



NEWSLETTER



April 19th 2024

Monday 22nd	P.E. day: Willow Class Piano lessons for named children Clubs tonight: 3-4pm
Tuesday	CLUB TODAY: Basketball 3-4PM: please bring a change of clothes Woodwind lesson for named children
Wednesday	P.E. day for Beech and Oak Class Guitar lessons for named children CLUB TODAY: Archery 3-4PM: please bring a change of clothes
Thursday	CLUB TODAY: Football 3-4PM: please bring a change of clothes
Friday	Forest School for Willow Class : old clothes/ layers/ long trousers and sleeves P.E. day for Beech and Oak Class Djembe Drumming lesson for Beech Class Today Piano lessons for named children

Reminders

- If your child is unwell, please ensure you contact the school in the morning on: office@singleton.school or 01243 811679 and leave a message.
- If Mrs Holt has not had a message by 9am she will contact you as part of our safeguarding procedures.
- Last term a pupil in Beech Class became very unwell have picked up a nasty virus, which necessitated 2 hospital trips. If your child has a fever of 38C, please do keep them at home as this is often the first indicator of an infection or underlying illness.

This link has supportive advice: <https://www.nhs.uk/live-well/is-my-child-too-ill-for-school/>

- Please do look at the P.E. days above as several children were not in P.E. kits when needed this week. If your child is doing a club and does not have P.E. that day, they need to bring a change of clothing to school.
- Peripatetic Music Lesson are available for Woodwind, Strings and Keyboards. If you wish to enquire further about lessons the email contacts and names of our teachers are below:

➤ Donna Morley Keyboard Lesson donna.morley@westsussexmusic.co.uk

➤ Vince Godfrey Woodwind Lesson (clarinet / recorder) vincent.godfrey@westsussexmusic.co.uk

➤ Lee Ashment Guitar / Ukulele Lessons Lee.Ashment@westsussexmusic.co.uk

In School this week:

- **On Monday** we enjoyed our morning circles as children shared highlights from their Easter holidays. It sounds as though several children had some very exciting holidays and days out – and chocolate!
- **On Tuesday** the girls in Key Stage 2 all went to the Arena in Bognor Regis to take part in a cricket festival. They took part alongside other schools in a variety of skill-based activities to support their understanding of cricket. Miss Cain said how impressed she was with the effort and attitude of the girls taking part, with some children really showing an aptitude for the game. Well done! Thank you to the families for collecting from Bognor – it really does help to keep costs down.
- **I have had the privilege of observing lessons this week.** I was pleased to see how productive the learning was in all classes, due to the expectations and relationships the staff team have with pupils and the excellent behaviour and learning attitudes displayed by children.
- **Willow Class have a new topic called Move It** – focusing on how their bodies work and move in science, the places they can travel and move to in geography and the story of Amelia Earhart in history.
- **Beech Class have a history topic called Rule of The Romans!** In design technology they will learn about the mechanisms required to make a catapult and use this as part of their science experiment on forces. In Geography they will study the places and countries across Europe, where the Romans settled – which of course includes Chichester!
- **Oak Class also have a history topic called: All Greek to Me.** In geography they will learn to use grid references as they investigate Greece and ensure they know the surrounding oceans. In Science they will conduct experiments linked to human physical attributes and sporting performance. In design technology they will look at nutrition and diet and link this to researching, planning, designing and cooking a variety of Greek dishes.
- **On Thursday we invited Whitney from IRock** to share a new opportunity which will be available to Singleton pupils. The children all brought a flyer home yesterday in their book bags. The children may have a 'band lesson' once a week for 30 minutes. Depending on numbers the children will be placed in a band of 2-9 children. They will learn to play a variety of instruments – including vocals. At the end of a term, the children will then perform to the entire school and their families.



Families Raising Money

As you might remember Stella Davies one of our Year 6 mum's was spending her Easter holiday, raising money for The Lewy Body society and for our school PTA, walking 100 miles on the South Downs Way. When I saw Stella on Monday she shared that she completed the walk, had only a couple of blisters on one foot and has raised approximately £350– thank you if you were able to sponsor Stella. Her son Jasper also walked a 12 miles section of the walk – well done to you both!

And now it is Kathryn Holt's turn. On Sunday she will join the other 40,000 people who have decided to run the London Marathon. We wish Kathryn Good Luck for the big day – I know Francesca and Malachi will be very proud of their mum! If you wish to sponsor Kathryn who is raising money for The Sussex Snowdrop Charity, her link is here: <https://2024tcslondonmarathon.enthuse.com/pf/kathryn-holt>

Worship

Music this week: Coldplay: Sky full of Stars: <https://tinyurl.com/423j647s>

This half term our value is Service. This value considers how we can serve one another and God to be the best versions of ourselves we can be.

We all have different gifts. Each gift came because of the grace that God gave us. If one has the gift of prophecy, he should use that gift with the faith he has. Romans: 12:6

This week the children considered their talents and how these make a difference to others. Beech and Oak Class have made bunting for the hall, with each child drawing their talent. Willow Class read the story, Giraffes Can't Dance.

This story looks at having the confidence to share a talent and also ensuring that we find ways to encourage others. *"We rise by lifting others" Robert Ingersoll*

Golden Book

Well done to Ruby and Gilbert from Year 1, for their fantastic contributions in R.E. They both listened carefully to the information and other children's ideas and were able to make thoughtful suggestions linked to the questions. Fantastic!

Well done to Talia(Y4) for her fantastic maths this week. Her use of the correct vocabulary ensured she was very articulate when explaining her thinking – great learning attitude. Well done!

Immy(Y5) has really impressed Miss Boyd with her approach to learning in her first week at Singleton. She has shown resilience when approaching her maths and was not phased when on her first day was asked to showcase some drama in a group – a fantastic start Immy!

Hope you all have a lovely weekend – dry and sunny – a perfect forecast to run a Marathon - Go Kathryn!!

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team