



# NEWSLETTER



Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2024

## Dates for the next week:

Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> November	ALL of Willow Class: Forest School ( Forest school clothing ) Music lessons for Y1/2 Y5/6: Parents invited at 2.30 for Worship led by Oak Class: Armistice Day School clubs start: 3-4pm
Tuesday	Clarinet lessons (named children) Netball club 3-4pm Paid for Gymnastics club 3-4pm
Wednesday	Willow Class: P.E kits Beech Class: P.E. kits Oak Class: Forest school clothing Groundforce Club today: 3-3.45 Paid for Clay Club today: 3-4.30 Paid for Fencing club: 3-4pm
Thursday	Paid for Tennis club 3-4pm
Friday	<b>Children IN Need Day: Spotty clothes ( Sporty and spotty for KS2!)</b> Piano and Guitar lessons (named children) Beech Class: P.E. kits Oak Class: P.E. kits

### Clubs

The clubs are now all up on MCAS. Please can you ensure you sign up via the APP, before Monday. This helps staff to know how many children to cater for should they need specific items / equipment.

### School Lunches

Please can all families who order a school lunch for their child in Years R/1/2 or are a free school meal, ensure that they are not also providing a lunch box as well. It now needs to be one or the other. Last month the school lost £180 as we are charged for meals not taken and there was considerable food waste. Thank you

### Children in Need Friday

There will be a fun hour of House Team activities in the morning followed by PSHCE, where children will discuss friendships / kindness and the impact of mean or bullying behaviour. **Children in Willow Class** can wear spotty colourful clothing. **Children in Beech and Oak** have P.E. on this day so can embellish their clothes with sticky spots / socks or face paint! I shall send a Just Giving link for contributions next week.

### Parent's Evening

Thank you to all of those families who were able to sign up and attend Parent's Evening. I appreciate some families have made alternative arrangements. As a small school we are able to catch families informally should we need to. However, these appointments follow assessments and pupil progress meetings and are an opportunity for us to provide an accurate picture of current achievements / concerns. Thank you to Miss Boyd, Miss Cain, Mrs Halfacree and Mrs Radley for their hard work on both days. **The next meetings are on the 12<sup>th</sup> (5-7pm) and 13<sup>th</sup> (3.15-5.30pm) February 2025.**

## PTA Requests



As the Christmas Fair is only **22 days away** the PTA would welcome your support in a variety of ways.

- help on the day for an hour or 2: setting up / tidying away / running a stall
  - donations for the Tombola (toys / soft toys/ chocolates / tins of sweets/ toiletry boxes)
  - donations of alcohol for the 'adult tombola'
  - donations of Christmas jumpers / dresses / PJs for the Christmas Clothing rail
  - donation of a cakes / biscuits (bought or homemade) for refreshment stall
- ❖ You can drop off **tombola donations on Friday 15<sup>th</sup> and Friday 22 November** at morning drop off
- ❖ You can drop off Christmas clothing items into the school foyer at any point
- ❖ You can drop off **cakes etc for refreshments on Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November** at drop off / pick up

**Let's make this the best Christmas Fair possible – the PTA have all working hard behind the scenes but it takes an entire community to make events like this work. there is always something that you can do to make a difference. Thank you!**

I think this poem about collective responsibility sums it up...

**There was an important job to be done and Everybody was sure that Somebody would do it.  
Anybody could have done it, but Nobody did it.  
Somebody got angry about that because it was Everybody's job.  
Everybody thought Anybody could do it, but Nobody realized that Everybody couldn't do it.  
It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody when Nobody did what Anybody could have.**

## GB Athlete

**Today Molly Palmer** came to school to inspire the children not only about her own sport of long jump, but also that anyone can achieve anything in sport, if they are prepared to work hard and practice. She worked with each class to play games which all involved – jumping! Molly is currently studying Human Biology at Loughborough University. She is extremely driven, not only in sport but also in her goals. She shared with me that she would, at the right point, love to study medicine. From the sounds coming from the school hall, she also knows that for children to 'get into sport' they have to enjoy it. She certainly brought the fun and inspiration to Singleton today. Thank you to Miss Cain for booking Molly and organising the schedule for today.

## Worship

This week Hugo came to visit us and shared that he was hoping to fly out to Nepal this week. His flight had been cancelled that morning so we collectively prayed that a solution would be found. We played a quiz based on the story of Zacchaeus from the bible, as well as singing some of the children's favourite songs.

**Today we celebrated Golden Book worship.** Congratulations to: Immy (Y6) for her insights and engagement in R.E. which have a very positive impact on other children's learning too. Congratulations to Alf (Y3) for having a positive, can-do attitude in ALL of his learning. It is easy to have this when doing your favourite learning – but Alf brings it to everything – brilliant! Well done to Ewan in Year 2 for his excellent engagement in writing this week. We are using a new approach to writing called 'drawing club', and Ewan loves it! Florence (Y1) has also excelled in drawing club and has now become far more independent and confident in creating the characters and 'secret code'!

*Wishing you all a lovely weekend - Theresa Smyth and the Singleton Team*