Smith and Christina Vazira. They joined the governing body in January. Christina has link to the school as her daughter used to come here and Miranda works for BAE within the HR department.

CHAIR/ VICE OF GOVERNING BODY

Alec Davies has been appointed as the Chair of the Governing Body – He has previous experience as the Chair and he looks forward to taking on this key role once more.

Julie Webster has been appointed as the Vice Chair of the Governing Body. Julie is a retired Head teacher, with experience as an Ofsted inspector and a School Advisor – she brings a wealth of expertise to the governing body.



Blackpool & Fylde Children's Pantomime 2023

Five of our girls recently auditioned and took part in the Blackpool & Fylde Children's Pantomime 2023, The Wizard of Oz. All five did incredibly well, rehearsing every weekend for many months and performing in four fantastic shows over one weekend in January at Blackpool Grand Theatre. One of the students in the show, made it on stage for the first performance just a couple of hours after getting home from the Towerwood school trip! It is a huge achievement for our small school to have five students chosen for the B&FCP Panto, which auditions under 18s across the whole of Blackpool and the Fylde. Well done girls!

