



# SINGLETON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to another Wednesday – I wonder if you are finding the days blending and blurring slightly. I know we feel as though the days are going very quickly in school and it is hard to believe this week the children in Year 6 would have had SATs tests and on Friday, we would have been cheering loudly at Sports Day.

With Sports day in mind, we wonder if the children and families at home could stage their own sports day and maybe send any photos via email to: [head@singleton.school](mailto:head@singleton.school) . If you are happy for us to share images on our website that would be great, but please do not feel under any pressure to do so. We look forward to seeing a full range of events including egg and spoon, obstacle courses, 3-legged races – the sillier the better!

## **NEWS: For parents of children in YR, 1 and 6**

I have now been able to speak to the majority of parents of children in these year groups. Further details will be sent to you next week when I have all the information I need to ensure a safe and sensible return for these children. The routines we put in place will follow the guidance as set out by the Government. The Governors and I have a duty of care to the children and staff of the school and this will guide our planning.

[Click Here](#) to read the guidance provided to support schools with the phased reopening for pupils.

We currently have 8/9 pupils in school, who are either in the Key Worker or Vulnerable category. This allows us to see how systems can work, iron out issues, consider logistics and create a system for return.

If pupils in these year groups do not attend school, families **will not incur a fine**.

**For parents of children in Y2,3,4,5** – there is an ‘ambition’ that these children will be able to return prior to the end of summer term. I imagine this will be dependent on many factors and will involve careful planning.

Until that point, the online learning will remain in place. The children in school will have the same learning as their peers at home. When the children return to school, we are aware that there will be an array of needs and our initial focus will be on socialisation and emotional well-being.



## **Google Form**

Thank you so much to the parents/carers who have completed the online form. The link is now on the Home Page of the website. It only takes about 5 minutes to complete. The information is for our purposes only and is vital in terms of future planning.

### **Message for our children:**

I have received this message from Sarah Peirson, the Youth Leader from the local parish churches.

We are keeping you all in our prayers at our weekly church services, which continue each Sunday via Zoom. We are however missing our church buildings and the young people who attend our services and are part of our church community.

This Sunday (17th May) would usually incorporate our All Stars' Youth Worship session, which is attended by pupils of Singleton and West Dean schools. As we are not able to meet in our church buildings, I was wondering if you would like to help bring the church to the congregation.

It would be wonderful if you could draw / colour / create / photograph some pictures of East Dean, West Dean or Singleton Church or any church building, whether real or imagined.

Please email any completed pieces of artwork to: [Head@singleton.school](mailto:Head@singleton.school) and I shall then forward these to Sarah on your behalf. The images will be collated to be part of a 'virtual service' for the congregation.

### **Haircuts**

As the barbers and hairdressers are closed at the moment, many people are having haircuts at home now – maybe you have!

I recently had to become a 'barber' and cut my husband's hair – I was quite pleased with the results. I am not letting him cut my hair though – and remember that only adults should cut your hair!



### **Therefore, this week the fun facts are all about hair:**

- The average person has 100,000 – 150,000 strands of hair.
- On average, we lose 50 to 100 strands of hair a day from the scalp
- A single hair has a lifespan of about five years
- The hair on your head is designed to keep you warm in winter and cool in the summer
- The Guinness World record for the longest hair belongs to a 17-year-old girl called Nilanshi Patel from India. Her hair measures 190cm. Imagine having to wash and dry that much hair!

It was lovely to hear that the postcards we sent home to our families arrived safely. I know the children in school worked very hard to create the cards – it was a lovely way for them to feel that they were staying in touch.

Children – please be kind to your families, especially your parents or carers who are doing the very best that they can to teach you – especially if they are also working at home. We know that you are all missing friends, playing together and being part of our gorgeous school. At the right time, we will be together again and it will be wonderful.

Take care and stay safe –

Mrs Smyth and all the Singleton Team