

July 2023 Newsletter

Singleton Church of England Primary School

"Passion for LearningPassion for life"

Christian Value – Trust

"When I am afraid, I put my trust in you." Psalm 56:3

Dear Parents,

I cannot believe that we are almost at the end of another school year; this year really has just flown by. What an action-packed June we had, with trips, sports day and transition mornings! July as always is a very busy month with Prize giving, pantos and leavers celebrations.

The next few weeks are an emotional roller coaster for all our Year 6 children (and their parents!) as they enter their final weeks at primary school.

This year's Year 6 children have been great assets to Singleton School. We are all going to miss them so very much as they move on to high school, but wish them all the luck in the world.

Please look at the diary dates section because there is still a lot happening in school that you might like to be involved in over the next few weeks and new events may have been added!

I would like to wish you all a lovely summer holiday, I hope nice weather continues! The staff and children are definitely ready for a well-earned break.



Acorns
Breakfast and Afterschool Club

Opening Times

Monday	7:30 am - 8:40 am	3:15 - 5:30 pm
Tuesday	7:30 am - 8:40 am	3:15 - 5:30 pm
Wednesday	7:30 am - 8:40 am	3:15 - 5:30 pm
Thursday	7:30 am - 8:40 am	3:15 - 5:30 pm
Friday	7:30 am - 8:40 am	3:15 - 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 – 8:40 am	£4.75 per child (includes breakfast)
After School Club – full session	3:15 pm - 5:30 pm	£9.50 per child (includes snack)
After School Club – early session	3:15 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 - 3:30 pm

Tel (01253) 882226

Please note that the office is closed for lunch between 12:00 and 1:00pm and 12:00 and 1:30pm on a Friday.

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 £82.50 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 Extra-Curricular activities

- Please make sure that your child has additional kit for any after school activity, a 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 either **4 pm or 4.15 pm.**
- 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.

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER 2023 FROM MONDAY 11 TH SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 19 TH OCTOBER 2023		
	Lower School (FS /1/2)	Upper School (3/4/5/6)
Monday	Multi-skills Y2/3 £18	Dance Y4/5/6 £18 Multi-skills Y2/3 £18
Tuesday	Brass Y2 £30 Football Y2/3 £18 Athletics Y1/2 £18 Mrs Lilley's Woodland Reading Club (until 4pm) Y1/2 £6	Brass Y3/4/5/6 £30 Basketball Y4/5/6 £18 Football Y2/3 £18
Wednesday	Outdoor Hockey Y2/3 £18	Tennis Y4/5/6 £ Outdoor Hockey Y2/3 £18
Thursday	Singing (Lunchtime) Y2-6 £30 Yoga & Mindfulness Y2/3 £18	Singing (Lunchtime) Y2-6 £30 Football Y 4/5/6 £18 Yoga & Mindfulness Y2/3 £18

Payment; 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. Information about next terms clubs will be sent out separately.

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 June 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 the school office



July

Happy Birthday to the following children

3rd Oliver W
6th Olivia H
6th Summer
10th Darcey B
12th Sienna
15th Harry B
18th Blake
18th Eliana
27th Samson
27th Huxley
29th Aria
31st Betsy



Parish and Community links



Time for reflection

TRUST



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.

Pantomime



Snow White 2023

The excitement is mounting ... the parts have been cast....and rehearsals are in full swing!

Mrs. James, Miss Kirby and Mrs. Millward have been planning the Panto for weeks now

As always, you are in for a real treat!

Please be aware that Mrs Millward and Mrs James put a massive amount of effort into the Pantomime and it is very frustrating when children with significant parts do not turn up to **both** evening performances. When this happens, it has implications for all the children in the show. Please make a note of when the performances are as there is an expectation that if your child auditions for a part in the show that they **attend BOTH** performances.

Miss Stansfield will alert parents once tickets are on sale – payment will be via Parent Pay.

The pantomime takes place on: -

- **Tuesday 11th July 6pm**
- **Wednesday 12th July 6pm**



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: Thursday 21st 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)

July	September	October
11 th – KS2 Panto 6pm 12 th – KS2 Panto 6pm 14 th – FOSS BBQ – 3:15pm 19 th – Reports Home 20 th – Prize Giving 9:05am 21 st – Y6 Leavers Assembly 10:30 am 21 st – Y6 pupils and families Jacob join leavers lunch – after the assembly 21 st – School Closes at 1:30 pm	1 st - Staff Inset day 4 th - Staff Inset day 5 th -Staff Inset day 6 th - School Opens 6 th - New starters in from 8:40 – 1:15pm 6 th - PM New parent meetings with Mrs Rund 7 th - New starters in from 8:40 – 1:15pm 7 th - PM New parent meetings with Mrs Rund 8 th - New starters in from 8:40 – 1:15pm 8 th - PM New parent meetings with Mrs Rund 6 th /7 th PM – New parent meetings with Mrs Rund 11 th Foundation in full time from today 20 th – KS1 Maths Workshop 3.20pm W/B 25 th – Junior Leadership Team – application speeches 29 th FOSS Mad Hair Day (bring a bottle)	2 nd – Class 3 Assembly 8:50am W/B 9 th – STEM week - 11 th - Open afternoon 1:15pm (STEM FOCUS) 16-18 th – Towerwood Class 3 20 th – School Closes 3.15pm 30 th – School Opens

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
FOSS BBQ	14 th July from 3.15pm
Mad Hair Day	29 th Sept – Bring a Bottle

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



FOSS will be running the annual BBQ on Friday 14th July. This will be held on the school field and all members of the school community are invited. More information will follow nearer to the event but FOSS and the JLT will run a few stalls and a BBQ / refreshment. Parents, careers and grandparents are all invited and can bring picnic blankets and chairs.

Acorns Holiday Club Summer 23

Acorns are running a Summer holiday Club, based at Blessed Virgin Mary Church Hall, Church Lane, Hambleton. We will be using the grounds of Hambleton School to play outdoors.

We have a variety of exciting activities planned with lots of adult led sessions, such as Forest School, cooking, arts and crafts, a crown green bowling trip and Lego models (computer coding) just to name a few. There is also the choice to just relax and play with our wide range of toys and games, or to challenge friends to a game of pool, air hockey or table tennis. We also have a bouncy castle which is a firm favourite!

- 9am to 5pm (half days available) £25 per day.
- Please book using the usual link on the School website, choosing Hambleton-Holiday Club
- If booking through the HAF scheme, using codes, please book on the Wyre Holiday Club Website

Sarah Goldie Tel 07860816175



Our lovely Mrs Roberts will be leaving us at the end of this term. We will be very sad to see her go – but wish her much luck in her new role



June 2023

Foundation

Oliver, Arthur, Joshua, Archie

Year One

Sienna, Malayka

Year Two

Harris, Charlie

Year Three

Imogen, Darcey, Elliott

Year Four

Evelyn

Year Five

Will

Year Six

Holly, Darcey, Poppy



June 2023

Foundation

Joshua, Olivia, Blake, Oliver

Class One

James, Carter, Thomas, Samson

Class Two

Harry, Annabelle, Isabelle, Eliana

Class Three

Daniel, Alice, Darcey, Sienna



New to Foundation Class at Singleton School

We are delighted to welcome our new starters and their families to Singleton School. The start dates and times for September 2023 are as follows: -

06/09/23- Wednesday -8.40am – 1.15pm

07/09/23- Thursday - 8.40am – 1.15pm

08/09/23 – Friday -8.40am – 1.15pm

From 11/09/23 (Monday) -8.40am – 3.15pm



Our Year 5 'Buddies' are very excited and can't wait to meet and look after the new Foundation children.

School Dinners 2023



Advanced notification of change in charges.

As you are all aware the cost of living continues to rise. In April 2023 LCC catering services implemented price increases for school meals in line with the rising food prices. We made the decision not to pass on the price increase until the start of the new academic year.

Therefore, from September 2023 the cost of school meals will be £2.50

All school meals are paid for via Parent Pay. Please note that the infant children will still receive the 'Universal Free School Meal'.

If your child will be moving into year 3 in September, their Universal Free School Meal will cease.

Therefore, if you would like your child to continue to receive a school meal, please contact Miss Stansfield in the Office who will set you up a dinner account on ParentPay – please note that meals are payable in advance

Goodbye and Good Luck

Goodbye Year 6

This year's Year 6 have been absolutely amazing. They have been wonderful role models to our younger children, and worked extremely hard! Their contributions to the Junior Leadership team have been outstanding; they really have been brilliant ambassadors for our school. We have thoroughly enjoyed having them in our school and we will miss them very much as they move up to high school. Mrs James is currently working with Year 6 on their leaver's assembly, which will be a lovely opportunity to celebrate all their successes and to reflect on their time at Singleton School.

This will take place on the last Friday of term

- **21st July at 10:30 am**
Everyone welcome!

After the leavers service the Year 6 parents / grandparents etc. are invited to a 'leaver's lunch' in school! (12 noon) There will be a Jacobs Join buffet for Year 6 families and staff in the New Hall.

Mrs Reeves will send out separate information regarding this



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 is monitored by Miss Manns – 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

- **Kate James** (Y5/6 Teacher)
- **Alec Davies** (Governor)

Useful information / Publications for parents

Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership

Each month we will provide some links or publications to download that will cover a wide range of current Safeguarding information for parents taken from the Children's. Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Website.

This month we are focusing on Social Media. We have noticed more and more of our children from quite young ages are using social media platforms. We have had a few incidents in recent months where some of our children have via a range of platforms started up friendships with people who they believe to be other children. The reality is we have no idea who these people are that they are talking to, some say they live in different countries but more than that parents didn't know what their children were doing. This is such an important topic, we do lessons around keeping safe on line in school but that is not enough as it is at home where the children access the many different Apps and begin to connect with people on line

Do you know how to put parental controls in place for all the Apps that your children use. This link takes you to the South West Grid for Learning which provides downloadable booklets to guide parents through the setting features of many Apps that the children are using.

<https://swgfl.org.uk/resources/checklists/>



Change in length of School day

From **April 17th 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 class by **8:50am**

Children arriving after **8.40am** are required to come into school via the school office. They must be accompanied by a parent/carers we 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**

Please note our expectation is that all children are in class at 8:40am as this is when the school day starts. We still have a number of families that are dropping children off regularly after this time. If you arrive after 8:40 and therefore have to enter via the front entrance you will be required to sign the late book and give a reason for the late arrival. The Family Learning Mentor will be monitoring this. Please note that late arrivals disrupt the class and impact on the other children's learning as well as your own child's learning. Being 5 minutes late every day equates to having 3 days off across the school year!

New Governors

We have welcomed 3 new members to the Governing body this term.

- Mr Mark Merrick – who is a member of the Chartered Institute of Accountants and is the director of a local food manufacturing company.
- Mrs Miranda Smith – who works for BAE within the Human Resources department.
- Mrs Christina Vaziri – who is a Civil Servant and a former parent.

Being a Governor is a voluntary position that requires an enormous amount of dedication and hard work. We look forward to Mark, Miranda and Christina bringing their expertise and support to Singleton School.



Prize Giving

PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY



Thursday 20th July – Prize Giving 9:05am

Overview of Awards

Additional awards presented at the end of KS2

- Sporting Excellence
- Musical Excellence
- Head Teachers Award
- Spirit of Singleton
- Pride of Singleton

Christian Values Award – This award is for children who: -

- Live out our Christian vision and values of friendship, love, endurance, respect, wisdom and trust
- Demonstrate outstanding behaviour and attitudes.
- Behave consistently well, demonstrating positive attitudes towards learning
- Behave with consistently high levels of respect for others and support the well-being of others

Progress Award – This award is for children who: -

- Have made outstanding progress (on their own individual learning journey) in any area of the curriculum (literacy, numeracy, science, PE, art/DT etc.)
- Demonstrate resilience and growth mindset
- Demonstrate a belief in our school vision – “With God all things are possible”
- Take pride in their achievements
- Pupils that learn from their mistakes
- Demonstrate independence within learning
- Pupils that rise to a challenge
- Pupils that work hard and demonstrate good knowledge and skills across the curriculum and as a result achieve well and show good progress over time
- Children that produce work of a consistently high standard in line with their abilities

Ethos Award – This award is for children who: -

- Show an outstanding attitude to all aspects of school life and within their own personal development.
- Embrace our vision reference from the biblical passage John 10:10 “I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full”
- This award extends beyond academic success and achievements, looking at children that contribute significantly to the school’s culture, through their spiritual, moral and social behavior.
- Pupils that make highly positive, tangible contributions to the life of the school and / or the wider community

- Children that embrace all the rich opportunities that school offers, such as: - art, drama, (MAD weeks) STEM, forest schools, enterprise, musical theatre, Junior Leadership team, lead learners, pastoral leaders, distinctive Christian leaders, extracurricular sporting opportunities, talent show, X factor competitions etc.
- Children that show a deep understanding of tolerance, respect, that celebrate differences
- Demonstration of aspiration across all aspects of school life – children that consistently try to be the best that they can be in all that they do
- Children that represent the school displaying outstanding behaviour and attitudes

Creativity – This award is for children who: -

- Show a creative flare or ability.
- This could be within, art, design, creative writing, drama, musical theatre, music, STEM etc.
- Pupils that embrace the opportunities to nurture this talent or ability by for example taking part in the Talent Show, auditioning for roles in the pantomime,
- Displaying outstanding attitudes, skill and ability within for example: - MAD week, STEM week, musical theatre, creative writing, art and design, music etc.

Effort and Achievement – This award is for children who: -

- Consistently keep trying hard.
- Show persistence in the face of difficulties
- Within learning, demonstrate positive attitudes, curiosity, determination, high levels of motivation, deep engagement, sustained high levels of concentration
- This award encompasses all aspects of the curriculum from PE to RE
- Children that take pride in their achievement
- Pupils that work hard consistently
- Pupils that show a determination to be the best that they can be
- Pupils that are ambitious and constantly strive to improve
- Pupils that display a ‘passion for learning’
- Demonstrate that with effort and determination they can be extemporary role models in society

