

SINGLETON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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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 Teaching Assistant Miss Barnard also started with us this term.

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 10th 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 samba (drumming lessons) for Beech class will also start later this month.



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 Thursday 11th September in school. All welcome!!

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.

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.

Week of 16 th Sept	After school clubs begin – separate letter sent today (After school football club starts Wed 11th September)
Wednesday 17 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 Chesshire will see Reception parents on an informal basis over the coming weeks. Please sign up on lists by the school office
Thursday 25 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Morning – more details to follow
Friday 26 th September	Swimming starts for Years 2 – 6 – more details to follow
Week of 13 th October	50 th anniversary celebrations – see separate letter for details
MONDAY 27th OCTOBER ~ FRIDAY 31st OCTOBER – HALF TERM	
Friday 19 th December	END OF TERM

TERM DATES FOR 2014~15

Spring term 2015:

Tuesday 6th January 2015 to Friday 27th March 2015

INSET DAYS: Monday 5th January 2015, Friday 13th February 2015

Half term break: Monday 16th February 2015 to Friday 20th February 2015

Easter break: Monday 30th March 2015 to Friday 10th April 2015

Summer term 2015:

Tuesday 14th April 2015 to Wednesday 22nd July 2015

INSET DAYS: Monday 13th April 2015, Monday 1st June 2015

Half term break: Monday 25th May 2015 to Friday 29th May 2015

Summer break: Thursday 23rd July 2015 to Tuesday 2nd September 2015

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

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd, Headteacher