

# May 2024 Newsletter

## Singleton Church of England Primary School

“Passion for Learning .....Passion for life”

Christian Value: - Love

John 15:12-13 My command is this: Love each other as I have loved you

Dear Parents,

The summer term is in full flow and school is as busy as ever. Over the next few weeks, our Year 6 children will be taking their SAT's. It is important that they have good attendance at this time.

Panto season is fast approaching ... the auditions will be held for the KS2 Panto just after SATS. Mrs James and Mrs Millward are very excited and are currently debating which Pantomime to put on this year!!

The sponsored event was a great success. Thank you as always for your support. We use the money each year to update the playground toys, which all of our children benefit from.

Please keep an eye on the diary dates as this is a very busy term with lots to enjoy!



Acorns  
Breakfast and Afterschool Club

### Opening Times

Monday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Tuesday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Wednesday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Thursday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm
Friday	7.30 am - 8.45am	3:00 – 5:30 pm

### Booking

All booking information and links are on the school website. Please be aware that fees are subject to change. Acorns offer a 10% discount for siblings. This will automatically be deducted upon booking.

### Important Information:

Staff are trained in pediatric first aid and have regular safeguarding training. We can offer the club sessions on a regular and one-off basis, although sessions will need to be booked in advance. Acorns is owned by Sarah Goldie, a fully qualified teacher of 20 years and managed by Gabrielle McGowen.



## School Office

If you need to contact school for any reason then the office opening hours are as follows:-

Monday	8.00 am - 4.15pm
Tuesday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Wednesday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Thursday	8.00 am - 4.15 pm
Friday	8.00 am - 3.15 pm

Tel (01253) 882226

Please note that the office is closed for lunch between

**12:00 and 1:00pm (Mon-Thurs) and 12:00 and 1.30pm (Friday).**

**Children cannot be collected, between these times, without prior arrangement.**

**The phone will not be answered at this time, but a message can be left.**

### Payments to School

**Please note all Extra-Curricular Clubs and Dinners must be paid for in advance (before the Term starts).**

### Dinner Money

You can pay for School dinners through ParentPay. This does still need to be done in advance on a half-termly basis.

**Dinner money for next term is £87.50 please pay this via ParentPay.**

If you decide that, you no longer want your child to have a school lunch you must give the office a **week's** notice, as all food is ordered a week in advance.

### Absence

If your child is absent, from school please inform the office by **9.10am** or **leave a message** on the absence line answerphone.

### Current Fees

Before School Breakfast Club	7.30 am - 8.45 am	£4.75 per child (includes breakfast)
After School Club – full session	3.00 pm - 5.30 pm	£9.50 per child (includes snack)
After School Club – early session	3.00 pm - 4.15 pm	£4.50 per child (no snack)
After School Club following an extra-curriculum activity	4.15pm - 5.30 pm	£5:00 per child (includes snack)

For any further enquiries, contact details are as follows:

- Sarah Goldie TEL: 07860816175
- EMAIL: [sarahgoldie\\_uk@outlook.com](mailto:sarahgoldie_uk@outlook.com)

**ALL enquiries and bookings should be directed to Sarah Goldie the owner of the provision. NO bookings can be made through the School Office.**

## Extra-Curricular Activities

### Information about PE and Extra-Curricular Activities;

- Please make sure that your child has additional kit for any after school activity, as P.E. Kit **must not** be worn.
- It is important that for sports such as football and hockey your children have the correct kit as these clubs **will always** take place outdoors (e.g., Football boots, shin pads, waterproof etc.)— Please ask Mrs James if you are unsure what your child needs.
- Ms Stansfield will oversee the smooth running of the clubs and ensure that children are passed over to parents/ carers at the end of the session. For all queries relating to Extra-Curricular Clubs please contact Ms Stansfield.
- All children attending Extra-Curricular Clubs should be collected from Class 1's door- on the playground.
- Please pick up your child promptly at **4.15pm after clubs**.
- Please make sure that you pay for clubs in advance. If this does not happen then your child will not be booked on the course.
- Please note that as we continue to receive the Sports Grant in the year 2023 /24 we will continue to supplement the cost of the extra-curricular activities once again this year. However due to increases in on costs there has been a slight price increase to £3:00 per session (£4.50 for tennis).



The overall attendance for April was

**96%**

For more information about attendance and holidays in term time, please check out the school website.

If you need support with attendance and punctuality please contact Miss Manns, our Family Learning Mentor.



Happy Birthday to the following children

**May**

**9<sup>th</sup> – Ted**

**14<sup>th</sup> – Alfie**

**16<sup>th</sup> – Isla**

**23<sup>rd</sup> – Alice K**

**23<sup>rd</sup> – Alice Y**

**26<sup>th</sup> – Ruby**

**27<sup>th</sup> – Jensen**

EXTRA CURRICULAR CLUBS APRIL - MAY 2024 FROM MONDAY 15 <sup>TH</sup> APRIL TO THURSDAY 23 <sup>RD</sup> MAY 2024		
	Lower School (FS /1/2/3)	Upper School (4/5/6)
Monday	Dance Y1/2 £12 STEM Science Club FS/Y1 £8	Dance Y3 £12 Rounders Y4/5 £12 Numeracy Booster Y6
Tuesday	Brass (Lunchtime) Y2 £30 Athletics Y1/2 £15 TAG Rugby (Outdoor) Y2 £15 Summer Reading Club FS/Y1/2 £6	Brass (Lunchtime) Y3/4/5/6 £30 Athletics Y3 £15 TAG Rugby (Outdoor) Y3 £15 Literacy Booster Y6 Panto Rehearsal Y6
Wednesday	Tennis Y2 £18.00 <b>(NO Tennis on Wed 22/5)</b>	Tennis Y3 £18 Netball (MUGA) Y4/5/6 £15 Forest Schools KS2 (Y3/4/5/6)
Thursday	Singing (Lunchtime) Y2 £30	Singing (Lunchtime) Y3-Y6 £30 Athletics Y3/4/5/6 £15 TAG Rugby (Outdoor) Y4/5/6 £15

**NO AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS: Monday 6<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday, Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May, Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May, Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May and Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May.**

**NO Tennis on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May.**

### Payment

Ms Stansfield will email parents in advance of the new term to outline the clubs on offer. Club places are allocated on a first come first served basis. Sporting Clubs are provided by third party providers. We are a cashless school and all payments should be made via the ParentPay system.



## Parish and Community links



Time for reflection

**Love**

**“John 15:12-13 My command is this:  
Love each other as I have loved  
you.”**



### Family Communion

Our Family Communion service is held every Sunday at 9.30am. On the first Sunday of the month this is followed by coffee and biscuits served in church.

### Children

Junior Church runs on the second Sunday of every month at 09:30am. (Contact Fiona Small for information; 07913901015)

There is also an All-Age Family service at St. Chad's on the first Sunday of every month at 10:00am (lasts about 45 mins).

Children are both welcomed and encouraged at all our services and especially at our regular Family Communion held each Sunday. There are toys and books at the back of church for children to use during the service.

## School Meals Increase

We have had notification from Lancashire County Council schools catering that the charge for school meals will be increasing from £2.50 to £2.70 from September 2024. They have made this increase to cover the increase in wages and rising food costs. Therefore, the cost to parents will change from the start of the new school year in September 2024 to £2.70.



Spring Summer  
2024 Menu.pdf

Please click on the above icon to open the 'Spring Summer 2024' Menu.

### Healthy Snacks Policy

As you are all aware, the Governing body have a policy that **only fruit snacks** are permitted in school for break times. We ask that you ensure that you continue to support this; the Governing Body made this decision because we have a number of children with allergies and we also promote 'Healthy Eating' in our school. If other snacks are sent in, they will be returned home.



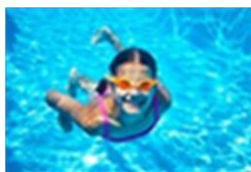
## Swimming

Swimming resumes this term for our year 3/4 children – starting after the Easter holiday – each Wednesday, lessons will take place during the first half of the morning before breaktime.

Children need the following

- Swimming Costume / Trunks (please note not swimming shorts as they hold too much water and not bikini's)
- Girls and boys with longer hair need a swimming hat (please put talc in this as it helps to get in on!)
- Towel
- Goggles (optional – but require a signature on the consent form)

Mrs. James will also be contacting the Year 6 parents separately as there is a requirement that by the end of Y6 pupils can swim 25m and with COVID the older children did not get the full swimming allocation that they would normally receive in school. Parents will be asked whether their child can swim 25m and for those that can't we will take them for additional swimming lessons in the latter half of the summer term.



## Summer Open Afternoon

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#### Save the Date

Our Summer Open Afternoon takes place on

Wednesday 12th June from 1:30pm

Everyone welcome

The theme will be outdoor learning and conservation.

More info to follow



## Singleton Gala

### SAVE THE DATES!

The Singleton Gala Committee are pleased to announce that this year's Gala will take place on Sunday 16th June @ The Marquee in the field behind the Village Hall.

It will be in the usual format with procession and further details will be issued in due course.



Dates for your Diary - (3 months in advance)		
May	June	July
3 <sup>rd</sup> – Author Dan Worsley Visit 6 <sup>th</sup> – Bank Holiday 8 <sup>th</sup> - Y3/4 Swimming 10 <sup>th</sup> – Non-Uniform Day (FOSS) bring a tombola prize WB 13 <sup>th</sup> SATs week – Year 6 <b>WB 13<sup>th</sup> - NO CLUBS THIS WEEK</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> – Panto Rehearsals start (Year 5/6) 22 <sup>nd</sup> – No Tennis today 22 <sup>nd</sup> – Y3/4 Swimming 22 <sup>nd</sup> – New Parents Induction 6-7pm 24 <sup>th</sup> - School Closes 3.15pm	3 <sup>rd</sup> – School Opens 7 <sup>th</sup> – New Foundation children Induction morning 12 <sup>th</sup> – Y3/4 Swimming 12 <sup>th</sup> – Open Afternoon from 1.15pm <b>Parents Welcome</b> 14 <sup>th</sup> – New Foundation children Induction morning 17 <sup>th</sup> – Sports Day – <b>Parents Welcome</b> 19 <sup>th</sup> - Y3/4 Swimming 21 <sup>st</sup> – Non-Uniform Day (FOSS) bring chocolate/sweets 24 <sup>th</sup> – Reserve Sports Day – <b>Parents Welcome</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> – Y3/4 Swimming	3 <sup>rd</sup> – Y3/4 Swimming 9 <sup>th</sup> – KS2 Panto – 6pm 10 <sup>th</sup> - KS2 Panto – 6pm 10 <sup>th</sup> – Y3/4 Swimming 11 <sup>th</sup> – (Thursday) FOSS Summer Fair/ End of Year BBQ – 3.15pm. 17 <sup>th</sup> – Reports home 18 <sup>th</sup> - 8:50 am Prize Giving 19 <sup>th</sup> – 10:30 am – Y6 Leavers Assembly 19 <sup>th</sup> – 12:00 noon – Y6 pupils and families ‘Jacob Join’ leavers lunch – after the Assembly. 19 <sup>th</sup> – School Closes 1:30pm
We try to inform you of diary dates/changes to dates well in advance so that you can plan. We will not necessarily send out specific letters for every individual event as dates and times are indicated in the monthly newsletter which gives up to 3 months’ notice. The Office will try to send out reminder texts/Facebook notices as an additional support to parents but this may not always happen during busy periods.		

Diary Dates and Holidays	
<b>HOLIDAYS 2023 /2024</b>  <b>Autumn Term 2023</b> <b>Open:</b> Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 23 <sup>rd</sup> October – Friday 27 <sup>th</sup> October 2023 <b>Closes:</b> Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2023 at 1.30 pm.  <b>Spring Term 2024</b> <b>Open:</b> Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February 2024 <b>Closes:</b> Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March 2024 at 1:30pm  <b>Summer Term 2024</b> <b>Open:</b> Monday 15 <sup>th</sup> April 2024 <b>May Day:</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> May 2024 <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 31 <sup>st</sup> May 2024 <b>Closes:</b> Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 1:30pm  <b>Total number of openings – 190 days</b>	<b>HOLIDAYS 2024 /2025</b>  <b>Autumn Term 2024</b> <b>Open:</b> Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> October – Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> October 2024 <b>Closes:</b> Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December 2024 at 1.30pm  <b>Spring Term 2025</b> <b>Open:</b> Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2025 <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February – Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February 2025 <b>Closes:</b> Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> April 2025 at 1.30pm  <b>Summer Term 2025</b> <b>Open:</b> Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> April 2025 <b>May Day:</b> Monday 5 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 <b>Half Term:</b> Monday 26 <sup>th</sup> May – Friday 30 <sup>th</sup> May 2025 <b>Closes:</b> Friday 18 <sup>th</sup> July 2025 at 1.30pm  <b>Total number of openings – 190 days</b>
<b>Inset days</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> and 5 <sup>th</sup> September 2023 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2023 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2024	<b>Inset days</b> 2 <sup>nd</sup> , 3 <sup>rd</sup> , 4 <sup>th</sup> September 2024 21 <sup>st</sup> and 22 <sup>nd</sup> July 2025

### Absent for Medical Appointments

If your child has a Medical Appointment, please provide the School Office with a letter or screenshot of a text message, showing the appointment date and time, for our records – Thank you.





## FOSS Updates

### Up and coming events

Event	Date
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 10 <sup>th</sup> May – Bring a Tombola Prize
Non-Uniform Day	Friday 21st June – Bring Chocolate and Sweets

### FOSS updates

The Easter Egg raffle was a great success, the total amount raised **£439.00**. Thank you to all our wonderful families for your ongoing support.

All the money FOSS is currently raising will be used to buy new ICT equipment. In the first instance we are looking to upgrade the interactive white boards in all the classrooms. The replacement costs for one board is around £2100. So, this will be a fund-raising focus for the next few years.



All families are automatically a member of FOSS (Friends of Singleton School)

FOSS are a small team of parent volunteers that work incredibly hard behind the scenes organizing events. They are always looking for volunteers and encourage parents to become involved. You don't have to be available to help with every event, they welcome any support even if it's just behind the scenes support. The more money that FOSS raise the more exciting projects we can do for the children.

If you can help in any way, please email [friendsofsingleton@outlook.com](mailto:friendsofsingleton@outlook.com)



**April 2024**

**Foundation**  
Reggie, Harvey,  
Layla, Harry B,

**Class 1**  
Olivia S, Carter,  
Oliver, Ralphy,

**Class 2**  
Ava H, Matilda,  
Samson, Ted,

**Class 3**  
Mia V, Ruby,  
Gabriella, Oliver R,



**April 2024**

**Foundation**  
Jack, Margot,  
Martha, Harriet

**Class 1**  
Joshua, Oliver,  
Sophia, Carter

**Class 2**  
Harris, Ava,  
Elliott, Darcey

**Class 3**  
Fin B, Jack,  
Daniel, Reuben



## New to Foundation Induction

### Important times and dates at a glance

#### Induction dates 2024

- Induction Evening
  - **Wednesday 22nd May 2024** at 6pm
- Induction mornings for the children
  1. **Friday 7th June** 9.15 – 11.30am
  2. **Friday 14 June** 9.15 – 11.30am.



## Pantomime



It is that time of year again .... pantomime season. The excitement is beginning to mount. Mrs. James is practicing her singing; Miss Kirby is devising dance routines and Mrs. Millward is dusting off her 'Directors Chair'

The auditions will take place before we break up for half term.

Please be aware that Mrs Millward, Miss Kirby and Mrs James put a massive amount of effort into the Pantomime and it is very frustrating when children with significant parts do not turn up to **both** evening performances. When this happens, it has implications for all the children in the show.

We will be running Panto practice every Tuesday after school from **Tuesday 21st May** from 3:15 – 4:15pm for all Year 6 pupils and any Year 5 pupils that play significant roles and there is an expectation that children attend these.

Please make a note of when the performances are as there is an expectation that if your child auditions for a part in the show that they **attend BOTH** performances.

The pantomime takes place on: -

- **Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July – KS2 Panto – 6pm**
- **Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> July - KS2 Panto – 6pm**



# The Importance of good attendance



Attendance during one school year	Equals days absent	Which is approximately weeks absent	Which is this is the number of lessons missed
95%	9 days	2 weeks	50 lessons
90%	19 days	4 weeks	100 lessons
80%	38 days	8 weeks	200 lessons
70%	57 days	11.5 weeks	290 lessons

Your children get 14 weeks holiday a year!

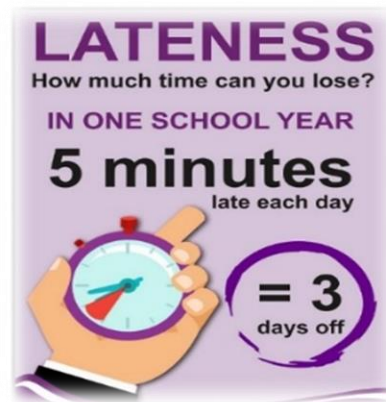
There are **38 weeks** in the year when schools are open, and **14 weeks (175 days)** when families can visit family overseas; go on holiday; travel; pupils can work, take educational trips, attend non urgent medical appointments.....**So is your request for leave exceptional?**

## When a Child Arrives Late:

- It interrupts concentration
- It wastes valuable learning time
- The teacher repeats information / instructions whilst others have to wait
- The late child is at an immediate disadvantage because they may have missed important teaching points, missed discussions where ideas are shared and will be generally unsettled
- Children feel stressed and anxious about having to walk into their lessons late, some children find being late very distressing.
- **Please note school starts at 8:40 and the expectation is that all pupils enter school at this time.**

## A polite reminder about drop off and collecting on time before / after school and after clubs.

- Parents will drop off / collect children (or arrange for this to happen) punctually – if parents are late then the children will be placed in Acorns Club and there will be a charge. Please note there is an expectation that you collect promptly at 3:15pm (or 4:15pm if your child participates in an extra – curricular activity)
- Late drop off and collection is monitored by Miss Manns – Family Learning Mentor





## Safeguarding information for parents

### Designated Safeguarding Leads (DSL)

- **Amanda Clayton** (Head) – Lead DSL
- **Leonie Millward** (SENCO) – DSL
- **Kate James** (Online / PREVENT) – DSL
- **Susan Manns** - DSL

### Governors with Responsibility for Safeguarding

- **Alec Davies** – Chair of the Governing Body / safer recruitment
- **Keith Walker** – Chair of the SHE committee / Safer recruitment

### Safeguarding DBS lead

- **Rachel Reeves** (Office Manager)
  - Rachel keeps and maintains a log of all staff and volunteers who have DBS clearance to work with children and the Governors review, and general safeguarding in school monthly.

### Prevent Lead

- **Kate James** (Y5/6 Teacher)
- **Alec Davies** (Governor)

### Useful information / Publications for parents

Each month we will provide some links or publications to download that will cover a wide range of current Safeguarding information for parents.

This week we are providing links for the 'Parent' section of the 'Children's Safeguarding Assurance Partnership Website. There is some excellent information that is well worth a read.

The online world offers amazing opportunities but also brings elements of potential risk and for Parents & Carers, making sense of the online world can appear to be an enormous challenge. Unlike previous generations, the online environment is an integral part of children's lives and therefore we can no longer consider their wellbeing or safety without also considering their relationship to technology. However, staying safe online is fundamentally about behaviours rather than the technology itself and if approached from this perspective, we can begin to gain confidence to support our children.



### Keeping Children Safe Online

...useful tips for Parents and Carers



Children's  
**Safeguarding Assurance**  
Partnership  
Blackburn with Darwen - Blackpool - Lancashire

Please click on the link below for more information

<https://www.safeguardingpartnership.org.uk/online/parents-carers/>



We are proud to be part of the **Preston Primary and Secondary Alliance**. This is a group of over 40 local primary and secondary schools who work together to improve standards and the overall quality of education for all our children. One key aspect of our work is the recruitment and training of the teachers of tomorrow via our trainee teacher programme. Working in partnership with the University of Cumbria, the training provides graduates with a direct route into teaching. All of the training is completed in schools and is led by highly experienced practitioners who are teaching children on a daily basis. At the end of the one-year course, successful participants are awarded a Postgraduate Certificate of Education (PGCE) with Qualified Teacher Status.

**We are recruiting now for 2024-2025 in the following subjects:**

Primary:

- General Primary and Early Year Foundation.

Secondary:

- Art, Biology, Chemistry, Computing, Design Technology, Drama, English, Geography, History, Languages, Maths, Music, PE, Physics and RE.

There are extremely generous bursaries available for anyone interested in pursuing this profession.

**If you are, or know of someone, with a degree or who will have a degree by Summer 2024,  
NOW is the time to apply.**

We only have a very limited number of places and they are taken extremely quickly.

Anybody who is interested or has any questions,

please contact our administrator, Karen Eastham on tel: 01772 867210

[easthamk@broughtonhigh.co.uk](mailto:easthamk@broughtonhigh.co.uk)



We are rightly proud of our history of success and many of our teachers chose the Preston Primary and Secondary Alliance programme as their training route into the profession.

## Statutory Assessment information for parents

### Multiplication tables check parent leaflet

If your child is in Year 4 they will take the Multiplication Tables check this year.

The DFE have published an [information for parents leaflet](#) schools can use with parents when explaining what the assessment is, how it will be carried out and why it has been introduced. Click on the link to find out more.

### Key Stage 2 Tests

**This year the KS2 SATs will take place as follows: -**

The Key Stage 2 tests are timetabled from Monday 13th May to Thursday 16th May 2024.

- **Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May:** English Grammar, punctuation and spelling (GPS) papers 1 (questions) and 2 (spelling)
- **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> May:** English reading paper.
- **Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> May:** Mathematics papers 1 (arithmetic) and 2 (reasoning)
- **Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May:** Mathematics paper 3 (reasoning)

### **Year 6 SATs REVISION - USEFUL WEBSITES**

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn> - BBC Bitesize Revision Activities
- <http://www.emaths.co.uk/> Past papers and extra advice included.
- [http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children\\_sats.htm](http://www.icteachers.co.uk/children/children_sats.htm)
- <http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/revision/index.html>
- [https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive\\_ks2\\_english](https://www.cgpbooks.co.uk/interactive_ks2_english)
- <http://spellingframe.co.uk> great for Y3,4,5 & 6 key frequency words
- <http://nrich.maths.org/frontpage> - great for more able mathematicians and anyone who wants to attack applying and problem solving in maths.
- <http://www.topmarks.co.uk>
- <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/english/> English Quizzes
- <https://www.educationquizzes.com/ks2/maths/> Maths Quizzes
- Video link to SATs info video (or google M Tidd 2020 KS2 Tests):-  
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2H2D1UI4pjE>

### **Phonic Screening Dates**

- Week Commencing; Monday 10<sup>th</sup> June

### **Y4 Multiplication Check**

- Week commencing 17<sup>th</sup> June





**A Big Thank You to FOSS (Friends of Singleton School)**

**For raising and giving us funds to refurb our School Library**

**This shows the Fiction part of our Library.....watch this space for the Non-Fiction area**

