

# SINGLETON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL



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Dear Families,

We hope this finds you and your family well. The Singleton staff team remain well and are either currently on a rota to be in work where necessary or having their 'Easter' break a little earlier than expected.

My own family member has recovered now, and I can therefore return to work as part of the 'team in school'. As much as I have managed to get through plenty of virtual paperwork and writing the new website content, I have missed seeing our children and the team.

To make some 'virtual connections' with our children, we have set up 3 email addresses for them to send any photos, learning or messages to. The emails can be accessed by any team member on the rota, and during the school day we will allocate time to respond to any messages sent through.

**Please note:**

- Only 1 email per week may be sent from each child
- Parents/carers must oversee what is sent
- Staff in school will reply with a short message for your child to read
- Staff will not be able to answer queries from parents/carers on these email addresses

Please send to the correct email address for your child/ren's class:

[oak@singleton.school](mailto:oak@singleton.school)

[beech@singleton.school](mailto:beech@singleton.school)

[oak@singleton.school](mailto:oak@singleton.school)

Some new website links for you to use at home:

<https://shop.scholastic.co.uk/homelearning> work packs free to download

<https://www.technola.co.uk/home-learning> computing and music

<https://whiterosemaths.com/homelearning/> fantastic maths scheme – we use in school

<https://readingeggs.co.uk/> has a 2 week free trail for reading

<https://themuddypuddleteacher.co.uk/> ideas for outdoor learning

The website for Chatterpack – has lots of links for children of all ages. This might be useful for those of you with older children too.

<https://chatterpack.net/blogs/blog/resources-list-for-home-learning>

## **Just to support your online searches for resources:**

- Children in reception: look for any learning marked as suitable for EYFS or Early Years
- Children in Year 1 and 2: look for any learning marked as suitable for Key Stage 1
- Children in Year 3 and 4: look for any learning marked as suitable for Key Stage 2 or Lower Key Stage 2
- Children in Year 5 and 6: look for any learning marked as suitable for Key Stage 2 or Upper Key Stage 2

**Please note we will NOT be producing any more physical packs to collect from school. It is important that we are not seen to encourage people to make any unnecessary journeys to our school.**

## **A message to our children**

Today is April Fool's Day, when people play funny 'pranks' on each other – though only until midday. One of the most famous National April Fool's Jokes was in 1957.

A programme called Panorama, which is still on television today, shared a news article about Swiss framers, who were very excited about their Spaghetti Trees, which had grown huge crops of Spaghetti that year! People all over the United Kingdom, fell for this prank. You can watch the clip on the link below.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEqpOx6ajGE&t=15s>

## **Helping children to understand Covid19**

I have attached a simple but effective way of explaining the virus and current situation to children. It was sent to us by the Behaviour Support Team and is intended to support all Primary Aged children. Do look at this prior to sharing with your child to ensure you are prepared for any questions that may arise.

## **Thank you**

Firstly, I want to say a special thank you to Mrs Abidaon. She has been in school every day for the last 2 weeks, supporting with the children who have been in, managing paperwork and doing some much needed tidying and sorting! Of course, she has also been a great teacher for our Year 2 children, who have benefited from her positivity, dedication and enthusiasm for their learning. Though we may see Mrs Abidaon again over the coming weeks as a Supply teacher, I am sure the families of the Year 2 children and the Staff at Singleton would like to join me in saying a HUGE thank you for everything!



I would also like to thank our first rota team for being fabulous and supportive and keeping the 'ship sailing' over the past 2 weeks. So, to Miss Yarahmadi, Mrs Nelmes, Mrs Abidaon, Mrs Holt, Mrs Bailey, – THANK YOU!

**With Easter around the corner, the School Office will be closed for 2 weeks from 6/4/20. The School will remain open for specific children and I can be contacted on my email address: [head@singleton.school](mailto:head@singleton.school) The next Newsletter will be on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.**

On behalf of all staff and Governors, I would like to extend a very 'Happy Easter' to you all. Take care, stay safe and well.



Theresa Smyth