



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 13th January 2023

## Next week in school:

Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Choir Club @ lunch Sewing Club 3-4pm and Construction Club 3-4pm
Tuesday	P.E. for willow and Beech today Computing Club 3-4pm for Beech Class Sports Club 3-4pm for Oak Class
Wednesday	Forest School: Oak Class: old clothes and waterproofs please
Thursday	Dance Club ( KS2 ) 3-4pm
Friday	Swimming lesson: KS2 ( come in P.E. Kits – remember swimming kit/towel etc) Willow Class P.E. lesson

## Road Safety, Parking and Flooding

Short of everyone arriving by boat, I am uncertain how we can make drop off and pick up any less soggy! I appreciate most drivers have been very sensible, driving slowly along Charlton Road – thank you.

I have applied to the Highways agency for a Flood Alert road sign so hopefully this will warn everyone to drive more considerately and safely past the school.

In terms of dropping off we continue to have a problem with people parking in front of the bus stop. This is parents/carers/family members as the layby is clear in the mornings when we arrive at school.

For all of our families who walk along this path, this is making their journey very hazardous. As I have already mentioned this on several occasions and there still seems to be 1 or 2 families who persist on parking in the area, I have now referred this to Parking Enforcement.

## Reading Books and Bags

We are very fortunate to now have reading volunteers who support specific children across the school over 4 days. It is therefore very important for your child to have their current reading material in school. This includes their Reading Record if they are in Willow Class.

If you misplace books, please be aware that we will need to pass this charge onto families. The Read Write Inc books will be charged at £4 per book and paperbacks at £5. All of our books are stamped. We do not have a huge amount of Read Write Inc books so please do return any you may have at home. Thank you

## Reading 'Buddies'

We have several children in school who would benefit hugely from having a volunteer 'buddy' adult reader who is able to pop into school at either drop off or pick up time, to share a book and a chat. Ideally this would be once or twice a week so that a relationship builds which supports reading progress.

If you feel this is something you could offer, please email: [head@singleton.school](mailto:head@singleton.school) or chat to me at the gate – preferably on a dry day!

**This week in school:**

## Themes

This week the children have been sharing their current knowledge for each of their new class topics:

In Willow Class Mrs Radley has asked questions about materials and their properties, the countries of the United Kingdom and the continents and 5 oceans of the world in preparation for their topic – Polar Explorers.

In Beech Class Miss Cain has discovered what the children know about earthquakes and volcanoes, using an atlas to look at terrain and forces and magnetism in science, ready for their topic -The Powerful Planet.

In Oak Class Miss Boyd has been finding out what the children already know about WW2, their understanding of different historical sources, the location of the countries involved in the war, how to create switches, buzzers and motors in preparation for their topic - World War 2 in the Valley.

## Worship and the Value of Courage

On Monday Hugo came from Yapton Free Church to talk to the children about how God can speak to us through; people, prayer, song, visions, nature and of course the bible. Hugo spoke about personal moments in his life where he has been spoken to by God and how he has responded through his work within the church.

The Value this half term is Courage which was introduced to the children today. I recently heard a woman speak on the radio about her reflection of the phrase 'take courage'. She explained that she 'takes courage' from her faith as a Christian and her relationship with God.

She does not believe that humans can 'make courage' but rather we 'take courage' from those around us. There have been many occasions when I have 'taken courage' from the support of others, a gentle arm around a shoulder, a listening ear or an encouraging word. As a mum this week I have 'given courage' to my son as he sits his mock A 'levels. Today I asked the children to reflect on times they have 'taken or given courage'.

We will continue to explore this Value over the half term: This is a great picture book for younger pupils to watch /listen to:

The Lion Inside: by Rachel Bright

<https://youtu.be/HO19G18irWO>



## Golden Book

This week we say congratulations to: Vasyliisa (Y2) for her excellent attitude to learning and her writing, Maisy (Y3) for her contributions to all class discussions, Beth (Y4) for her supportive and caring nature towards her learning partner and to Faith(Y5) for her resilience in tackling her mathematics and her confidence and attitude to using mistakes to further her knowledge.

Congratulations to you all.

## Swimming

Thank you to all of our pupils in KS2 for their excellent behaviour at the swimming pool today. The first week is always a little different as pupils are assessed and grouped and our children showed patience and respect as this took place. Well done.

Have a great weekend – hopefully there may be some dry weather at some point!

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