

# SINGLETON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Newsletter Number 4

Dear Parents/Carers,

### Reminders about the start and end of the school day

Please remember that in the morning the playground is supervised from 8.10am until school starts at 8.25am.

Please remember that once they have left the classroom at the end of school day pupils are the responsibility of parents and should be appropriately supervised before leaving the school grounds. Not only is unsupervised play creating an unsightly muddy track on the tyre bank it must also be causing clothing to be filthy. Please be aware of your children. Thank you.

### Dates for the term

Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> February – 6.30pm	Internet Safety event for parents at Chichester High School – see separate letter already sent
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET DAY – School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – 8.45am	Oak Class assembly
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February – 6pm	Meeting for Parents about new National Curriculum – all welcome
Tuesday 1 <sup>st</sup> March	Children’s author Julia Donaldson (‘The Gruffalo’, ‘Room on a Broom’ ‘Stick Man’) in school – bookselling & signing after school – all welcome to meet this world famous Children’s Laureate
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day (dress as a book character)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March – 3pm →6pm	Parents Consultation
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Last swimming session
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability for Y6 (mornings)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>END OF TERM</b>

### **TERM DATES FOR 2016**

#### Spring term 2016:

Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2016 to Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March 2016

INSET DAYS: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016, Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Half term break: Monday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016 to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> February 2016

Easter break: Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2016 to Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April 2016

#### Summer term 2016:

Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2016 to Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2016

Half term break: Monday 30<sup>th</sup> May 2016 to Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2016

INSET DAYS: Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May 2016 & **Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2016**

**(PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A CHANGE OF INSET DATE –  
MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JUNE IS NOW A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY)**

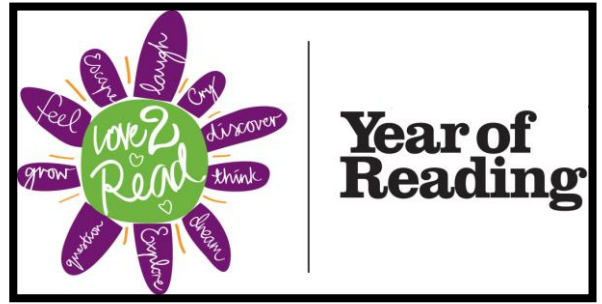
Autumn term 2016 begins on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> September 2016



## Singleton C.E. School Year of Reading 2016

This year we are launching a drive to promote reading across the school in partnership with parents and carers.

We are very aware that parents are a child's first and main educators. There's plenty of research which shows how important parents are for their children's learning and development. Where parents are involved in their children's learning, children do better at school.



One of the best things parents can do to support their children is to read together at home. This starts early and continues as children grow, with reading aloud, sharing books and much loved bedtime stories. Research shows that parental involvement continues to be important well into the teenage years and even into adulthood. The home-school agreement states parents/carers will 'support my child with homework & other home learning opportunities and listen to my child read'.

We want to encourage every child in the school to read regularly and often and we have a large number of ideas to support this. Happening this term will be the following:

- Every newsletter will have a small section devoted to reading
- Extending the range of newspapers & magazines taken in school – we have subscribed to First News ([www.firstnews.co.uk](http://www.firstnews.co.uk)) and Storytime ([www.storytimemagazine.com](http://www.storytimemagazine.com))
- Reading reward raffle – three pupils names will be selected at random every Friday – if their reading record/planner shows evidence of having been heard read by someone at home on four separate occasions in the past week they win a book.
- Reading photo competition – reading in unusual locations!!
- Author visit – 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 – Children's author Julia Donaldson ('The Gruffalo', 'Room on a Broom' 'Stick Man') in school – bookselling & signing after school – all welcome to meet this world famous Children's Laureate
- World Book Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 – activities/ dressing up – more details to follow
- 'Barney the Book Bear' – an opportunity to read to Barney at home!!

### Headlice

Headlice continue to be an on-going problem in school and it is frustrating that despite many pleas in the newsletter the pesky nits still seem to be around. Please check, shampoo and comb through your child's hair on a regular basis and also, where appropriate, tie back long hair during the school day. Thank you for your co-operation.

### Sainsbury's Vouchers

Sainsbury's Active Kids Vouchers are available in-store between now and 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2016. Every voucher counts, so please remind family & friends to collect them for you. Collection boxes are situated in the school entrance. These vouchers make a difference to the resources that we can provide, so thank you for your support.

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

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd, Headteacher