

Community Reports – Singleton Annual Parish Meeting

Singleton Primary School, Christopher Todd, Headteacher

It has been another busy but successful year at the school.

The school underwent a rigorous OFSTED inspection in early May 2016 and the report will be available shortly on the OFSTED website or via the school website at www.singleton.w-sussex.sch.uk – please do take a look.

We currently have 53 pupils on roll arranged as follows:

Willow class – Years R, 1 & 2 (ages 5 – 7)

Beech class – Years 3 & 4 (ages 7 – 9)

Oak class – Years 5 & 6 (ages 9 – 11)

The following represents a selection of the activities during the 2015/16 academic year, starting from last Summer term.

The Junior pupils participated in the Goodwood Area Schools (GAS) Sports Day in July at Boxgrove School. This year, we have also taken part in other GAS events including Badminton, Swimming, French & an e-safety competition.

Later in the term the Year 6 pupils took part in the Diocesan Leavers Service at Chichester Cathedral. In addition, an End of Year service was held toward the end of July which proved a fitting farewell to those moving on from the school.

Following last years successful whole class music lessons, including a concert in July, Beech class are this year taking part in whole class viola lessons provided by WSCC Music Service.

In September we held our annual Coffee Morning in aid of Macmillan Cancer Care. This was well supported by parents and members of the local community and raised £240.

It was very pleasing to see such a good turnout for the Harvest service in September. The children were very engaged by the celebration and a good selection of produce was donated for St. Joseph's night shelter. We also participated in the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal.

Rev. Kev Robinson comes into school on a weekly basis to lead our worship, further strengthening the link between the school and the community. The Rector, myself and Gill Moss, Headteacher of West Dean School continue to meet to plan future Collective Worship on a regular basis

A Christmas service was held toward the end of December which was well attended by parents and carers.

In addition, the following after school clubs have run this year: Knitting, Choir, Sumdog, Drama, Book, Lego, Netball & Gardening clubs.

Year of Reading 2016

This was launched in January 2016 with the aim of encouraging every child in the school to read regularly and often. It is a tremendous success and we are enjoying many events including the following:

- Every newsletter had a small section devoted to reading

- Extended range of newspapers & magazines taken in school
- Reading reward raffle – three pupils names were selected at random every Friday – if their reading record/planner showed evidence of having been heard read by someone at home on four separate occasions in the past week they won a book.
- Reading assemblies – staff and pupils discuss their favourite book or a current book they are reading.
- After school phonics session for parents to develop an understanding of letter names, sounds and blends and how reading is taught and promoted across the school
- More parent/adult volunteers in school to hear children read
- World Book Day – 3rd March – activities/ dressing up – day of reading
- Author visit – 1st March – Julia Donaldson, author of ‘The Gruffalo’
- ‘Premier League Reading Stars’ National Literacy Trust programme

Conclusion

The above is just a flavour of some of the events and experiences offered to the children at Singleton C.E. School. All this, of course, runs alongside the day to day teaching and learning and I would like to pay tribute to and thank all those (staff, parents, governors and members of the local community) who provide such a range of opportunities for the children of the school.

There are exciting plans for the weeks, months and terms ahead. We look forward to the continued interest and support of the parish council and local community.

Village Hall Committee, Sarah Castagli, Chairman

The village hall has had a good year with bookings up and our regular bookings continuing.

We have been given a very good upright piano and hope this will be used by some of our customers. It would be good to find a piano teacher who would like to use the hall for classes.

The annual ploughman’s lunches and cream teas took place in July and August. We are lucky to have some regulars who come from far and wide each year.

The committee purchased with help from Chichester District council a skittle alley. We thought it would be a way to get residents together on a monthly basis. The evenings cost £2 and included a sausage in a roll plus tea or coffee and people can also bring their own drinks. It was hoped that this would be a popular event giving people the chance to get together for a fun evening. Sadly the take up was poor. We have now suspended the regular evening and are open to ideas of how we can run this in the future. The skittle alley is also available for hire.

An autumn supper was arranged last September by Judy and Viv. It was a lovely event and a good amount was raised for the hall.

I will be standing down as chairman and Ion Castagli will be standing down as treasurer at our AGM. Chris Kelly will be chairman and Judy Fathers will be treasurer.