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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school for the new academic year. We hope you had a great summer – many thanks from all the staff for the gifts and good wishes at the end of the last school year – they were much appreciated.

It is great to see the children looking so smart and eager to learn at the start of the school year. We have a number of new pupils joining us this term in our new Reception Year and we welcome them and their families to the school community. Our new teachers Mrs Ivall and Miss Yarahmadi also started with us this term and we welcome them to the team. We also have the exciting news that Mrs Huxham is expecting a baby early next year. We wish her well for her pregnancy - we have already begun the process of recruiting a teacher to cover her maternity leave.

There is a great deal of information in the newsletter this week. Please read carefully and keep for reference. All newsletters can also be found on our website (address above) and if you wish to receive the newsletter by email please let the office know your address.

Birthdays

A reminder that children are able to wear their own clothes to school on their birthday. This enables everyone to quickly identify children on their special day, wish them well and celebrate with them. If a birthday falls at the weekend or during a holiday the children may wear their own clothes on the day of their return to school. A piece of birthday cake for the headteacher is optional!

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.

Planners

The children in Beech and Oak class have this week been given their new planner which contains important information, homework details and reading record. Please help your child to ensure that they keep their planner safe and have it in school every day. Replacements will cost £5!!

Music

Recorder lessons for all Year 2 children with Mrs Nelmes will start on Wednesday 9th September. The school has a supply of recorders and books which may be borrowed and returned at the end of the year or, if you wish, your child may bring their own (named) recorder into school. We will be using Recorder Magic Book 1, should anyone wish to obtain their own copy.

Whole class viola lessons for Beech class will also start later this month.



Nuts!
 A reminder that packed lunches **should not** contain nut based products as these can adversely affect some pupils. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

FROGSS (Fundraising Group for Singleton School)
 FROGSS is a charity fund raising committee which organise fun and enjoyable activities for our children as well as social events for their parents in order to raise funds to support the school.

We meet on a regular basis to discuss and organise future events as well as having many regular ‘helpers’ who we rely upon to support our activities. The success of the Friends depends upon the support of the parents. We greatly appreciate any help, so if you would like to become involved please do not hesitate to come along to our first planning meeting of the year at 2.45pm on Friday 11th September in school. All welcome!!

Singleton C.E. School needs your help!
 It is a well-established fact that regular reading practice is one of the key ways for children to develop their comprehension skills and develop a love of books. Here at Singleton C.E. School we are need of volunteers to come into school on a regular basis to hear children read. We are seeking those who can offer an hour or so a week and the willingness to encourage and support children in their reading. No particular qualifications are needed, apart from the requirement to undertake a background check and there is no upper age limit. If you are able to offer your help please contact the school. Thank you!

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

Wednesday 9 th Sept 3pm onwards	Parents Meetings (Year 1 to 6) – these are brief (5 min) informal appointments to meet the teacher and answer any questions or queries you may have. Mrs Huxham will see Reception parents on an informal basis over the coming weeks. There is no need to sign up for these meetings which are intended for parents whose child(ren) has a new teacher/class. There will be an opportunity after half term to come in and have a look at work and discuss progress.
Week of 14 th Sept	After school clubs begin – separate letter to be sent (After school football club starts Wed 9 th Sept)
Tuesday 15 th Sept 1.40 -2.40pm	Parent & School prayer support Group at The Rectory, Singleton. All welcome!!
Saturday 19 th September	Valley Challenge - The Valley Challenge (3 peaks/3 pubs!) is an 8.2 mile charity run taking in the 3 villages of East Dean, Charlton and Singleton. The race starts at 10am Saturday 19 th September at East Dean Village Hall and all money raised this year will be donated to Singleton School. Volunteer marshals needed – contact the school.
Friday 25 th Sept	Swimming starts for Juniors (Years 3 to 6) – more details to follow Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – more details to follow
MONDAY 26th OCTOBER ~ FRIDAY 30th OCTOBER – HALF TERM	
Friday 18 th December	END OF TERM

TERM DATES FOR 2015~16

<p><u>Spring term 2016:</u> 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 <u>Summer term 2016:</u> Monday 11th April 2016 to Friday 22nd July 2016 INSET DAYS: Friday 27th May 2016, Monday 6th June 2016</p>

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to speak to us.

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd, Headteacher