

May 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,

The summer term is in full flow and school is as busy as ever. Over the next few weeks, our Year 6 and Year 2 children will be taking their SAT's. It is important that they have good attendance at this time.

Panto season is fast approaching ... the auditions will be held for the KS2 Panto just after SATS. Mrs James and Mrs Millward are very excited and are currently debating which Pantomime to put on this year!!

The sponsored event was a great success. Thank you as always for your support. We use the money each year to update the playground toys, which all of our children benefit from.

Please keep an eye on the diary dates as this is a very busy term with lots to enjoy!



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

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 - 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 extracurricular 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 **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)



The overall attendance for April 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



May

Happy Birthday to the following children

9th Ted
10th Poppy
13th Holly
14th Alfie
16th Isla
23rd Alice Y
26th Ruby
27th Jensen
28th Oliver S

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS

APRIL - MAY 2023

FROM MONDAY 17TH APRIL TO THURSDAY 25TH MAY2023

	Lower School (FS /1/2/3)	Upper School (4/5/6)
Monday	Dance Y1/2/3 £12 Science Club FS/Y1/Y2 (until 4pm) £8	Dance Y1/2/3 £12 Numeracy Booster Y6 (ends 24 th April) Rounders Y4/5 £12
Tuesday	Brass Y2/3/4/5/6 £25 Football Y2/3 £18 Athletics Y1/2/3 £18 Mrs Lilley's Woodland Reading Club (until 4pm) FS/Y1 £6	Brass Y2/3/4/5/6 £25 Literacy Booster Y6 (ends 25 th April) Football Y2/3 £18 Panto rehearsal club Y5/6 FREE – from 6 th June
Wednesday	Tennis Y2/3 £20 Forest School (All Ages) Free	Netball Y4/5/6 £18 Forest School (All Ages) Free
Thursday	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.



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.

Pantomime



It is that time of year again pantomime season. The excitement is beginning to mount. Mrs James is practising her singing and Mrs Millward is dusting off her 'Directors Chair'

The auditions will take place before we break up for half term.

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

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)

May	June	July
9 th – KS2 SATs week – Y6 15 th – FOSS - Coronation Bake Off 16 th – Coronation Lunch 19 th – Create a Crown Competition day 22 nd – Foundation Class Assembly 9.05am 23 rd – Year 5/6 Football competition at Mill Farm 24 th – No Tennis or Forest Schools today 24 th – New to Foundation Induction 6pm 25 th – Summer open afternoon – Gardening day 26 th – School Closes at 3pm	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 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 1pm

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	9th June – bring a Tombola prize
Non-uniform day	30th June – chocolate and sweets tombola
FOSS BBQ	14 th 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

Y6 SATs Tests dates

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)

The Booster classes are now up and running. The children are very keen and working extremely hard. The children are 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>

Thank you for your ongoing support with these – especially the homework. The increase in homework is also a vital part of the transition process. As many of you with older children will know there is a significant increase in the amount of homework received when they enter year 7.



April 2023

Foundation
Alexia, Phoebe

Year One
Jacob

Year Two
Arianna

Year Three
Seb

Year Four
Mia M

Year Five
Daniel

Year Six
Charlie



April 2023

Foundation
Joshua, Archie, Alexia, William

Class 1
Violet, Elijah, Emma, Arianna

Class 2
Daniel, Luca, Arthur, Molly

Class 3
Oliver R, Betsy, Zac, Oliver S



New to Foundation Class at Singleton School

We are delighted to welcome our new starters and their families to Singleton School. The induction process starts this month with a meeting for parents on Wednesday 24th May 2022 at 6pm. The children will then be invited in for two induction mornings later in the term.

Induction mornings for the children

- **Friday 16th June** 9.15 – 11.30am
- **Friday 23rd 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



The Kings Coronation

We will be celebrating the Kings Coronation in School on the week beginning Monday 15th May 2023. This is due to the fact that Year 6 SATs are taking place the week of the Coronation. Usually the SATs take place Monday to Thursday but because of the additional Bank holiday on the 8th May the SATs will also now take place on the Friday.

FOSS will be holding a Coronation Cake competition – and welcome entries from all families. They will then sell the cakes after school!



FOSS have also donated some lovely commemorative pin badges for the children – so all children will receive one of these.

We have also had a kind donation of 21 Commemorative Mugs from Singleton Parish Council. As part of our Celebrations we will be having a whole school **create a crown** competition and use the mugs as prizes for the winners. Please bring your crowns into school on 19th May there will be 5 prizes per 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 3:15 (or 4:15pm if your child participates in an extra – curricular activity)
- Late drop off and collection is monitored by Miss Ashworth – Family Learning Mentor



Safeguarding information for parents

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 week we are providing links for the 'Parent' section of the 'Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Website. There is some excellent information that is well worth a read.

The online world offers amazing opportunities but also brings elements of potential risk and for Parents & Carers, making sense of the online world can appear to be an enormous challenge. Unlike previous generations, the online environment is an integral part of children's lives and therefore we can no longer consider their wellbeing or safety without also considering their relationship to technology. However, staying safe online is fundamentally about behaviours rather than the technology itself and if approached from this perspective, we can begin to gain confidence to support our children.



Keeping Children Safe Online

...useful tips for Parents and Carers



Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership
Blackburn with Darwen - Blackpool - Lancashire

Please click on the link below for more information

<https://www.safeguardingpartnership.org.uk/online/parents-carers/>



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
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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.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/index.html>
- 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 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 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**

