



# SINGLETON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Lovely to see you all on Zoom again this week. From treasure hunts, to story sharing, to guess the sounds – it was great to see our families at home, engaging with the staff in school.

Over the last 3 weeks we have enjoyed meeting our new reception children for September with their families, for some outdoor picnics. We look forward to their first day!

We have also met 2 new pupils who will join us in September – it is exciting to welcome some more new families to our school.

## Reports

Thank you to the teachers for writing the reports and to Mrs Holt for making sure they all arrived via email to you. We appreciate they were not as 'full' as you may have previously experienced. However, with the development of our new curriculum, the report format will change, with a new emphasis on the children's learning behaviours alongside their academic progress and achievements.

Please do send an email to let us know you received the report: [office@singleton.school](mailto:office@singleton.school)

## Vision and Curriculum Changes

You may remember (some months ago now) you came together as families to contribute to the vision for our school. This was then taken to a whole school INSET in February and after subsequent staff and Governors meetings was finalised.

The Vision for Singleton CE Primary states that we are:

Nurturing Individuals to Flourish ❤️ Growing together ❤️ Rooted by God's Love

The teaching staff then worked together over 2 INSET days and further staff meetings to develop the curriculum. We were keen to ensure we reflected the unique environment in which we live, as identified by the whole community when we discussed the school vision.

We are also very excited to share with you some of the changes we have made to our curriculum from September. Please go to the **Learning** section of the website. Click on **Our Growth Curriculum**, where you can read how the Curriculum is planned, organised and structured.

The new themes will be released shortly with a short 'synopsis' of the main content.

## Final Week

Thank you to all the families who have replied regarding the picnics for the children at home. If you have not done so yet, please do let us know.

Monday: Year 2 @ 3 – 3.30 pm                      Year 4 @ 3.45 – 3.45 pm  
Tuesday: Year R/1 @ 3.15 – 3.45 pm  
Wednesday: Year 5 @ 2.45 – 3.10 pm                      Year 6 @ 3.15 -3.45pm  
Thursday: Year 3 @ 3.15 - 3.45 pm

See you all then – if you can't make it, your final 'gift' will be available on Wednesday, on tables outside the main entrance.

## BRING A BAG

When you come to the picnic or collect your gift bag on Wednesday, please can you bring a strong shopping style bag to take home any of your child's previous learning.

For the children in school, please bring a bag during the week to take home your learning too.

## FINAL ZOOM

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, we will have our final whole school ZOOM. This will be at 10.45am. The children in school will attend in their rooms / hall. We will watch the Year 6 Leavers film, every child will get a chance to say goodbye and I will close the school year with a few words.

The Zoom code will be sent on Monday.

**PLEASE** ensure you Mute your microphone until we invite every child to say goodbye if they wish. This will ensure we can all hear everything being said in school.

See you then!

## SEPTEMBER

Although I have finalised the plans for September with timings and logistics, these will be sent via email on Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> July.

The County is releasing risk assessment guidance to schools on Monday and I want to ensure my communication is in one email – not several amendments over a week.

Please do make sure you read the information and save it – there will be changes to start and finish times and we will need the entire community to work together to ensure the plans work efficiently and safely.

## Message for our children:

This week, we were treated to a very special Circus show by the pupils in Year 6. They entertained the children in Willow with acrobatics, magic, feats of strength and skills. The clown compered the show brilliantly and made us laugh too (especially popular with Jono!)

So, this week our facts are linked to the Circus:



- The first circuses were in Ancient Rome.
- They were in round or oval building for showing horse and chariot races, horse shows, staged battles, acts with animals, jugglers and acrobats.
- The Roman circus had tiered seats. The important people sat at the bottom, near the action.
- The Latin word *circus* comes from the Greek word *kirkos*, meaning "circle" or "ring"
- World clown comes from the Icelandic word "klunni" which means "a clumsy person"
- a clown who starts his act from the audience is called a **Carpet Clown**
- circus performers consider whistling and eating peanuts backstage a bad luck

Why don't you learn to juggle, become a funny clown or perform some (safe) acrobatics!  
[Click here](#) to watch a video and learn to juggle.

## Pause, Reflect and Pray

The circus certainly made us all smile in school. Smiling is a powerful way of communicating – it can be done without words, from a distance and mean so much. I also know that smiles can be contagious – something we don't mind spreading!

In the Bible, Jesus tells his friends to love their neighbours and do good to the people around them. One way in which we can show love is to smile a bit more. Smiling uses fewer muscles than frowning, so it should be less tiring to smile than to look serious or unhappy. When we smile at people, it makes them feel good about themselves.



Dear God,  
Thank you for people who make us happy.  
Thank you for our families and friends.  
Please help us to work at making others happy.  
We pray for people who are sad or lonely.  
Please help us to take the time to smile at and be kind to others  
As we walk through this world together.  
Amen.

[Click here](#) to listen to a song about smiling!

Take care

Mrs Smyth and the Singleton team

