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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, both in Reception and other year groups, and we welcome them and their families to the school community. A new member of staff has also joined the school – Miss Windell, who will take responsibility for the younger pupils in Willow class, working alongside Mrs Ivall. We welcome her to the team.

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.

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 13th 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.

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 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!

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.

Child Protection
The school Child protection policy has recently undergone annual review. **It is worth reiterating that the school has a responsibility to contact the local Safeguarding Authority should we have a concern that a child in our care may be subject to neglect. This may be done with or without informing the parent or carer, if it is in the best interests of the child to do so.** There is more information regarding the school approach to safeguarding in our Child Protection policy which is available on the school website or by request to the school office.

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

Monday 11th Sept 3pm onwards	<i>Parents Open Classroom – this is an informal chance to meet the teacher and answer any questions or queries you may have during these early days of the school year. 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.</i>
Week of 18 th Sept	After school clubs begin – separate letters sent
Friday 22 nd Sept	Swimming starts for Juniors (Years 3 to 6) – more details to follow
Friday 29 th Sept	Macmillan Coffee Afternoon – more details to follow
Tues 4 th Oct – 9.15am	Harvest Service at school – parents welcome
MONDAY 23rd OCTOBER ~ FRIDAY 29th OCTOBER – HALF TERM	
Tuesday 7 th November	Parents Evening – more details to follow
Wednesday 8 th November	Parents Evening – more details to follow
Wednesday 20 th December	END OF TERM
<i>TERM DATES FOR 2018</i>	
<p><u>Spring term 2018:</u> Thursday 4th January 2018 to Thursday 29th March 2018 INSET DAY: Friday 9th February 2018 Half term break: Monday 12th February 2018 to Friday 16th February 2018 Easter break: Friday 30th March 2018 to Friday 13th April 2018</p>	
<p><u>Summer term 2018:</u> Tuesday 17th April 2018 to Monday 23rd July 2018 INSET DAYS: Monday 16th April 2018, Monday 4th June 2018, Tuesday 24th July 2018 Half term break: Monday 28th May 2018 to Friday 1st June 2018</p>	

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

Yours sincerely,

Christopher Todd,
Headteacher