

# April 2023 Newsletter

## Singleton Church of England Primary School

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

Christian Value – Endurance

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

Dear Parents,

We have had an incredibly busy Spring term, with X-Factor, MAD week, World Book Day, Tower Wood and a lovely Easter open afternoon. It was lovely to see all our parents, carers and grandparents joining in with the activities. The afternoon was a great success – with some wonderful creations!! Thank you to all that supported.

Mad week was amazing – a big thank you to Mrs Millward for organising and to Miss Natasha (Performing Arts in Education) and Mr Hooper (Upbeat Rock Academy) for their inspirational teaching. The children were amazing as always and the final performances were brilliant!

I can't believe that we are in the summer term already – this year really is flying by. Please keep your eye on the diary dates as so many things happen in the summer term that you may need to plan for.



### 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

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](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 - 3:30 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 through Parent Pay. This does still need to be done in advance a weekly or half-termly basis.

**Dinner money for next term is £68.60 (up to 26<sup>th</sup> May) 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 9.10am and leave a message on the answerphone.**

### • Lost Property

Please remember to clearly label all your children's clothing. For any lost uniform etc. please check the **Lost Property box** which is located in the school entrance, outside the office.



## 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.
- Mrs Lilley 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 APRIL - MAY 2023 FROM MONDAY 17 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO THURSDAY 25 <sup>TH</sup> MAY2023		
	Lower School (FS /1/2/3)	Upper School (4/5/6)
<b>Monday</b>	Dance Y1/2/3 £12 Science Club F/Y1/Y2 (until 4pm) £8	Dance Y1/2/3 £12 Numeracy Booster Y6 (ends 24 <sup>th</sup> April) Rounders Y4/5 £12
<b>Tuesday</b>	Brass Y2/3/4/5/6 £25 Football Y2/3 £18 Athletics Y1/2/3 £18 Mrs Lilley's Woodland Reading Club (until 4pm)F/Y1 £6	Brass Y2/3/4/5/6 £25 Literacy Booster Y6 (ends 2 <sup>nd</sup> May) Football Y2/3 £18 Panto rehearsal club Y5/6 FREE
<b>Wednesday</b>	Tennis Y2/3 £20 Forest School (All Ages) Free	Netball Y4/5/6 £18 Forest School (All Ages) Free
<b>Thursday</b>	Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £30	Singing (Lunchtime) 2/3/4/5/6 £30 Football Y 4/5/6 £18 Athletics Y3/4/5/6 £18 LAMDA – Y3/4/5/6 – until 4pm £32.50

### 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 March 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

### April

5th Evelyn  
6<sup>th</sup> Malayka  
11th Will  
18<sup>th</sup> Arthur Y  
26th Bella  
27<sup>th</sup> Harry F  
28<sup>th</sup> Lily F



## Parish and Community links



Time for reflection

**LOVE**



### 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 count towards this.

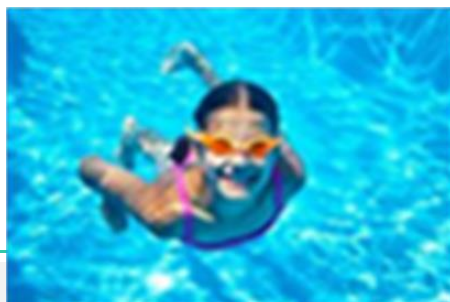
## Swimming

Swimming resumes this term for our year 3/4 children – starting after the Easter holiday – each Wednesday, lessons will take place during the first half of the morning before breaktime.

Children need the following

- Swimming Costume / Trunks (please note not swimming shorts as they hold too much water and not bikini's)
- Girls and boys with longer hair need a swimming hat (please put talc in this as it helps to get in on!)
- Towel
- Goggles (optional – but require a signature on the consent form)

Mrs. James will also be contacting the Year 6 parents separately as there is a requirement that by the end of Y6 pupils can swim 25m and with COVID the older children did not get the full swimming allocation that they would normally receive in school. Parents will be asked whether their child can swim 25m and for those that can't we will take them for additional swimming in the latter half of the summer term.



## 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

**Coronation King Charles** - Monday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2022

**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

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

**Closes:** Thursday 21<sup>st</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

#### 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)

April	May	June
17 <sup>th</sup> – School Opens 17 <sup>th</sup> – Numeracy Booster 3-4.15 18 <sup>th</sup> – Literacy Booster 3-4.15 19 <sup>th</sup> – Year 3/4 School Swimming at Poulton Pool 24 <sup>th</sup> – Class 2 Class Assembly 9.05am 24 <sup>th</sup> – Numeracy Booster 3-4.15 25 <sup>th</sup> – Reception Children Vision Screening 25 <sup>th</sup> – Literacy Booster 3-4.15 28 <sup>th</sup> – FOSS non uniform – Bring a Bottle	1 <sup>st</sup> – Bank Holiday 8 <sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday – Kings Coronation 9 <sup>th</sup> – KS2 SATs week – Y6 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Foundation Class Assembly 9.05am 24 <sup>th</sup> – New to Foundation Induction 6pm 25 <sup>th</sup> – Summer open afternoon – Gardening day 26 <sup>th</sup> – School Closes at 3pm	5 <sup>th</sup> - School Opens 6 <sup>th</sup> – Reception & KS1 School Trip to Leighton Moss 9 <sup>th</sup> – Non-uniform day – bring a Tombola 12 <sup>th</sup> June – Class 2 worship 8:55am 16 <sup>th</sup> – New Starter induction morning 9:15 – 11:30am 20 <sup>th</sup> – School Nurse Height and weight FS &Y6 21 <sup>st</sup> – Sports day 1:15pm 22 <sup>nd</sup> - Class 2 & 3 School Trip to Blackburn Cathedral and Jaame Mosque 23 <sup>rd</sup> - New Starter induction Morning 9:15 – 11:30 26 <sup>th</sup> – Class 1 worship; 8:55am 27 <sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports day 30 <sup>th</sup> – Non uniform day – chocolate and sweets tombola

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	28th April – FOSS– Bring a Bottle
Non-uniform day	9th June – bring a Tombola prize
Non-uniform day	30th June – chocolate and sweets tombola
FOSS BBQ	14 <sup>th</sup> July from 3:15pm

Please note the change in date for the non-uniform day for Tombola prizes this was previously advertised as May but will now take place in June.

All families are automatically a member of FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) The Chair of FOSS is Clare 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)

## 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 8<sup>th</sup> 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/zrybv7>



### March 2023

#### Foundation

Lily, Ayla, Olivia, Matilda, Summer

#### Year One

Violet, James

#### Year Two

Emma, Thomas, Huxley

#### Year Three

Harry

#### Year Four

Finley B, Jack, Oliver

#### Year Five

Nancy, Luis

#### Year Six

Mimi, Bella, Lilly



## New to Foundation Induction

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.

**Important times and dates at a glance for parents / children who secure a place a Singleton School**

Induction dates 2023

- Induction Evening
  - **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> May 2022** at 6pm
- Induction mornings for the children
  1. **Friday 16<sup>th</sup> June** 9.15 – 11.30am
  2. **Friday 23<sup>th</sup> June** 9.15 – 11.30am.



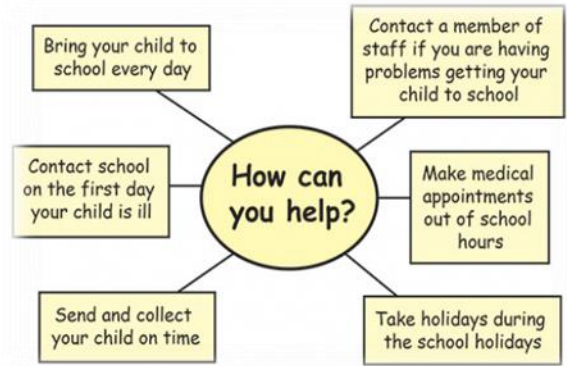
## Prize Giving Winners Easter 2023

Christian Values Award	Creativity Award	Ethos Award	Progress Award	Effort and Achievement Award
<b>Foundation</b> Matilda	<b>Foundation</b> Blake	<b>Foundation</b> Alexia	<b>Foundation</b> Olivia H	<b>Foundation</b> Archie
<b>Class One</b> Samson	<b>Class One</b> Emma	<b>Class One</b> Elijah	<b>Class One</b> Theo	<b>Class One</b> Sienna
<b>Class Two</b> Ethan	<b>Class Two</b> Imogen	<b>Class Two</b> Finley P	<b>Class Two</b> Darcey	<b>Class Two</b> Eliana
<b>Class Three</b> Charlie	<b>Class Three</b> Alice	<b>Class Three</b> Rocco	<b>Class Three</b> Reuben	<b>Class Three</b> Amy

Well done to all our winners!



# The Importance of good attendance



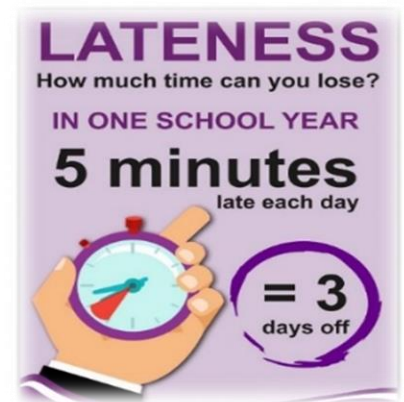
Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which is this is the number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

**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 3:15 (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



## Safeguarding information for parents

### Singleton Safeguarding team

### Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)

- **Amanda Clayton** (Head) – Lead DSL
- **Leonie Millward** (SENCO) – 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 the NSPCC – ‘Talk PANTS’ – a brilliant website that helps parent keep their children safe from sexual abuse with the help of a friendly dinosaur called Pantosaurus.

Please click on the link below

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/support-for-parents/pants-underwear-rule/>

# Keeping children safe is everyone's responsibility



## What are the PANTS rules?



Privates are private	+
Always remember your body belongs to you	+
No means no	+
Talk about secrets that upset you	+
Speak up, someone can help	+



## Statutory Assessment information for parents

### Multiplication tables check parent leaflet

If your child is in year 4 they will take the Multiplication Tables check this year.

The DFE have published an [information for parents leaflet](#) schools can use with parents when explaining what the assessment is, how it will be carried out and why it has been introduced. Click on the link to find out more.

### KS2 SATs dates 2023

What dates are SATs 2023?

### **Changes to key stage 2 assessment dates in 2023**

An additional bank holiday in honour of the Coronation of His Majesty King Charles III will take place on Monday 8 May 2023. As this date had previously been announced as the first day of the 2023 key stage 2 (KS2) test week in England, a change to the KS2 test schedule next year will be necessary.

Ministers have considered the situation carefully and have decided that KS2 tests will take place in the same week with tests following the usual order but each taking place one day later than originally planned. As such, the new schedule will be:

- 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)

### PowerPoint for Parents – KS2 SATs



KS2 SATs  
Powerpoint for Pare

### **Year 6 SATs REVISION - USEFUL WEBSITES**

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> - BBC Bitesize Revision Activities
- <http://www.emaths.co.uk/> Past papers and extra advice included.
- [http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children\\_sats.htm](http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm)
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/index.html>
- [https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive\\_ks2\\_english](https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive_ks2_english)
- <http://spellingframe.co.uk> great for Y3,4,5 & 6 key frequency words
- <http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage> - great for more able mathematicians and anyone who wants to attack applying and problem solving in maths.
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk>
- <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/english/> English Quizzes
- <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/> Maths Quizzes
- Video link to SATs info video (or google M Tidd 2020 KS2 Tests):-  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H2D1UI4pjE>



## Summer Open afternoon / Gardening day

### Summer Open Afternoon

#### Save the Date

Our Summer Open afternoon takes

Thursday 25th May from 1:15pm

Everyone welcome

The theme will be outdoors – gardening and forests schools.

More info to follow



## Singleton Gala

### SAVE THE DATES!

The Singleton Gala Committee are pleased to announce that this year's Gala will take place on Sunday 18th June @ The Marquee in the field behind the Village Hall.

It will be in the usual format with procession and further details will be issued in due course. In addition, they will be holding a Party Night on Friday 16th June in the same location. The Keytars Party Band will be playing, there will be a hog roast (and vegetarian option), licensed bar and general merriment and dancing! Whilst the Gala is of course free to attend, the Party Night will be our fundraising event and it will be ticket only.



## Change in length of School day

From **April 17<sup>th</sup> 2023** School opening times will be as follows:

- Doors open **8:40am**
- Registration closes at **8:50am**
- End of school day **3:15pm**
- Which equates to 32 hours and 30 minutes a week.

The school day starts at **8.40am** when **all** children come into school – we **expect all** children to be in school at this time – **Please note there is no longer a drop off window**

Registers are taken by **8:50 am** and your child will receive a **late mark 'L'** if they are not in by **8:50am**

Children arriving after 8.50am are required to come into school via the school office. If accompanied by a parent/carer they must sign them into our 'Late Book' and provide a reason for their lateness which is recorded

At **9.10am (30 minutes after the start of the school day)** the registers will be closed. In accordance with the regulations, if your child arrives after that time, they will receive a mark that shows them to be on site – **'U'**, but this will not count as a present mark and it will mean they have an **unauthorised absence**

