

September 2023 Newsletter

Singleton Church of England Primary School

"Passion for LearningPassion for life"

Christian Value – Respect

Luke 6:31 "And as you wish that others would do to you, do so to them."

Welcome back!

I hope you all had a lovely summer and that you managed to get some family time. This term we welcome some new members to the staff team – Mrs Ainsworth our new TA in Y3/4 and Mr Lythgoe our new Site Supervisor. This is a very exciting term for Singleton School; as usual, the staff have planned an 'action packed' school year for our children. There will be many opportunities where we can invite parents back into school to share all the fantastic things our children do. Please keep your eyes on the diary dates.

Our school improvement priorities this school year are: -

- Further develop teaching and learning in phonics and early reading across school.
- Every pupil will be given opportunities to develop socially and emotionally and to become confident resilient learners.
- All children access a wide range of meaningful opportunities that build character, develop a sense of active citizenship and enhance wellbeing.
- Strengthen and develop the expertise of all staff.

We have many new children starting with us this term and I would like to welcome all the children and their families to our school. We look forward to getting to know you all and hope you settle in quickly to life at Singleton School.



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 for Acorns closes at 7p.m for the following day. This helps to manage staff and ratios. Without booking the day before, the children will be unable to attend.

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:

Acorns has its own Facebook page – please have a look at all the wonderful activities that they provide. The feedback from our children is that the club is "amazing". We agree with them!!!

For any further enquiries, contact details are as follows:

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)

- Sarah Goldie TEL: 07860816175
- EMAIL: sarahgoldie_uk@outlook.com



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 - 3.15 pm

Tel (01253) 882226

Please note that the office is closed for lunch between **12:00 and 1:00pm**

The phone will not be answered at this time

Payments to School

Please note all clubs and dinners must be paid for **in advance**.

Dinner Money

You can pay for School dinners on a weekly or half-termly basis. If you choose to pay weekly, you will need to pay a week **in advance**.

Dinner money for this term will be £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 9.20am and **leave a message** on the answerphone.



Extra-Curricular Activities

Information about PE and extracurricular activities

- Please make sure that your child has additional kit for any after school activity, as P.E. Kit **must not** be worn.
- It is important that for sports such as football and hockey your children have the correct kit as these clubs **will always** take place outdoors (e.g. Football boots, shin pads, waterproof etc.)— Please ask Mrs James if you are unsure what your child needs.
- 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 2023 /24 we will continue to supplement the cost of the extra-curricular activities once again this year. However due to increases in on costs there will be a slight price increase to £3:00 per session (£4 for tennis).

EXTRA-CURRICULAR CLUBS SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER 2023 FROM MONDAY 11TH SEPTEMBER TO THURSDAY 19TH OCTOBER 2023

	Lower School	Upper School
Monday	Multi-Skills Y2/3 £18	Dance Y4/5/6 £18
Tuesday	Brass Y2 £30 Football (outdoor) Y2/3 £18 Woodland Reading Club (until 4pm) £6	Brass Y3/4/5/6 £30 Basketball Y4/5/6 £18
Wednesday	Outdoor Hockey Y2/3 £18	Tennis Y4/5/6 £18
Thursday	Singing (Lunchtime) Y2-6 £30 Yoga & Mindfulness Y2/3 £18	Singing (Lunchtime) Y2-6 £30 Football Y4/5/6 £18

Payment

Miss 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.

All payments are now via the 'Parent Pay' system.

As per our payment policy – School Dinners are to be paid for in advance.



The overall attendance for **July** 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 Manns, our Family Learning Mentor



Happy Birthday to the following children

August

2nd Thomas B
9th Archie
17th Phoebe
20th Ayla
27th Ralph S
30th Finley H

September

2nd Gabriella
3rd Ava H
12th Jack
16th Michael
20th Layla
21st Jacob
29th George



Parish and Community links



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; 07913 901015)

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).

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.

Parental Workshops 2023 – 24

Parent courses and workshops

The staff have once again organized parental courses/ workshops as we have done in the past. This year we are going to run the courses online as we know from feedback that the majority of parents find this easier. We would actively encourage parents to try and join these workshops as they really are useful. If you are interested in any of these please let Miss Stansfield know so she can reserve your place and send you the links.

Foundation Stage parents / KS1 Parents – on line

- Monday 18th September **4:00pm** - Phonics/ reading workshop (MS TEAMS) – This will be delivered by Mrs Rund / Mr Hogg/ Mrs Millward.

KS2 Parents KS1 /KS2 Parents – online

- Tuesday 3rd October 2023 **4:00pm** - KS1 Math's Parent Workshop (MS TEAMS) – This will be delivered by Mrs James / Mr Hogg.
- Tuesday 3rd October 2023 **4:45pm** – KS2 Math's Parent Workshop (MS TEAMS) – This will be delivered by Mrs James.

All Parents – In school

- Friday 22nd Sept 2023 / Friday 19th Jan 2024 – 2:15 – 3:15pm** - Learning Mentor support sessions- Social / Emotional / Behaviour support. Everybody welcome for a cup of tea and a chat. We have lots of useful leaflets and these sessions are good opportunities to chat with other parents. Miss Manns will also go through the Solihull Approach and developmental milestones as well.



July 2023

Lily Fox
Arianna Mutema
Mia Masters
Charlie Potter

Ayla Fretwell
Elijah Harper-Jones
Charlotte Knapman
Oliver Robinson



July 2023

None due to Prize Giving



Diary Dates and Holidays

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

HOLIDAYS 2024 /2025

Information Pending

Inset days

1st, 4th and 5th September 2023
 22nd December 2023
 22nd July 2024

Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)

September	October	November
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 18 th – Phonics parent Workshop FS/ KS1 4pm 20 th – KS1 Maths Workshop 3.20pm 22 nd - Learning mentor coffee and chat session 2:15pm W/B 25 th – Junior Leadership Team – application speeches 29 th FOSS Mad Hair Day (bring a bottle)	2 nd – Tower Wood parents meeting 8:45am 2 nd – Class 3 Assembly 9am 3 rd – Maths online workshop KS1 parents 4pm 3 rd – Maths online workshop KS2 parents 4:45pm W/B 9 th – STEM week 9 th – Class 2 Assembly -8:50am 11 th - Open afternoon 1:15pm (STEM FOCUS) 16-18 th – Tower Wood Class 3 16 th – Class 1 Assembly -8:50am 19 th – Flu Vaccinations 20 th – Non-uniform – Tombola prize 20 th – School Closes 3.15pm 30 th – School Opens	2 nd - FOSS Magical Disco (Years 3/4/5/6) 6 th – FS Assembly - 8:50am 7 th - Virtual Parents evening 8 th - Virtual Parents evening 24 th – Non-uniform day – Chocolate donation

Please note that 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 quite clearly indicated in the monthly newsletter which gives up to 3 months' notice. Miss Stansfield usually does try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as an additional support to parents, but this may not always happen during busy periods.



Prize Giving Winners July 2023



Head Teachers Award – Erik Wills-Watson

Spirit of Singleton – Darcey Brooke

Creativity – Bella Lee

Christian Values – Holly Baker

Ethos – Theo Taala

Progress – Poppy Cobain

Effort and Achievement – Tom Dunkow/ Oliver Selway

Sporting Excellence – Charlie Potter/Zac Bullough

Musical Excellence – Bella Lee/Sienna Wright/Darcey Brooke

Pride of Singleton – Amelia Coyne/Harry Mitchell/Krystal Moore/Asher Montgomery/Sienna Wright/Amy Simpson

Rotary Citizenship Award – Darcey Brooke/Bella Lee

Termly Awards – All Year Groups

Christian Values – Michael Green/George Bebbington/Charlotte Knapman.

Creativity – Summer Hubbard/Ava Hacking.

Effort and Achievement – Arthur Young/Ralph Shearer/Finley Bullough.

Ethos – William Smith/Thomas Colling/Mia Masters.

Progress – Oliver Ward/Huxley Ingham/Seb Lyons.



Miss Manns is going to run Parent Workshops again this this academic year. They are very much an informal coffee and a biscuit type event and we encourage parents to come along.

This year after feedback from parents and staff the focus is going to be on the following:-

- Supporting your child with emotional health and well being
- Supporting with behaviour
- Supporting with resilience

These workshops are intended to be a supportive session. We will go through the Solihull approach looking at the importance of reciprocity, containment, resilience and the relationship between a parent and a child.

We will chat about behaviour, looking at behaviour management strategies, consistency, boundaries structure and routines. Finally we will discuss behavioural developmental milestones.

The first session is planned for
Friday 22nd Sept 2023 at 2:15
Please let the office know if you can attend



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.

We ask that you ensure that you continue to support this; the Governing Body made this decision because we have a number of children with allergies and we also promote 'Healthy Eating' in our school. If other snacks are sent in they will be returned home uneaten. Please ensure that you reinforce with the children that fruit snacks must not be shared with others – they must eat their own.



FOSS (Friends of Singleton School) Updates

Up and coming events

Event	Date and time
Magical Disco	2 nd November - FOSS Magical Disco
Non uniform days	29 th September MAD HAIR DAY – bring a bottle for FOSS Christmas Fair 20 th October – Non-uniform day FOSS – Tombola 24 th November – Non-uniform day – Chocolate donation
Christmas Fair	1 st December 3:15pm

In the last academic year, we used the money that was raised by FOSS to purchase an outdoor shelter for the Foundation Stage outdoor class room and new library books for our libraries as well as lots of other small projects. They also help with the cost of the coaches for our Panto trip to help keep costs down. A big thank you to you all for your support it really does make a difference to our little school.

This year we are fundraising to buy some more books for our libraries, new ICT equipment, and more outdoor learning resources.

Please remember that as parents you are all automatically members of FOSS and any support is greatly appreciated. You don't have to attend every meeting or support at every event – but anything that you can contribute or bring to the table is always greatly appreciated.

Next FOSS meeting: TBA



Tower Wood Residential Trip

It is that time of year again when our Year 5 and 6 pupils begin to think about their residential trip. The annual residential trip to Tower Wood takes place in October.

This year the trip will take place from **16th – 18th October 2023**

Mrs. James will run a meeting for all parents to explain what a 'Tower Wood' residential trip looks like and to give you an overview of the type of activities that the children will participate in. We will let you know the date of this in due course.

This meeting will take place on **Monday 2nd October at 8:45 am** – just before the Class 3 Assembly. The meeting should take no longer than 15 mins and we aim to start the assembly around 9am.

Please click on the link below for more information;

<https://www.lancashire.gov.uk/outdoorededucation/our-centres/tower-wood/>



A special welcome to all our new pupils and their families. We look forward to meeting and getting to know you all in the coming weeks and months.

Mrs. Rund and Miss Manns have a fantastic term planned with lots of exciting activities.

This term we also welcome 2 new members to our staff team.

- Mrs Ainsworth our new TA in Y3/4 – She has been a TA for many years and brings a wealth of experience to Singleton School.
- Mr Lythgoe our new Site Supervisor – He is very excited about his new role!

We still have a number of job vacancies please check out our website for details and share the details with anyone that you know that might be interested.



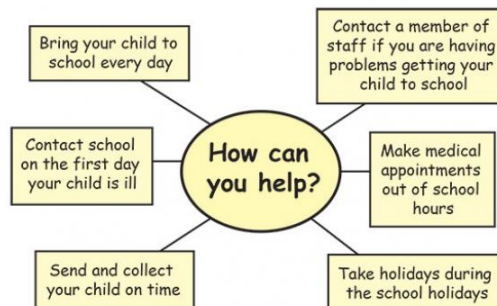
The Importance of good attendance



Attendance during one school year	Equals absent days	Which approximately weeks absent is	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 Kids Club and there will be a charge. Please note there is an expectation that you collect promptly at 3:00 (or 4:15pm if your child participates in an extra – curricular activity).
- Late 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
- **Kate James** (Online / PREVENT) – DSL
- **Susan Manns** - 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 the use of digital Media.

Instagram, Facebook, Snapchat, YouTube, Twitch... the sheer number of social websites in today's world can feel endless. So, perhaps it's not too surprising that 48% of children have been exposed to social media by age seven.

But before you despair, let's take stock of all the positive outcomes these platforms can have – rallying real change, bridging distances, building communities. The problem is not social media in and of itself. It's how it's used.

That's why we want to help parents like you have important conversations with your children early on about how to build a healthy relationship with social media.

Please click on the link <https://www.vodafone.co.uk/mobile/digital-parenting/goldilocks>. This will take you to an online story based on Goldilocks which is a modern twist on the classic fairy tale that offers a fun and accessible way for you to discuss all things social media related with your younger children. Co-branded by Vodafone UK and Andersen Press, award-winning author Jeanne Willis created the light-hearted story alongside illustrator Tony Ross. The book is designed to help educate children about the potential consequences of being unkind, getting carried away with selfies, or oversharing images, as we see Goldilocks getting into trouble with the three bears over her pursuit of likes on social media....

