

# 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.

8<sup>th</sup> December 2017

## Newsletter Number 13

Dear Parents/Carers,

Many thanks to all those who came to enjoy the Infant production of 'Christmas Counts'. We were very proud of the children and their performances and very grateful for the generosity of those who gave to the retiring collection. We raised over £210 which we will put towards the purchase of additional staging.

Yesterday we had a visit and presentation from Lizzie Williams, a 22 year old British Athlete competing as a wheelchair racer internationally. She was born with a physical disability called osteogenesis imperfecta, otherwise more simply known as Brittle Bone's disease and spoke to the children about 'Courage' – our theme for Collective Worship this term. The school made a donation towards her target of attending the Paralympics being held in Tokyo in 2010.

**Please note: Breakfast Book Club and the after school Craft Club & Rounders Club have all now finished for the term. The last Choir Club takes place on 12<sup>th</sup> December.**

## Dates for the term

Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>Christmas Jumper Day (in return for donation to class hamper raffle for FROGSS Children's Christmas Fair – quality gifts please!!) &amp; Christmas Lunch</b>
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December – 1.30pm	<b>Christmas Service in church</b>
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December - pm	<b>FROGSS Children's Christmas Fair (see below)</b>
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>END OF TERM</b>
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2018	<b>START OF SPRING TERM 2018</b>
Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> January	<b>Oak Class performing at 'United Voices' at Chichester Festival Theatre</b>



## **FROGSS Children's Christmas fair – Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> December – from 2pm**

### **The Christmas Fair is fast approaching!!**

Note the non-uniform day coming up soon (details in the dates section above) in return for donations to Christmas Fair class hampers.

The fair will begin at 2pm and parents are welcome to join pupils from 2pm to have a go at the games and stalls. Pupils in Oak Class will be running many of the stalls but there will also be a hamper raffle. Please send in pupils with some money to participate in the games/stalls. As in past years, pupils can buy tokens to take part in the games (1 token per play) – 40p for 1 token, £1 for 3 tokens & £3 for 10 tokens.

Willow class parents are asked to go to the outside door of the classroom to collect your child(ren) and escort them around the Fair.

The hamper raffle will be drawn at about 3pm.

### **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

Since 1 September 2015 the Government has reduced the threshold for Persistent Absence from 15% to 10%. This will now class a pupil with attendance below 90% as a persistent absentee and applies regardless of whether the absence is 'authorised' or 'unauthorised'. This equates to 38 sessions or 19 days of absence across the year or 3 ½ days per half term.

We know that regular attendance at school is essential to ensuring good progress and outcomes for your child. We monitor your child's attendance weekly and we want to work actively with parents to ensure that the highest level of attendance is maintained. If your child's attendance is below 90%, we will report to you before the end of term the details of your child's attendance record throughout the year. We will monitor their attendance and report to you on a regular basis.

The Department for Education (DfE) has published data on their website that clearly shows the link between attendance and attainment. This highlights the fact that there will be an impact on your child's education and exam results if their attendance is not consistently above 95% throughout their schooling.

Minor ailments, such as a headache or slight cold, are not considered acceptable reasons for not attending school. We realise that any child can suddenly fall ill and be unable to attend school but repeated absences may require us to request medical evidence from your doctor's surgery as confirmation of these absences. This is in-line with recommendations by the DfE and Local Authority.

We would like to remind you that the current law does not give any entitlement to parents to remove their child from school during term-time for holidays. We can only grant leave of absence in exceptional circumstances.

We know that you want your child to have the best possible attendance at school to support them in achieving the best possible outcomes.

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

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd  
Headteacher



*Festive Coffee Morning*

£3 Entrance Fee

**Saturday December 9th 10am-12 Singleton Village Hall**

Entrance Fee Includes a Hot Beverage, Mince Pie and a Raffle Ticket

- \* Mince Pies
- \* Christmas Puddings
- \* Sausage Rolls
- \* Christmas Cup Cakes

All Proceeds go to Singleton C of E Primary School

*We Look forward to seeing you*