



# NEWSLETTER



## Dates for the week ahead:

Monday 11th	P.E. OAK CLASS: come in PE KITS Piano lessons for named children
Tuesday	Oak Class information meeting: 3.05-3.30 in classroom (children on field)
Wednesday	YR Parents: How we teach Phonics meeting ( school hall) at 11am Forest School for Y1,2,3,4 old clothes please ( Y1/2) Willow Class information meeting: 3.05-3.30 in classroom (children on field)
Thursday	Beech Class information meeting: 3.05-3.30 in classroom ( children on field)
Friday	P.E. Years 1,2,3,4,5,6 : Tennis coaching Guitar lessons for named children

**P.E. and Forest School** The days below will stay the same until October half term.

Willow (Year 1 and 2) Wednesday Forest School and Friday P.E.

Beech (Year 3 and 4) Wednesday Forest School and Friday P.E

Oak (Year 5 and 6) Monday P.E. and Friday P.E.

Thank you so much for ensuring your children have returned to school looking so smart and in the correct uniform. Do remember you can purchase the cheaper plain red polo shirts from supermarkets rather than the logo ones, to ensure you have plenty for when the inevitable happens with yoghurt etc.

### P.E. and Forest School Clothing

Children must wear their P.E kits as set out in our uniform list for P.E. Please ensure on this day that they do not wear watches and earrings can be removed either by the child at school or at home before they come.

**The risk assessment for Forest School** states that children must be safely and appropriately dressed. Whilst I appreciate it is very warm, to be able to go into the woods / work with fire / tools, children must wear long sleeved tops and trousers – though thin materials will obviously be cooler.

We will not be able to take children up to the woods, or do activities involving fire/tools at school if they do not follow this. We have also noticed some of the girls coming in dresses and skirts, which are not ideal for climbing in.

### Jewellery

Children must not wear any jewellery except for simple stud earrings. Children may wear a watch if they wish.

### Class information meetings: see dates above

Please try to attend the meetings next week – even if your child has already been in the class. It is always important to hear about aspects such as homework / expectations and responsibilities.

### Phonics meeting for YR parents: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 11am

Come and find out how we teach phonics at Singleton and how this is an essential part of teaching your child to read and write – and how you can help at home.

## What's coming up Calendar

Though I see to have had quite a time with emailed dates, the website dates are now up to date and you can always look ahead / check a date or time. Go to Parents and Carers page: Dates to remember tab. Click on any dates to see information and reminders.

## Clubs

The clubs will go live on MCAS next Monday at 5pm. There is space for all children in each club – so don't worry about spaces.

This half term the clubs are only for children in Y1-6 as our youngest children are likely to be very tired after a long day in school.

To try and help out with YR parents who have siblings in Y1-6, once you have collected your YR child and wait for an older child to finish at 4pm – I am happy for them to stay on the playground or use the library with you.

## Clubs this half term: Monday 3-4pm

Y1 and 2: Music Makers (exploring and making instruments and music – be part of the band!)

Y3 and 4: Bookworms (explore books, stories, newspapers, poetry – through art, drama and chat!)

Y5: First Aid (learn some very important simple skills ready to help at playtime.

Y6: Forgotten Skills (learn some life skills – sew on a button / learn to tie knots / cook a meal! )

**Please note: the staff are committed to running the clubs and we expect the same from the children. Once they have requested to join a club, they are expected to commit to it.**

Last year we had a fair bit of dipping 'in and out' which is not a learning behaviour we wish to teach.

## Year Group Responsibilities

As part of our School Improvement Plan, we are looking at how to increase and develop pupil leadership opportunities for all children. We have plans for the year, but we are starting with responsibilities for each Year Group.

YR: gardeners – working with Mrs Norris to keep the pots tidy and clear and watering the plants

Y1: lunch time 'helpers' - working with a teaching assistant to wipe the tables after lunch

Y2: recycling team – collecting the recycling from each class at the end of the day ready to sort

Y3: playground equipment team – making sure equipment is put into the correct places after play

Y4: worship team – setting up the seating and environment ready for school worship

Y5: librarians - keeping the shelves and boxes tidy and ensuring books are in the right place

Y6: lunch time leaders – leading a lunch table, serving the meals, supporting younger children

The children will be on a rota system so that they share responsibility with their peers.

**"if two or three people come together in my name, I am there with them."**

This week we have thought about Teamwork and community as we come back together and for some into new classes. We have considered how a team needs people with different strengths and personalities to be effective.

We thought about how Jesus chose his 12 apostles and how he would have looked at his teams' strengths.

We considered the England Women's football team and what they would need to do after their defeat in the World Cup.

In Class worship the children have provided an affirmation to each other, stating each other's strengths.

This week we shared the song: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DykVJl6wr\\_4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DykVJl6wr_4)

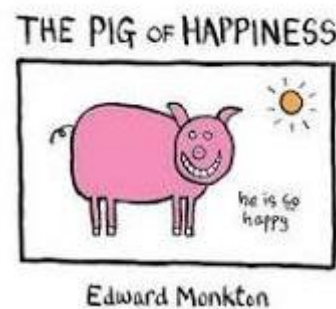
We watched the following film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6fbE52YDEjU>

### The Pig of Happiness

At our INSET day and during this week with each class, we watched the following film: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=uoiIYlww8M4>

We acknowledged that whilst happiness is a feeling which will come and go, and depend on what we are experiencing at the time, each of us can spread happiness at the right time.

It's a great short film – enjoy watching with your child and 'spreading the happiness'!



### Amazing Children

Although we are not starting the celebration book until next week in worship, I wanted you to know that your children have returned to school with some great attitudes and behaviours and our first week has been wonderful.

I have watched Year 6 quickly assume their role of leadership at lunch time and every other class trying so hard to show our Respect, Responsibility and Readiness to learn.

I have watched our hot lunch children showing resilience as we try and ensure they eat with a knife and fork and excellent table manners – practice at home welcome!

Wishing you all a lovely weekend – more sunshine in store I think!

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