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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you for picking up your learning packs for those children not returning to school. I hope they enjoyed seeing what had been included in their pack and the letter from their teacher. The packs took quite a while to sort and put together – so a special thank you to our lovely team!

Staffing News

Miss Windell was due to return to Willow Class following her maternity leave towards the end of the summer term. Due to personal circumstances, Miss Windell will not be returning to work at Singleton.

The Governors, Advisory team and myself have looked closely at the staffing structure of the school. We made the collective decision that Willow Class will have a full time class teacher. As Mrs Stack wished to continue as a part time teacher, this meant she was unable to apply for the post.

Of course, it will be very important to say goodbye and thank you to Miss Windell and Mrs Stack properly and I will be in contact with the families of Willow Class in due course. They have both contributed so much to the development and growth of the school and children's lives. Mrs Stack in particular has managed to keep smiling during what has turned out to be the most 'extraordinary', temporary teaching post – ever!

We have advertised and appointed three new members of staff to start in September.

Miss Lucy Deakin will join us as the full time Willow Class teacher.

Mrs Emmalene Greene will join us as a temporary Year 2 teacher (mornings only)

Mrs Anita Springthorpe will join us as a temporary SENCO and PPA cover teacher.

We look forward to welcoming them to the team in September, and will ensure you get to 'meet' them prior to the start of the autumn term.



Baby News

On the 8th April, Brian, Gianna and Alice welcomed a new baby brother into their family. Baby Adriel, came much earlier than expected and is currently sleeping, feeding and growing steadily in St. Richards Hospital. We send the whole family our 'congratulations' and love, together with our prayers that Adriel continues to become stronger each day.



Message for our children

Hello – and how are you all? I hope you are enjoying looking at the items in your bags from your teachers. I spotted very special hearts going into Willow Classes, marmalade in Beech Classes and sweeties into Oak Classes – I wish I had a bag!

This week's fact list is linked to tractors – we have been watching the tractors from the school field going up and down and at the moment I seem to spend a lot of time driving behind them!

- The first tractors used to have metal wheels – bet that was a bumpy ride!
- John Froelich and Blacksmith created the first tractor to go forwards and backwards in 1892.
- The word tractor comes from the Latin word "trahere" which means to pull.
- There are over 16 million tractors around the world.

Song for the week

This week's song is Don't Stop Believing: [Click Here](#) to listen to the song and see the lyrics.

Library Summer Reading Scheme

This year, Silly Squad, the Summer Reading Challenge 2020, will celebrate funny books, happiness and laughter. Children taking part in the Challenge will join the Silly Squad, an adventurous team of animals who love to have a laugh and get stuck in to all different kinds of funny books!

[Click Here](#) to sign up to the on line challenge.

Wildlife Trust Challenge

This June, join thousands of people taking part in an annual nature challenge, 30 Days Wild! The Wildlife Trust want you to do one wild thing a day throughout the whole month: for your health, wellbeing and for the planet. That is 30 simple, fun and exciting Random Acts of Wildness.

[Click Here](#) to find out more.

Here's hoping the lovely, slightly warmer weather returns so that we can all continue to enjoy the open spaces around us.

Take care and Stay Safe

Mrs Smyth and the Singleton Team.

