



# SINGLETON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Next Week in School

Monday 13 <sup>th</sup>	YR children in school until 11.30am Oak Class first Primary Futures Session today in school.
Tuesday	YR children in school until 11.30am ALL children to wear P.E. kit to school today for either a lesson or club BEECH CLASS: Club starts today: finish at 3.45pm
Wednesday	YR children in school until 11.30am Willow Class Star Readers in school today.....Who will the mystery reader be?
Thursday	YR children in school until 12.15 (staying for lunch) Forest School: Beech and Year 1 and 2 (wear old clothes/wellies and coats please) Meet the Team after school: see below
Friday	YR children in school until 12.15 ( staying for lunch) Reverend Sarah leading worship
Saturday 18 <sup>th</sup>	Whole school Clean up: 9 to 11 am See below

## Whole School News

How wonderful to see our entire school, back together after the holidays and 'back together' in the truest sense. We have enjoyed playtimes, worship & singing together.

### New Faces

We have welcomed new pupils, Regan, Owen, Harriet, Maja, Hanna and Edward plus lots of new team members too.

Mrs Watson has joined Miss Yarahmadi in Willow Class as the Teaching Assistant. Miss Kitka has joined Miss Cain and Mrs Blott as a new Teaching Assistant during the mornings.

We have also welcome this week, 11 new reception children. We look forward to getting to know, Alf, George, Harry, Jack, Jorgia, Malachi, Margot, Raya, Reggie, Saskia, Summer and all of their families.

### Learning This Week

This week we have been building relationships with the team and children. Each class has made a team flag to hang in their classroom, displaying the qualities we need to be very the best team possible.

Each Class has also visited the Brilliant Behaviour rules of being Ready, Respectful and Responsible learners to create a working display for us to use as we work and learn together.

Each class has used the text: Only One You, which explores how though we are all fantastically unique, when we swim in the same direction together we are stronger. The children have each created a fish to display in the hall – it will look beautiful.

### Golden Book Learning

Well done to Dolly (Y1) and Harry (Y6) for being in the Golden Book. Both children created a fish for our whole school display using the text, Only One You. It was the precision and attention to detail that Miss Yarahmadi noticed during Dolly's learning and the resilience and 'I can do this' attitude which Miss Boyd noticed in Harry's learning.



See you next week for tea and cake!

### Learning Partners: a different way of learning at Singleton

To build the best learning community we need the children to know how to work alongside each other. Employers look for people who are able to make connections, show tolerance and see value in other team members – these are important life skills to learn and schools can uniquely support this.

Every Monday morning the children across Beech and Oak class will have a new Learning Partner. Some children, who need to have a familiar seat, will remain in a specific seating place, but the partners will change.

We will not move children at their own or family request, however if it is clear and evident that support is needed in the partnership, this will be given. Resilience is also an important life skill.

### Fidget Toys and Toys

In my back to school email, I asked that children used the fidget toys in school. Unfortunately, in this first week back this has continued to cause some issues.

In the same way that not every child needs glasses, a hearing aid or a wheelchair – not every child needs a fidget toy. If we can see/know of a need, we will provide the fidget toy from our range.

Toys must also stay at home, as they can equally cause upset/etc. Transition toys agreed previously with the teacher are permitted. We shall have a tray in the cupboard for items which should be at home and ask for your support with this. Thank you.

### Meet the Team Meeting

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September, families of children in Year 1 to 6 are invited to listen to a brief discussion by the class teacher and have a chance to put a face to a name.

Each class teacher will have 2 sessions back-to-back to allow families with siblings to attend more than one class.

**Session 1: 2.55 to 3.10pm**

**Session 2: 3.15 to 3.30pm**

Mrs Watson and Mrs Blott will look after school children on the field after you have initially collected them. Please take your child/ren round to the field and register them with Mrs Blott. Thanks

## School Clean Up

On **Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> September** there will be a wonderful opportunity for families to get together, eat donuts, drink coffee whilst doing a little bit of a school clean up - how can you resist?!

Children are welcome to come, though will be unable to look after them.

If you can give a little time to school between 9am and 11am on this day we need people to do some weeding, cleaning, a run to the tip and if possible, jet washing. We need to borrow a jet wash so if you do have one, we would be very grateful.

The walls in Beech Oak Class need to be washed down too. We would like to try and paint the rooms before new flooring is put down in half term. This will be a 'Painting Party' on **Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> October**. Children will not be able to come to this session.

I shall be outside with my signing up form next week!

## Data Forms

Please can you ensure that the Data Collection forms we sent home are signed, checked and alterations made if needed and returned to school by Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September. Thank you.

## Worship in School

This week we have reflected on how September offers each of us a fresh start. A time when we can look forward, think of challenges for ourselves and make changes to the way we behave, think and learn.

The children considered the ingredients needed to make our school a 'showstopper' worthy of the Great British Bake Off.

Having spooned in ingredients such as respect, love, bravery, team work, wonderful people, fun..... we mixed and stirred and quite unbelievably found 3 showstopper cakes already baked in our oven – which our pupils enjoyed today.

The perfect ending to a wonderful first week back.

## ONE BIG THANK YOU to.....

Janet Holt, Helen Morris (Governors) and Esther (Mathilda and Alf's mummy) for giving up their time last Saturday morning to help get the school ready to open on Monday. The contractors worked until the very last minute – meaning there was still a great deal to do on Saturday. These lovely volunteers joined our fabulous teaching team and made a huge difference to our workload.

Have a great weekend, and we shall see you all back on Monday for the start of our Whole School Theme: 'Beside the Seaside'.

## Take care

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team



Dates coming up: (details for each will be in future communication)

- Monday 27<sup>th</sup> September: Individual and sibling photos
- Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> October: Phonics Workshop for families @ 2.15-2.45pm
- Friday 1<sup>st</sup> October: Harvest Festival in school
- Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> October: Author Visit Day
- Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October: WHOLE SCHOOL TRIP to WEST WITTERING for the morning
- Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October: Family Walkabout @ 2.45pm to see learning around school
- Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November: Parents Evening for Year 1-6
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Reception Families 6 week in Meetings during the day
- Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November: Parents Evening Year 1-6
- Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> November: Zones of Regulation Family Workshop 6-7pm
- Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> December: Christmas posting box opens for pupils.
- Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> December: Dress rehearsal Nativity @ 1.45pm (for families with younger children)
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity @ 1.45pm ( not suitable for families with younger children)
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December: Nativity@ 6pm ( not suitable for families with younger children)
- Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas posting box closes for pupils.
- Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Parties today (own clothes)
- Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas Breakfast as a school

There will be additional dates, so keep an eye out in Newsletters.