

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.

21st October 2016

Newsletter Number 7

Dear Parents/Carers,

Dates for the term - there will be more details about many of the following in separate letters/future newsletters.

MONDAY 24th OCTOBER ~ FRIDAY 28th OCTOBER – HALF TERM	
Wednesday 2 nd November – 9am	Beech Class Assembly
Tuesday 8 th November	Beech Class trip to the Novium Museum – letter already sent
Wednesday 9 th November – 5pm	Big Bedtime Book Bonanza
Thursday 10 th November	Flu vaccination – Year 1,2 & 3
Tuesday 15 th November – 3pm – 4.30pm	Parents Evening – sign up sheets available after half term
Wednesday 16 th November – 3pm – 5.30pm	Parents Evening – sign up sheets available after half term
Tuesday 22 nd November – 8.30am	Individual Photographs
Thursday 24 th November	FROGSS Christmas Shopping Evening
Friday 2 nd December	Last swimming session for the term
Tuesday 6 th December – 1.30pm	Infants Christmas performance
Wednesday 7 th December – 9.30am	Infants Christmas performance
Thursday 8 th December - pm	Infant trip to Mr Popper’s Penguins at Chichester Festival Theatre – letter to follow
Tuesday 13 th December – 1.30pm	Christmas Service in church
Thursday 15 th December	Children’s Christmas Fair
FRIDAY 16th DECEMBER	END OF TERM

Swimming payment

A reminder to parents of pupils in Years 3, 4, 5 & 6 that payment is now due for swimming. We ask for a contribution of £35 per child per term (£70 per year) towards the cost. If you have more than one child in school, you may pay £35 for the older child and £30 each for the others. Please see the office for payment – thank you.



Small Talk

Spirit FM have recently visited the school to record a discussion for their 'Small Talk' feature. The group of 5 pupils were given 5 objects/places/people to describe and Spirit FM will use this audio as clues for listeners to guess the answer to a mystery object!! It will be broadcast during the week of 31st October, every school day at 7.45am during the breakfast show, alongside having the audio and a photo on their website www.spiritfm.net – have a listen!!

NOTIFICATION OF ABSENCE (planned & unplanned) – A REMINDER!!!

Parents must inform the school by phone or e-mail on the first morning of their child's absence, before 8.45am. All absences from school must be covered by a letter/email from parents when the child returns. Parents are encouraged to make medical appointments outside school hours but if there is an occasion which will require a child to leave school during the school day prior notice, in writing, is required.

There is a process for requesting absence due to exceptional circumstances – please contact the office for a form/further details. In line with the Attendance policy adopted by all schools within the Chichester locality, holidays within term time cannot be authorised.

Fair Funding – sign the petition!

Currently West Sussex School's receive one of the lowest levels of pupil funding in the country. The situation has got so bad that it is having an impact on the standard of the education provided and there is another push to get a fairer deal for West Sussex schools. If you wish to support the campaign please sign the petition at <https://petition.parliament.uk/petitions/167761>

Lost property

We have a growing pile of lost property – to avoid this getting any larger please check that all clothing/PE kits/other belongings are named with permanent marker.

YEAR OF READING 2016

The Year of Reading continues with a parent workshop held this past week, the weekly Reading Raffle and more events planned for next half term including our Bedtime Book Bonanza on Wednesday 9th November (more details after half term).

In the meantime please, please, please, please continue to encourage your child to read & listen to them read over the half term holiday. Why not take them to the library or a bookshop? When they draw up their Christmas lists why not suggest some books? In recent reading tests carried out in school many pupils had made tremendous leaps in their reading ages - let's keep the momentum going!!!!

There are lots more ideas at www.wordsforlife.org.uk

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Have a great half term – school resumes on Monday 31st October.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd
Headteacher