

# SINGLETON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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## Newsletter Number 1

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year and welcome back to a new term. I 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. Our new teacher, Miss Harrison, has started in Willow Class this term and we welcome her to the team.

### Dates for the term

Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> January	Swimming starts Payment for the term is £35 for the first child and £30 for siblings
Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> January	All children to Children's Concert at CFT
Friday 12 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>INSET DAY – School closed to pupils</b>
<b>Mon 15<sup>th</sup> – Fri 19<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	<b>HALF TERM</b>
Wednesday 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Oak Class assembly
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> March	World Book Day (dress as a book character)
Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> March – 3pm →6pm	Parents Consultation
Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Last swimming
Mon 21 <sup>st</sup> – Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> March	Bikeability for Y6 (mornings)
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> March	<b>END OF TERM</b>

#### 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, fleece-lined 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 may 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.

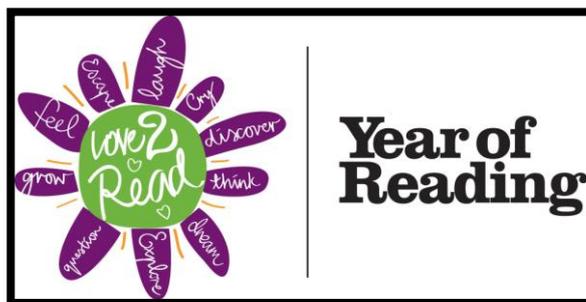
**ALL ITEMS SHOULD BE CLEARLY NAMED**



## Singleton C.E. School Year of Reading 2016

This year we are launching a drive to promote reading across the school in partnership with parents and carers.

We are very aware that parents are a child's first and main educators. There's plenty of research which shows how important parents are for their children's learning and development. Where parents are involved in their children's learning, children do better at school.



One of the best things parents can do to support their children is to read together at home. This starts early and continues as children grow, with reading aloud, sharing books and much loved bedtime stories. Research shows that parental involvement continues to be important well into the teenage years and even into adulthood. The home-school agreement states parents/carers will 'support my child with homework & other home learning opportunities and listen to my child read'.

We want to encourage every child in the school to read regularly and often and we have a large number of ideas to support this. Launching this term will be the following:

- Every newsletter will have a small section devoted to reading
- Extending the range of newspapers & magazines taken in school – we have subscribed to First News ([www.firstnews.co.uk](http://www.firstnews.co.uk)) and Storytime ([www.storytimemagazine.com](http://www.storytimemagazine.com))
- Reading reward raffle – three pupils names will be selected at random every Friday – if their reading record/planner shows evidence of having been heard read by someone at home on four separate occasions in the past week they win a book.
- Reading photo competition – reading in unusual locations!!
- World Book Day – 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016 – activities/ dressing up – more details to follow
- 'Barney the Book Bear' – an opportunity to read to Barney at home!!

**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

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

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd  
Headteacher