

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.

4th May 2018

Newsletter Number 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Please take note of the dates for the term below – more details to follow for many of these events.

MAY	Monday 7th	BANK HOLIDAY – School closed
	Thursday 10 th from 1.45pm	School Nurse Drop In – parents welcome – no appointment needed
	Mon 14 th – Thurs 17 th	Year 6 SATs week
	Tuesday 15 th	Willow Class visit to Arundel Castle
	Tuesday 22 nd	Sports Day (see below)
	Thursday 24 th	Y6 to ‘Maths in Action’ Day at Goodwood Racecourse
	Mon 28th May – Fri 1st June	HALF TERM
JUNE	Monday 4th	INSET DAY
	Friday 8 th June	UNICEF Soccer Aid Playground Challenge
	Thursday 14 th – am	Year 2 to Goodwood Area School ‘Big Sing’
	Wednesday 20 th – am	Whole School photo
	Thursday 21 st – 9am	Willow Class assembly – parents welcome
	Friday 22 nd – pm	Yr 6 to Diocesan Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral
	Monday 25 th	Oak Class – St John’s Ambulance – First Aid in a Day training
JULY	Wednesday 4 th	Transition Day – Y6 to new schools, new Reception intake in school
	Monday 23 rd – 1.15pm	End of Year service in Church LAST DAY OF TERM
	Tuesday 24th July	INSET DAY

Sports Day arrangements - Tuesday 22nd May

Sports Day is on Tuesday 22nd May and as last year the children have been divided into teams (Red, Green & Yellow). We are asking that the children come to school on the day dressed in a t-shirt of their team colour, PE shorts, socks and plimsolls. This will eliminate changing time and ensure that it is clear who is in which team. If your child is unsure which team they are in please check the list which is on the noticeboard.



Team events will be held earlier in the day. Parents are welcome to attend from 1pm to watch the Sports Day individual and team races. Please note that there will be no Art Club on this day.

There will be a cake sale to raise funds for the playschool. Anyone who would be willing to assist in serving tea/coffee during the afternoon please contact the office. Thank you!



Q: "What did you do at school today?" A: "Nothing" OR "I can't do it!"

If the exchanges/ exclamations above are familiar to you then you may be interested in the concept of 'growth mindset' with which we challenge the children on a regular basis. Growth mindset is believing that you can improve your abilities by practising, or by finding a different way to achieve your goal.

The following graphic gives an outline of this approach together with ideas on how you can promote it with your child/children. There is also more information at <https://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/grownups/help-your-child-try-new-things> . We hope you find it of interest.

PARENT'S GUIDE TO A GROWTH MINDSET

Big Life Journal
www.biglifejournal.com

PRAISE

FOR:
EFFORT
STRATEGIES
PROGRESS
HARD WORK
PERSISTENCE
RISING TO A CHALLENGE
LEARNING FROM A MISTAKE

NOT FOR:
BEING SMART
BORN GIFTED
TALENT
FIXED ABILITIES
NOT MAKING MISTAKES

SAY:
"YOU TRIED VERY HARD AND YOU USED THE RIGHT STRATEGY!"
"WHAT A CREATIVE WAY TO SOLVE THAT PROBLEM."

FAILURES AND MISTAKES = LEARNING

SAY:
"YOU CAN LEARN FROM YOUR MISTAKES."
"MISTAKES HELP YOU IMPROVE."
"LET'S SEE WHAT OTHER STRATEGIES YOU CAN TRY."

ASK

SAY:
"WHAT DID YOU DO TODAY THAT MADE YOU THINK HARD?"
"WHAT NEW STRATEGIES DID YOU TRY?"
"WHAT MISTAKE DID YOU MAKE THAT TAUGHT YOU SOMETHING?"
"WHAT DID YOU TRY HARD AT TODAY?"

GROWTH MINDSET VS FIXED MINDSET

GROWTH MINDSET
YOU CAN GROW YOUR INTELLIGENCE

VS

FIXED MINDSET
YOU CAN'T IMPROVE NATURAL ABILITIES YOU WERE BORN WITH

BRAIN CAN GROW

SAY:
"YOUR BRAIN IS LIKE A MUSCLE. WHEN YOU LEARN, YOUR BRAIN GROWS. THE FEELING OF THIS BEING HARD IS THE FEELING OF YOUR BRAIN GROWING!"

THE POWER OF "NOT YET"

SAY:
"YOU CAN'T DO IT YET."
"YOU DON'T KNOW IT YET."
"BUT IF YOU LEARN AND PRACTICE, YOU WILL!"

RECOGNIZE YOUR OWN MINDSET
BE MINDFUL OF YOUR OWN THINKING AND OF THE MESSAGES YOU SEND WITH YOUR WORDS AND ACTIONS.

BASED ON CAROL DWECK'S BOOK "MINDSET: THE NEW PSYCHOLOGY OF SUCCESS"

Little Canada visit 2019

A reminder that the initial deposit of £50 and booking slip for the 2019 residential trip is due by **Friday 18th May.**

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us. Enjoy the sunny Bank Holiday weekend!

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd
Headteacher