



NEWSLETTER



November 17th 2023

Next week in school:

Monday 20th November	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Oak Class P.E day come in kits• Piano lessons for named children• Clubs after school: 3-4pm
Tuesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Woodwind lessons for named children• Flu Immunisations today
Wednesday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Forest School Oak Class: old clothes/ waterproofs• Forest School Willow Class: including YR children: old clothes/waterproofs• Beech Class: P.E. day: come in kits• ZONES OF REGULATION PARENT WORKSHOP* 2.30-3PM
Thursday	
Friday	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Guitar lessons for named children• Willow Class P.E. day come in kits• Beech Class P.E day come in Kits• Reverend Sarah to lead worhsip today

Willow Class Club Monday

If your child attends the club on Monday after school, please could they come dressed in P.E. kits and trainers so that Miss Cain can take them outdoors for some sports games.

Wednesday Zones of Regulation

Mrs Greene is going to lead a 30-minute workshop on Wednesday before pick up to talk about Zones of Regulation. This is a schoolwide approach to support children to recognise their emotions, talk about feelings and have strategies to manage their behaviour. If you want to find out more and importantly, how this can help at home, please come along at 2.25 pm ready for a 2.30 pm start in the school hall.

Nativity

Today, your children will come home with a letter telling you their role / costume needed for the Nativity. All costumes are to be brought in on Monday 4th December in a named bag. Please do not bring any costumes ahead of this date as space is limited – thank you. Do reach out on the school community WhatsApp as other parents may have a costume they can lend you.

Scripts and speaking parts will come home next week. If your child has lines to learn, please can you support them with this at home. It is important that they know which line is said before so that they can hear their cue. By **Friday 1st December** – all children with lines must know their lines – they will be 'off paper script' by this point, as we will focus on their performance and coming on and off stage.

All children take part in the Nativity and we have considered roles / children carefully. Please talk positively and with a 'growth mindset approach' to your child's part. Nerves are a normal part of life and performance, and we will teach the children how to manage this.

Our Trip to Liverpool

Miss Boyd and I had the most informative, interesting and at times humbling experience in the 2 Liverpool Schools. The schools are at very different points in their journey with Restorative Practice, but both gave us so much food for thought as well as plenty of ideas and useful approaches.

Aside from the Restorative Practice, we also looked at the school's demographic, attendance, punctuality and behaviour. In the first school there is a high level of children from disadvantaged backgrounds (69%), a large number of children who have English as a second language (60%) and over 26 languages spoken within the school.

The school building was new – they had rooms and space we would love to have! However, they had no grass and their playground was one slope, which is difficult to use on icy days. Their rate of unauthorised absence is very low – children are in school, not on holiday and their punctuality is excellent – all children were through the gate on time. This certainly made me reflect, and something I shared with the children in Worship.

Miss Boyd and I are very grateful that we were able to make this trip. Investing in our development professionally will support the practice of Restorative Practice at Singleton, which will have a positive impact on children.

Children in Need

Thank you so much for the donations which have been given on line – I am able to see all names and donation, but might not have been able to thank you in person – so THANK YOU!! And to the families who popped money into the collection at the gate – THANK YOU also!

So far you have raised: £215, which is wonderful. I am not taking the cash to the bank until Monday, so for all those who wanted to still contribute, please hand it to myself / office before the end of Monday. Thank you

Worship: Music <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gkwzl8J5nWU>

This week we have thought about how STRONG god is and how we can TRUST in Him because of the promises he made to us.

I am with you. I will strengthen and help you. I will hold your worries.

The children collected items from the natural environment to represent the promises. A piece of twisted willow to show that He is with us, a strong branch to represent His strength, a large leaf to show how our worries are held.

**The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer;
my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge,
my shield[a] and the horn[b] of my salvation, my stronghold.**

Psalm 18.2

Golden Book we are celebrating Oliver (Y3) who has used his logic to support his predictions when exploring Stone-age artefacts - great use of historical thinking! Spencer (Y4) for his attitude and focus in maths which has enabled him to spot mistakes, revisit the question and then solve the problem – well done! Jasper (Y5) for sharing his excellent knowledge in Science – he was able to ask sensible questions to deepen his knowledge of space whilst at the Planetarium – well done! Jack (YR) is in the Golden Book for his focus during Phonics which is supporting his blending and reading. Miss Cain also informed Mrs Radley that his behaviour and listening skills were also very impressive during the after-school club on Monday – a HUGE well-done Jack!

Hope you all have a great weekend.

Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team

IMPORTANT Message from the PTA:

The Friends of Singleton School are really excited about the Christmas Fete: **Saturday December 9th, 12 – 3pm**

This will help raise valuable funds for the school, subsidising swimming lessons, funding things like Easter eggs, coronation coins and the theatre trip to Hook in December. This all needs a significant amount of money, and funds need replenishing in order for us to support the same things in the future.

So, with that in mind, we are asking for a few things to help us run the Christmas Fete and the raffle smoothly:

- We REALLY need volunteers on the day! Even half an hour spent helping man a stand means one of us in the PTA gets the chance to enjoy the Fete with our children, or take a break. We will be recruiting time slots, so please approach one of us to volunteer some time. We will be coming around at drop off and pick up time to recruit willing volunteers!
- We will be asking for donations of chocolates, good quality toys and other items suitable for a tombola. We will be collecting these on **Friday 1st December**. There will be a member of the PTA at drop off and pick up. Every item donated can be exchanged for a Fete token which allows you to participate in games and win prizes on the day.
- We will also be asking for donations of festive themed baked goods to sell at the refreshment stall on the day. We would love these to be dropped off on **Friday 8th December** to the school.
- There will be books of raffle tickets coming home in bookbags, as well as further books at the school. Please encourage friends and neighbours to buy these – there are some fantastic prizes to be won!
- Book in for your child to see Father Christmas if you like! This will be a magical experience (with gift) in the Lodge. Link here: [Friends of Singleton School \(pta-events.co.uk\)](http://pta-events.co.uk)

Please help us make this a success in any way you can. We appreciate everyone has different budgets, time restraints and we know you all have your own families to organise! Whatever help you can offer is always appreciated.

Thank you