



NEWSLETTER



Friday 11th November 2022

Next week in school:

Monday 21 st	Craft Club for children after school 3-4pm
Tuesday	P.E day: Oak and Beech – Wear P.E. kits to school Y1/2 Sports Club after school: (bring P.E. kit to change into) 3-4pm Clarinet / recorder lessons for named children
Wednesday	Forest School: Willow Class wear old clothes to school – remember wellingtons
Thursday	PARENT WORKSHOP: LEARNING BEHAVIOURS * see below P.E. day: Beech and Oak Class – wear P.E. kits to school First Aid Club 3-4pm
Friday	Reverend Sarah leading Worship: Advent P.E. day for Willow Class – wear sport clothes – with something spotty! Piano lessons for named children

Parent Workshop: Learning Behaviours

On Thursday 24th November at 2pm we are holding a workshop for parents and carers to learn more about what we refer to in school as 'learning behaviours'.

We would therefore like to explain our rationale for including this in our reports and practice, how we observe, and what we look for.

Please complete the slip in your child's book bag if you are able to attend. Thank you.

Christmas Card Orders

The last date for orders for school is Monday 21st November. We have had a great many orders – thank you! After Monday 21st you can still order for home delivery but you will incur the postage and packing costs. So far you have ordered £270 worth of cards /gifts which we receive 10% of – thank you.

Film Night

Thank you so much for sending in all of the money and slips for film night – we have 42 children returning this evening for Happy Feet and Toy Story! You have raised approximately £157 for the school fund.

Christmas Gifts

I am aware this newsletter focuses on fundraising and giving money to the school and Children in Need at a time that the cost of living is a challenge for many people.

We all face uncertainty over fuel and energy costs, as well as increases in rents or borrowing rates. Christmas is also a pinch point for many people. As a team, we are often bought gifts by families at Christmas. Whilst we very much appreciate these gifts, we ask that parents and carers spend money on their own family gifts and food.

We acknowledge that some families may wish to show their appreciation to a staff member. We love receiving cards and homemade crafts which children have taken the time to make. Equally, you may wish to donate to the school fund, which can be popped into a card and delivered to the school office.

If you feel strongly that you wish to give a gift, please could we ask that this is done discretely after school. This will ensure that there is no pressure felt by other parents or children.

Fund Raising

We are now at a point where our community is stronger and new friendships and connections are being made between families. After COVID and a period of time of people being more 'separate', now is the right time to relaunch our fundraising committee.

The Friends of Singleton School Association, is set up as a charity with the purpose of raising funds to enhance the provision and education for your children. For example, we want to build a wooden shelter for the Prayer Garden revamp and arrange a theatre visit for all pupils.

If you would like to be part of this, I would like to invite you to an initial meeting with myself and George's mum (Y5) at the Partridge Pub on Wednesday 30th November @ 7pm.

Please complete the slip in your child's book bag if you can attend.

To get us started I have 2 initiatives which you can contribute online to.

1. Please may we ask that you nominate 'The Friends of Singleton School Association' (charity number - 1070148) by clicking on the link below.

<https://movementforgood.com/#nominateACharity>

The more nominations we get the more chance we have of winning £1,000! Its quick and easy. Please spread the word to friends and family members.

2. We're now registered with easyfundraising, which means you can help us for FREE. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself! All you need to do is sign up and remember to use easyfundraising whenever you shop online. It's easy and completely FREE! These donations really mount up, so please sign up to support:

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/froggs/?utm_campaign=raise-more&utm_medium=email&utm_content=rm-en-n1

Children in Need Afternoon

So far, our school community has raised £382 WOW – what a fantastic effort! Thank you for supporting this cause and ensuring your children were as spotty as possible today.

This afternoon they are going to take part in some 'silly and creative fun' all with a spotty, circular and spherical theme. They will enjoy games including 'human hungry hippos' and 'team tic-tac-toe'. They are going to create some amazing dot art with paint and a shower squeegee and felt pens and old CDs.

It is important that children understand why they are raising money so we are also sharing some of the children in need stories with them this afternoon.

ANTI-BULLYING week

This week is National Anti-Bullying week. The children discussed bullying as part of their PSHCE work with Mrs Greene. They wrote poems in year groups and created an art canvas with the words 'reach out, help out, be kind' at the centre.

Bullies are weak and unkind,
We are strong and fair,
They should say sorry for the disrespectful words and actions they do,
We report it, we are strong, we reach out!

by Year 3

Worship

During Worship this week we thought about the opposite of bullying, linked also of course to our value of compassion and Children in Need week.

We asked the children to consider the quote 'throw kindness like confetti'. The children were able to clearly articulate the impact of this metaphor.

I have seen so many examples of this kindness this week including a team of children who have taken it upon themselves to do 'grounds maintenance' at playtimes! This group have swept all of the leaves into a pile and then worked as a team, moved the leaves to the composter.



Nobody asked them to do this – they just saw a need and acted upon it. Thank you: Maja, Hanna, Fynn, Spencer, Noah, Jasper D, George C, Harrison C, Archie D, Ellie, Primroze and Saskia!

Remembrance Service

Thank you to Lily and Isla from year 6 who represented the school at the local service last Sunday. Lily spoke very clearly in Church and Isla took charge of laying the wreath. Thank you girls.

It was also lovely to see Fynn and his brother Ewan standing with their dad as the service. They stood so respectfully – well done.

Golden Book Worship

This week we celebrate: Roberta (Y6) for always spreading joy and kindness to the much younger children. She will often spend playtimes creating games for the children and shows such a great understanding of their needs – thank you Roberta!

Joshua (Y4) for his learning behaviours which have led to some excellent learning in English. His revolting recipe, inspired by Roald Dahl's BFG story was fantastic. I shared Joshua's writing in Worship and the children loved his funny ideas – watch out David Walliams – there is a new comedy author!

Harry (Y1) for his excellent comprehension in his session with Mrs Greene. You were able to use your memory to help you link the pictures to text in the right order.

Exciting Family News

Mathilda (Y4) and Alf (Y1) have a new baby brother – Izzac. He was born on the 11/11 at 11.05pm! He is also the 11th grandchild in the family! Huge congratulations to you all and we look forward to meeting Izaac when the time is right.

Special Thanks to Mrs Snow

Diane Snow has been the school Caretaker and cleaner for the past 16 years. Diane has recently been unwell and took slightly earlier retirement than planned. She worked so hard, making sure our school was clean and looked after. School caretakers are the 'unseen' part of any school team, working after all of the children have gone home. But the team here did see – her dedication, kindness and commitment and we miss seeing her every day.

We bought Diane a personalised map of Singleton and a personalised planter too. We send our love and thoughts to Diane and her family.

Hope you all have a great weekend – we shall see many of you back for film night later.

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team