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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term. We hope you all had an enjoyable and restful Christmas break. Thank you from all the staff for your good wishes, cards and gifts at the end of last term.

It is great to see the children looking so smart and eager to learn at the start of the new year. We welcome the Dodd family to the school – William, Annabelle & Hannah – and we hope they will be very happy at Singleton.

Dates for the term – more details for many of these events will follow in due course

Friday 13 th January	Swimming starts Payment for the term is £35 for the first child and £30 for siblings
Tuesday 17 th January	Whole School to Children's Concert at CFT – see http://childrensconcerts.org.uk/
Tuesday 17 th January	2pm - FROGSS meeting to plan fundraising events for the term – all welcome
Thursday 19 th January	7pm – UNITED VOICES concert at CFT – Oak Class – final letter to follow – tickets available at https://www.cft.org.uk/whats-on#tickets-12165
Monday 23 rd January	NSPCC Safeguarding Morning including 8.45am – 9.45am Parent Workshop – more details in separate letter coming home today
Tuesday 7 th February	6.30pm E-safety meeting for parents @ CHS Theatre
Friday 17 th February	INSET DAY – school closed to pupils
Mon 20th – Fri 24th Feb	HALF TERM
Tuesday 28 th February	evening – Sharing of Oak Class Playtime project work at CFT
Wed 1 st – Fri 3 rd March	Oak Class to Little Canada, Isle of Wight
Monday 6 th March	8.30am – School Nurse Drop In session for parents
Wednesday 8 th March	9am Oak Class assembly
Tuesday 21 st March – 3pm → 5pm	Parents Consultation
Wednesday 22 nd March – 3pm → 6pm	Parents Consultation
Friday 31 st March	Last swimming
Week of 3 rd April – daily (afternoon)	Year 6 Bikeability course
Friday 7 th April	END OF TERM Summer Term starts Monday 24th April

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.



School uniform reminders

At the start of a new term a reminder of the school uniform, as published in the school prospectus. Please note particularly the guidance regarding socks and shoes and we ask that during these cold winter months pupils have a warm coat in school. We encourage the wearing of school uniform to develop a sense of belonging and pride in our school and we ask parents to support us in this regard.

Winter - *A navy school sweatshirt* or cardigan* with a red polo shirt*. Grey trousers or grey skirt. Navy, showerproof jacket**

Socks/Tights *Socks should be grey or white. Tights should be grey, black or navy.*

Shoes *Shoes should be sensible 'school' shoes and not trainers, boots or open-toed sandals.*

PE Kit - *All children need a PE kit which should be kept in school at all times in a PE bag (bag supplied by the school). Red T shirt* with plain navy shorts.
All children need plimsolls (or trainers) to change into for outdoor PE lessons. We prefer black elasticated or velcro plimsolls for the younger children.
Navy jogging trousers should be worn in cold weather.*

Swimming *Children need a swimming costume and a towel. A bag is supplied by the school.*

Items marked with an asterisk are available to purchase from the school.

ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEARLY NAMED

Singleton C.E. School Year of Reading 2016

We had a very successful year in 2016 promoting reading across the school!

The aim of the year was to encourage every child in the school to read regularly and often and we had a large number of events to support this, including:

- We extended the range of newspapers & magazines taken in school
- The reading reward raffle – many pupils across the school have won a book for reading at least 4 times a week at home
- The visit of Julia Donaldson in March
- World Book Day – 3rd March 2016 – activities/ dressing up
- ‘Barney the Book Bear’ – an opportunity to read to Barney at home!!

So next, for 2017, we have the YEAR OF SCIENCE!!!

HOW? WHY? WHAT?

Following the success of last year's Year of Reading, January sees the launch of Singleton School's Year of Science.

The idea is to raise the awareness and interest of our children in science, and to increase their understanding of how science affects every part of our daily lives.

There are a variety of exciting science activities planned, including, for example, taking part in The Big School's Birdwatch run by the RSPB, and being a part of the BBC's Science Terrific Scientific Club through our own science club. We will be considering different famous scientists in assemblies and there will be a science fact a day for the children to be amazed by. We would also like the children to learn about different careers and jobs that involve science, so if you feel that you are able to help us with this, please let us know.

We will keep you updated on the progress of our Year of Science through the newsletter.



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

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd, Headteacher