

June 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 hope you all had a lovely half term break. The final half term of the year is upon us and as usual, it is going to be a busy one!

Our Year 6 pupils have finally finished their SAT's! We are incredibly proud of how hard they have all worked; they really have tried their best. Our Year 2 pupils have also been assessed. They worked incredibly hard as well and took the whole process in their stride. Well done Year Two we are very proud of you!

The diary is always very full at this time of the year so please make sure that you look at the diary dates section. Please do not rely on the office reminding you by text as this is the busiest period of the year for the office staff!



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 £85.75 (up to 21st July) 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.



The overall attendance for May was

95%

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



June

Happy Birthday to the following children

7th Charlie
12th Tehya-Mae
19th Elijah
20th Mia M
21st Sophia
22nd Elliott
22nd Matilda
26th Charlotte

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS

JUNE – JULY 2023

FROM TUESDAY 6TH JUNE TO THURSDAY 13TH JULY 2023

	Lower School (FS /1/2)	Upper School (3/4/5/6)
Monday	Dance Y1/2 £15	Dance Y3 £15 Cricket Y4/5/6 £15 Science Club Y3/4/5/6 (until 4pm) £10
Tuesday	Brass Y2 £25 Football Y2 £9 Athletics Y1/2 £9 Mrs Lilley's Woodland Reading Club (until 4pm) FS/Y1 £3	Brass Y3/4/5/6 £25 Football Y3 £9 Athletics Y3 £9 Panto rehearsal club Y5/6 FREE – from 6 th June
Wednesday	Forest School (All Ages) Free	Tennis Y4/5/6 £16 Netball Y4/5/6 £12 Forest School (All Ages) Free
Thursday	Singing (Lunchtime) Y2 £30	Singing (Lunchtime) Y3/4/5/6 £30 Football Y 4/5/6 £15 Athletics Y3/4/5/6 £15 LAMDA – Y3/4/5/6 – until 4pm (LAMDA finishes on Thursday 8 th June) £6.50

Please note there will be no clubs on the following dates, due to Sports Day, School Trips and the Pantomime; Tuesday 6th June, Wednesday 21st June, Thursday 22nd June, Tuesday 27th June, Tuesday 11th July and Wednesday 12th July.

Payment; Mrs Stansfield 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.



Parish and Community links



Time for reflection



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.

Mrs 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)

June	July	September
6 th School Opens 6 th – Reception & KS1 School Trip to Leighton Moss 7 th – Vision Screening for Foundation children 9 th – Non-uniform day – bring a Tombola prize 12 th June – Class 2 worship 8:55am 16 th – New Starter induction morning 9:15 – 11:30am 20 th – School Nurse Height and weight FS & Y6 21 st – Sports day 1:15pm 22 nd – Class 2 & 3 School Trip to Blackburn Cathedral and Jaame Mosque 23 rd – New Starter induction Morning 9:15 – 11:30 26 th – Class 1 worship; 8:55am 27 th – Reserve Sports day 1:15 pm 30 th – Non uniform day – chocolate and sweets tombola	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 – Y 6 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	1st, 4th and 5th September - Staff Inset days 6th - School Opens 6th – 7 th - 8 th New starters in from 8:40 – 1:15pm 6th /7th PM – New parent meetings with Mrs Rund 11 th Foundation in full time from today W/B 25 th – Junior Leadership Team – application speeches

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

FOSS Bake Off – What a lovely display of cakes. Well Done! to Phoebe, William, James, George, Violet, Darcey, Elliott, Bella and James.

Up and coming events

Event	Date
Non-uniform day	9th June – bring a Tombola prize
Non-uniform day	30th June – chocolate and sweets tombola
FOSS BBQ	14 th July from 3:15pm

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.

SPORTS DAY 2023

This year's sports day will be held on **Tuesday 21st June at 1:15pm**, with a reserve date of **Tuesday 27th June at 1:15pm** if the weather is inclement.

Please ensure you child comes to school with sun cream, sunhat and a drink – especially if the weather is particularly hot.

Everyone is welcome; please collect the children from the school playground as usual **after sports day**. The children will be released from their usual doors.

A polite reminder that during Sports Day, parents **must not cross** the track to their children. The staff will organise and look after the children during the event.

There will be no extra - curricular activities on this day.



May 2023

Foundation

William, Olivia, Blake, Michael

Year One

Carter, Ralph S

Year Two

Tehya-Mae, Autumn

Year Three

Luca, Elliott

Year Four

Finley P, Mia V

Year Five

Reuben, Will

Year Six

Amy, Erik



May 2023

Foundation

Year One

Year Two

Year Three

Year Four

Year Five

Year Six



New to Foundation Class at Singleton School

We are delighted to welcome our new starters and their families to Singleton School. The induction process started in May with a meeting for parents. This month the children will then be invited in for two induction mornings.

Induction mornings for the children

- **Friday 16th June** 9:15 – 11:30am.
- **Friday 23th June** 9:15 – 11:30am.



Our Year 5 'Buddies' are very excited and can't wait to meet and look after the new Foundation children. The Y5 children will be writing to our new starters in the coming weeks to tell them all about Singleton School.

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.



Well done Year 6

Our Year 6 children have worked so incredibly hard this year. We are all very proud of the progress that they have made and how well they performed during SATs week.

The SATs were particularly challenging this year (as you may have heard on the news!) ... but our brilliant children carried on regardless!

It is hard to believe that our year 6 children only have 7 weeks left in our school. We always try to make this term as enjoyable and memorable as possible after all the hard work leading up to SATs.

Please make a note of all the diary dates so you do not miss anything. A particularly important diary date is the Leaver's Assembly and lunch. There is no limit on numbers for Year 6 families on this- so feel free to invite grandparents etc. It really is an amazing celebration of your child's life at Singleton School and one not to be missed. We will send out more details nearer the time.



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

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.

KS2

This month we are providing links for the 'Parent' section of the 'Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Website that educates parents on the **'dark web'**. This is something that parents and carers often feel ill equipped to have discussions around should the topic arise.

To support with this, colleagues at the NCA (National Crime Agency) in partnership with The Children's Society and the Marie Collins Foundation have produced a short (5-minute) information film for Parents & Carers about the Dark Web, explaining what it is and why/how some young people may wish to access it.

****Important Advisory:**

These resources are intended for professionals and parents and carers use only. As explained in the supporting NCA resource, it is strongly advised that you do not have conversations about the Dark Web with your child if they are not already using it.

You can access the NCA's Dark Web explained parents page by clicking the link below: _

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/articles/dark-web-explained/>

KS1

For parents of younger children we have provided a link for CEOP – Jessie and Friends which takes you to an interactive website for 4 – 7 year olds that support and helps them to develop their understanding of engaging safely online – with help to recognise worrying, upsetting or scary situations

You can access this website by clicking on the link below

https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/4_7/



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/carer 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!

Prize Giving

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CEREMONY



This years end of year **'Prize Giving'** event will take place on: -

Thursday 20th July – at 9:05am

This will be a celebration of the school year.... but more than that it will be a time to reflect on our wonderful Year Six pupils and their journeys through Singleton School.

All Year Six parents please make sure that you save the date!

