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Newsletter Number 2

Dear Parents/Carers,

There is a great deal of important information in the newsletter this week – please read and take note (all newsletters are on the school website – address above).

Dates for the term

NEXT Tuesday 20 th January	9am – 10.15am Open Maths Morning for parents – all welcome to come and see how maths is taught in school
Tuesday 27 th January	Big Boxtrols Recycling Challenge Day – see below
Friday 6 th February - 5pm	FROGSS Film Night – ‘The Boxtrols’ – tickets on sale soon
Friday 13 th February	INSET DAY – School closed to pupils
Monday 16 th – Friday 20 th February	HALF TERM
Thursday 26 th February	Willow class assembly
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – dressing as a book character
Tuesday 10 th March – 3pm → 5pm	Parents Consultation
Wednesday 11 th March – 3pm → 5pm	Parents Consultation
Friday 27 th March	END OF TERM

NB. Apart from Football, other after school clubs will begin next week – letter sent earlier this week.

YEAR OF MATHS 2015

Over the past two years we have had a year of reading, a year of writing, so this year it is the turn of mathematics. 2015 is to be the 'Year of Maths' at Singleton School.

We had a great launch last Monday, with a visit from The Puzzle Company who spent time with each of the classes exploring large practical puzzles. There are a range of further activities planned to take place during the year and a group of children have already begun to put together Singleton School's first ever maths magazine. All being well, it should be ready very soon!

We are having an open morning **next Tuesday 20th January, from 9.00 to 10.15.** Please come along and experience maths as it is taught today.

We would also welcome ideas you may have on any future events we could hold, in relation to maths, either for the children or for yourselves. Are there any parents whose jobs involve mathematical skills? If so, would you be willing to come into school to talk to the children? The children always enjoy having visitors and would gain an insight into real life maths. Please come and see me to arrange a date. Thank you. Mrs Fielder.



As part of the Year of Maths there will be a maths puzzle in the newsletter most weeks. This week we start with one for parents - Difference Sudoku!! Have a go - answer next week!

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		3	6	7	2	4	2		
	3	2	8	7	5	2	1		
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	6	4	1	3					
		1		4					4
		3	3	4	1	7			
			8	7	4	2	5		

Rules of Difference Sudoku

Like the standard Sudoku, the object of the puzzle is to fill the whole 9x9 grid with numbers from 1 to 9, so that each row, each column, and each of the nine 3x3 squares contain all nine digits.

There are special clue-numbers placed on the border-lines between selected pairs of adjacent squares of the grid. Each clue-number is the difference between the two numbers in the adjacent squares.

For example, a clue-number 7 on the border line between two adjacent squares means that the possible pairs of numbers for the squares on either side must be one of the following combinations: 1 and 8, 8 and 1, 2 and 9, or 9 and 2.

The inequality sign indicates that the number in row 5 column 7 is smaller than the number in row 5 column 8.

Big Boxtrolls Recycling Challenge!

Universal Pictures (UK) and Keep Britain Tidy have partnered to create The Big Boxtrolls Recycling Challenge with the rubbish collecting film stars, The Boxtrolls.

Singleton Primary School has accepted the challenge and we have signed up to make a fresh start to the New Year and to de-clutter post-Christmas. The children need to start to collect a cardboard box of 'rubbish', which could be used to make arms, legs, heads and other features (this could include cardboard tubes, wrapping paper, old wooden spoons, bottle tops, plastic pots, etc.)

Each child needs to bring their box of 'rubbish' into school on Tuesday 27th January, as on that day the children will have the chance to create their very own Boxtroll, whilst learning how to correctly recycle and care for their own communities. We will enter pictures of our Boxtrolls into a competition where we could win a visit to the school by the exciting giant Boxtrolls bin, or even a chance to meet the film stars themselves!

Knitting Club

Knitting club is back and will start after school on Tuesday 20th January. This is a popular club and we would welcome any adult knitters who feel able to come and help guide our learners through the intricacies of 'knit one purl one'! The club runs until 3.45pm. Please contact Mrs Nelmes if you would like to be involved.

Headlice

There have been cases of headlice in school this week. The Department of Health recommends a 'whole-school approach' to containing and controlling head lice transmission. This is where all the children in a school and other family members and contacts at home are checked and treated as necessary. Please check your child over the weekend and treat if required. This course of action will only be effective if all play their part. There is more information at www.nhs.uk/conditions/Head-lice/Pages/Introduction.aspx Thank you.

ACADEMIC YEAR 2015/2016 TERM DATES (All dates inclusive)

Autumn term 2015

INSET DAY: Thursday 3rd September 2015

Friday 4th September 2015 to Friday 18th December 2015

Half term break: Monday 26th October 2015 to Friday 30th October 2015

Christmas break: Monday 21st December 2015 to Friday 1st January 2016

Spring term 2016

Tuesday 5th January 2016 to Thursday 24th March 2016

INSET DAYS: Monday 4th January 2016, Friday 12th February 2016

Half term break: Monday 15th February 2016 to Friday 19th February 2016

Easter break: Friday 25th March 2016 to Friday 8th April 2016

Summer term 2016

Monday 11th April 2016 to Friday 22nd July 2016

INSET DAYS: Friday 27th May 2016, Monday 6th June 2016

Half term break: Monday 30th May 2016 to Friday 3rd June 2016

Possible closure due to snow!

The decision to close the school is a complex one, weighing up the safety and heating on the site, the conditions of the roads/pavements in the close vicinity to the school, and the ability of staff and children to travel to school without undue risk to their well being. The Chair of Governors and Headteacher then make their decision. If a decision is made to close the school, this will be immediately relayed (and before 7.30am) to West Sussex County Council for entry on their website, to Spirit FM (www.spiritfm.net) and via the parent hotline. The parent hotline is a useful means of communication between school and home, particularly in the event of school closure due to bad weather, etc. The number to use to listen to messages is 08447 707576 and the School ID is 64518.



If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Have a great weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd
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