

SINGLETON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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MISSION STATEMENT

Singleton C.E. Primary School is a happy and caring community in which good manners, excellent behaviour and a desire to continuously improve and learn are expected from everybody.

We are a Church of England School teaching Christian values and beliefs. We also promote awareness and tolerance of, and respect for other religions and cultures.

20th July 2018

Newsletter Number 13

Dear Parents/Carers,

This is the final newsletter of the year and it has certainly been a busy time. Looking back through the diary, among many events that the children have participated in/enjoyed are the.....

- 'United Voices' CFT concert
- Year 2 GAS Singing morning at The March School
- Infant Arundel Castle trip
- Oak Class 60's festival
- UNICEF Soccer Aid Day
- Orchestra concert at CFT
- Infant class Zoolab presentation
- Year 6 Bikeability training
- Macmillan Cancer Coffee Afternoon
- GAS Cycling event
- Oak Class Ice Skating trip
- Whole School Sports Festival Day with Regis School
- Children's Christmas Fair
- Year 6 Diocesan Leaver's Service
- 'The Three Trees' Easter service
- Beech Class cornet concert
- Year 6 Goodwood Racecourse visit
- Whole school French Day
- 'Christmas Counts' Christmas production
- Willow Class visit to Slindon Woods
- Year 6 E-safety talk
- Oak Class 'First Aid in a Day' training
- World Book Day

.....to name but a few!! My thanks go to the entire staff team and to governors, parents and friends who support the school in so many ways. It is great that working in partnership we are able to provide such a range of opportunities for the children and create the particular ethos of care, support and challenge that make the school such a special environment in which to learn, being an example to those around of living as a Christian community. It was particularly pleasing therefore that the Church inspection report, back in January, judged the school to be 'OUTSTANDING'.

School Uniform

In preparation for the new school year in September uniform can be ordered online (although we still have a small supply remaining – ask in the office if interested). Please follow the link www.schooltrendsonline.com - click on 'Parents Ordering' then search for Singleton.

Bookbags, rucksacks, PE and swimming bags can still be purchased from the school office. The full uniform list is on the school website at www.singleton.w-sussex.sch.uk/uniform.htm



Unauthorised Absence

There have been many requests this year for holiday leave involving 21 pupils across the school, totalling nearly 100 days of absence. The current law does not give any entitlement to parents to take their child on holiday during term time. Any application for leave must be in exceptional circumstances and the Headteacher must be satisfied that the circumstances warrant the granting of leave. Any absence from school should be avoided, unless for medical reasons, as being absent from school can have a "serious effect" on a child's progress or create difficulties for them in their learning.

It is important to remind you that as little as 1 week (5 days = 10 sessions) of absence from school for **a holiday taken during term time is recorded as an unauthorised absence and therefore you should be aware that from 1st September such absence may trigger the issuing of a fixed penalty notice by the local authority.** The Request for Absence form states that the form serves as a Penalty Notice Warning letter to parents/carers.

We look forward to an overall reduction in the number of parents taking pupils on holidays in term time and an improvement in attendance. Thank you for your support.

SUMMER READING CHALLENGE

Every year, we encourage the children to take part in the national Library Summer Reading Challenge – this year's challenge is 'Mischief Makers' and is based on the popular Beanotown comic strip. Most libraries are running the Challenge and you can find out much more about this year's exciting challenge at the website:

<https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk>

Please do encourage your child to take part!!

THE READING AGENCY AND LIBRARIES PRESENT



PLEASE DO CONTINUE TO ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO CONTINUE WITH THEIR READING OVER THE SUMMER BREAK – IT MAKES ALL THE DIFFERENCE!!

Quiet/Prayer space

You may have noticed that we have developed a quiet/prayer space in a corner of the school grounds just north of the playground. The area is intended to be used by classes and small groups for peaceful reflection. We ask that parents ensure that their children treat this area with respect at the end of the school day.

MONDAY 23RD JULY is the last day of term and the End of Year service is at 1.30pm in Singleton Church to say farewell and good luck to our wonderful Year 6 pupils – Katie, Ellie, Eva, Emily. Amy & George. Do come along to wish them well.

Many thanks to all parents for their support over the year. We hope you have an enjoyable summer and continue to enjoy the sunshine!! See you on Tuesday 4th September!

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd, Headteacher