



# SINGLETON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

It is hard to believe that there are only 2 more weeks until the end of this academic year. This must be especially true for our families and children who have not been in school since the end of March.

## **Picnics**

With this in mind, I would to invite the children who are NOT in school to come and have an outdoor picnic before the end of term.

These will be in small groups and last only for 25 minutes. We would like you to drop your child at the main gate. They will need to bring a towel to sit on. We will provide a treat and drink. Their current class teacher will be there to see them.

I appreciate this is only a short amount of time, but this will ensure the children should not need the toilet!

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> July: Y2 children @ 3.00- 3.25pm **and** Y4 children @ 3.35- 4pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> July: Y1 and R children 3.15-3.45pm

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July: Year 5 children @ 2.35- 3.00pm **and** Y6 children @ 3.05 – 3.30pm

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July: Year 3 children @ 3.10-3.35 pm

**NOTE** – please can you reply to the Class email/office to inform us whether you will be attending the picnic.

The final summer gift bags will be available to take home on these days as well as all day on the Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

**Zooms: Look out for the sign up code and password in your email box.**

Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> July: Willow Class @ 3.15pm – 3.40pm

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> July: Oak Class @ 3.15pm – 3.40pm

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> July: Beech Class @ 3.15pm – 3.40pm



## **Reports**

The reports will be emailed home on Friday 10<sup>th</sup> July. If you require a paper copy please request this from the office and we will have a report ready for you to collect in September. Please can all parents send a reply to say they have received and read the school report – thank you.

Please do remember that the reports were written at the start of lock down and reflect where your child/rens progress at that point in time. Your child will have changed over the past 5 months and we will currently be unable to suggest next steps for learning with any accuracy

Following initial assessments throughout September, the team will identify next steps for your child/ren. Parent's evenings, in some format, will take place during the week beginning the 8<sup>th</sup> October.

## **Message for our Children**

Over the next 2 weeks, a tennis tournament called Wimbledon would normally be taking place. This is a favourite event in the year for many people.



Here are some tennis and Wimbledon facts for you:

- The game of tennis was invented by French monks in the 11th or 12th century. They hit a ball with their hands over a rope strung across a courtyard or against the walls of the monasteries. It was called 'Paume' – which is the French word for palm.
- The first tennis racquet was invented in Italy in 1583.
- The Wimbledon championship started in 1887.
- The longest match ever at Wimbledon was between the American player John Isner and French player Nicolas Mahut. It took 11 hours and five minutes and was played over the course of three days! Phew!
- During Wimbledon an amazing 54,250 tennis balls are used and to make sure they stay in good condition, they're kept in a refrigerator!
- There are many pigeons in Wimbledon and to stop them getting in the way of the players there's a special employee. His name is Rufus and he's a harris hawk!
- The fastest serve ever at Wimbledon was hit by Sam Groth and the ball travelled at a supersonic 147mph!

## **Song for the week**

This week's song is Don't Worry – Be Happy. [Click here](#) to listen and sing along.

## **Pause for Thought and Prayer**

### **Worries**

We all have them – big, small, about ourselves or someone else, family or friends, work or home – the ones that niggle in the day or keep you awake at night.

For the majority of us, for the majority of the time we are able to manage these worries as part of normal life.

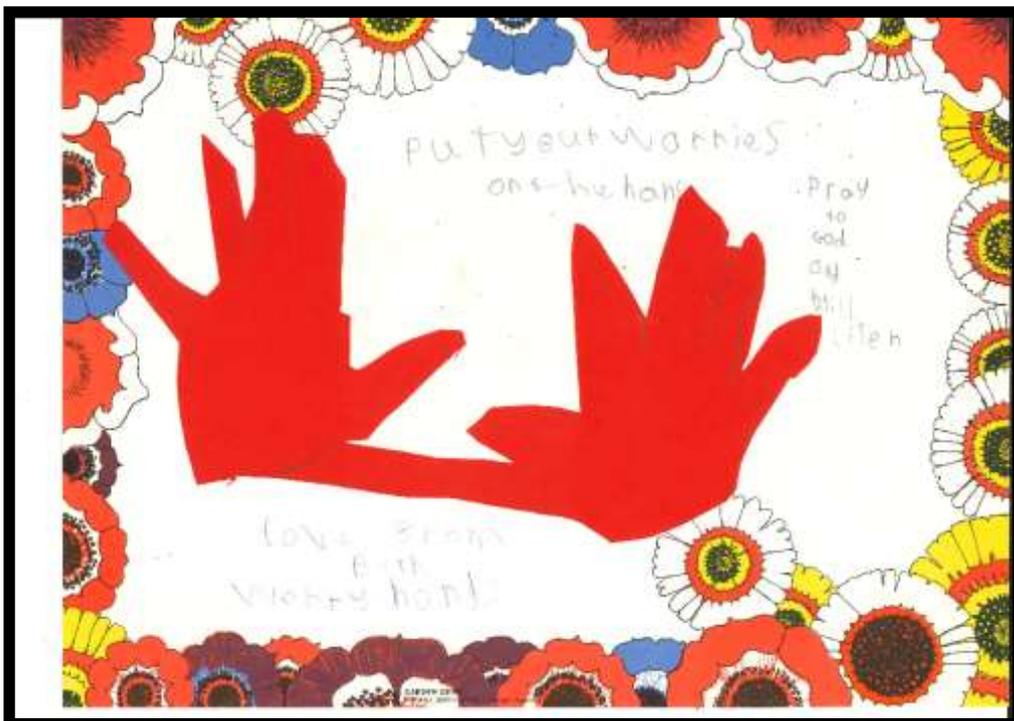
We may have strategies to help ourselves – and for our children too:

- Take time to unwind properly before going to bed – write down your worries – empty your head
- Talk worries through – problem shared, problem halved
- Use meditation before bed –lots of mindfulness apps out there
- Get out of bed if your worries are whirring – do a mundane task before going back to bed!

Remember it is normal and OK for children to have worries too and if we share some of the above tips then they too can manage worries. I know there are soft toy worry monsters who children can feed worries to as a way of 'off-loading'.

If worries turn into a constant then we need to shout for help: [Click here](#) for a link to the NHS website.

### **Pause and Reflect and Pray**



On a rainy Tuesday lunch time, Beth in Year 1, decided to share another way of managing worries. As she busily created she explained that God the Father, looks after us and when we worry about something he will know and help you to manage the worry.

Beth asked for this to be shared with others.

### **Prayer**

Be with us in our school today in our work and in our play.  
Help us not to worry, Lord, on days when things get tough.  
Show us that by facing them, that will be enough.  
Worry gets us nowhere, worry does not pay.  
Help us, Lord, to understand this lesson every day.

Take care and Stay Safe

*Mrs Smyth* and the Singleton Team

DO NOT BE ANXIOUS  
*instead pray*  
AND WHEN YOU PRAY  
*give thanks*  
AND THE PEACE OF GOD  
WILL GUARD YOUR  
*heart and mind*

Philippians 4:6-7