



# NEWSLETTER



September 29th 2023

## Dates for the week ahead:

Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> October	Clubs today for children in Y1,2,3,4,5,6 Collection at 4pm P.E. OAK CLASS: come in PE KITS Piano lessons for named children
Tuesday	Poet in school day for Y1-6 ( see below) Woodwind lesson for named children
Wednesday	Forest School for Y1,2,3,4 old clothes please
Thursday	
Friday	P.E. Years 1,2,3,4,5,6 : Tennis coaching Guitar lessons for named children

## Poet in School Day



Children in Years 1-6 will meet a poet, AF Harold next Tuesday afternoon. He will run 2 sessions, for Willow Class and then Beech and Oak together. every Year 1 and 2 children will receive a copy of his book. This is part of the Bookfest initiative and there is therefore no cost to you as families for the book or visit. Children in Reception are a little too young to fully enjoy this particular poet who Bookfest have booked for us. However, they shall have a great time, sharing poems in class.

As part of Poet in School day – we have decided to share poetry all week, instead of our usual daily stories. on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October, children will be invited to recite a poem in their classroom, or if feeling confident, with the school.

Being able to remember and recite a poem is part of the National Curriculum. It does not matter how long or short the poem is – action ones are easier to learn. I shall add a poem by AF Harold, just in case anyone wishes to learn one of his!

## PTA: Pirate Day

The PTA had a meeting this week and have planned events for the next term or so. I have already sent the Christmas Fete flyer to you all – please do save the date – I know it will be a great afternoon in December. On Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> October, the children are invited to dress as a pirate for the day. This can be a shop bought costume or home-made. An eye patch and scarf, with a pair of jeans works brilliantly. During the day, there will be some short activities for the Pirates to take part in – walking the plank will feature!

In return we ask for a donation to the PTA, which will hopefully cover the shortfall that we have for the Theatre trip in December. The Panto trip and travel costs, for the entire school are being funded by donations, which the PTA have secured from some very generous local neighbours.

Please send your Pirate into school with an envelope on the 19/10/23 – marked Panto Donation. Thank you

## Cardigans and Jumpers

Please could everyone check the names in any school cardigans you may have at home. Evie in Reception has 2 missing - both named on the labels. They will be aged 4-5. Thank you.

## Oak Class went to the Races

On Wednesday, Oak Class took part in a maths in action day at Goodwood Race Course. The children have tried to report on the day using only 50 words – see their writing in red.

Thank you to Mrs Sargent, one of our Governors, for supporting us on the day and to the children for being such great ambassadors for Singleton – your maths brains certainly had a workout!

"We went to Goodwood Race course to watch and learn about maths in real life. We got to go in a VIP box and watch from a balcony! Dressed as jockeys we measured the parade ring using trundle wheels" Jasper Y6

"Yesterday was amazing! When I got to the gates of Goodwood, my excitement raged. Then we went to the balcony of the VIP room, which overlooked the majority of the course. The race began and the horses galloped like lightening!" Faith Y6

"Yesterday we went to Goodwood and I had a VIP experience. My favourite place was the parade ring and the race track. We watched the first race – the female jockey won!" Noah Y5

"Yesterday we went in the VIP room which would normally cost £200 each – but we went for free! The view was amazing. We saw the horses racing - they were like lightening!" Freddie Y5

"On Wednesday we went to Goodwood Racecourse. We got our own special room with a balcony. The staff wanted us to blend in – so we became mini jockeys in silks – but we weren't allowed to ride horses! We measured the parade ring, weighed ourselves like jockeys and saw a race." Beth Y5



## Worship

Song for the week: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBrd\\_3VMC3c](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=rBrd_3VMC3c)

This week we have been **thankful** for the wonderful world and creation around us. The children created a visual representation of creation with each class taking a different aspect: skies, earth, oceans below. These have been joined together to display on our Worship Wall.

## Golden Book

Today we celebrate: Charlie (Y5) for his contribution, focus and interest throughout our trip to Goodwood – I know how much you enjoyed the day! Charlie (Y4) has been showing an excellent approach and attitude in his writing, transferring skills from one lesson to the next. Saskia(Y2) has been showing great stamina in her writing and producing fabulous sentences. Eli (YR) has shown great resilience and self belief when learning to manoeuvre a new piece of equipment – he did not give up and said "I can do this". Brilliant growth mindset Eli! I am putting Poppy (Y6) into our Golden Book for her attitude, enthusiasm and excitement on our trip – I can see that Poppy understands, that to get the most out of an experience, you have to give it your all. This is a brilliant mindset for life – well done.

Have a great weekend

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team