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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope this finds you and your families well. We appreciate that this may not be the case for all of you, and we send our love, thoughts and prayers to anyone experiencing illness within their family.

WELCOME

Today we are delighted to welcome Ms Williams to the Singleton Team. She is teaching Beech Class on a Thursday and Friday. Joining a school team at this time is certainly quite unusual, but does mean that Ms Williams has time to familiarise herself with the school, systems, policies and looking at children's prior learning. Ms Williams has written a 'hello' note for the children in Beech Class on the website class page. Maybe you could send a welcome email on the beech@singleton.school in return.

LEARNING

On the website, we have added some new learning for each class. We add new learning to the class page each Monday. The challenges link to the topics the teachers had already planned and are a mix of subject areas. Remember it would be lovely to see some of the learning via our class emails.

willow@singleton.school

beech@singleton.school

oak@singleton.school

STAY CONNECTED

I have seen some lovely photos of learning at home and we do respond with a message for your child. This connectivity is important for when the children return to school. We do not know when this will be or what this will look like, but allowing the children the opportunity to 'hear' from their teachers, will help when they do have to separate from home and come back to school.

Over the next 2 weeks, we will also phone every family, so that we can 'touch base' and chat with your child.



RESEARCH

We received a message from the Education Psychology team with a request to take part in some research, by the University of Sussex, into the impact of Covid 19 on children and families. The details are on the attached flyer – there is a £100 prize draw for people who take part.

GARDENING

Our lovely Chair of Governors would like to help any children and families who want to 'grow' their own vegetables and fruit, by providing seeds, plants and seedlings. This idea is from the local branch of the Women's Institute, who will organise dropping seeds and plants, safely at families' front doors.

If you would like to take part, email jholt@singleton.school and she will arrange the rest. We look forward to hearing how your garden grows!

A message for our children:

Hello – we hope you are all well and have enjoyed some Easter Eggs over the past 2 weeks – I wonder if anyone still has chocolate left.

The teachers and teaching assistants are all very busy in school and working from home too. We have been having a great big sort out and tidy up – we cannot wait for you to come back and see what we have been doing.

Some more fun facts – this week's theme is 'the weather'.

1. Mild autumn weather often means bigger spiders in our homes.
2. Worms wriggle up from underground when a flood is coming.
3. In Antarctica, snow can fall so hard you can't see your hand in front of your face.
4. Some frogs get noisier just before it rains.
5. Waterspouts, or rotating columns of air over water, can make sea creatures rain down from the sky.



See what other facts you can find out and make sure, when you are out enjoying this sunny weather, you are wearing your sun hat, sun cream and drinking lots of water!

Stay safe and take care

Mrs Smyth

Mrs Smyth and the Singleton Team