

Simonstone News



9th December 2016

FOSS NEWS

The Christmas Fair was held on Friday 2nd December – it was very busy with most stalls sold out by 4pm. The Chocolate Tombola was particularly successful!



The sale of Simonstone School's Bags for Life has also proved very successful – if you have ordered any bags and not collected them please make sure you call in to school and get them as soon as possible. If you would like to purchase any more, there are a few left for sale at £5 each.

Lots of children enjoyed the chance to stay late in school on Thursday evening (8 December) for the FOSS Film Night including drinks and popcorn – the Christmas film choices were all very popular....Elf, Merry Madagascar and Polar Express.

We look forward to hearing how much money has been raised from these events – THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT.

Important Dates for your Diary!

Monday and Tuesday, 12th and 13th December – Christmas Concerts

Wednesday 14th December: School Christmas Dinner

Friday 16th December: Christmas Jumper Day

Friday 16th December pm: Class 3 Craft Club to Read Church to decorate the trees

Monday, 19th December: KS2 Joint Carol Service with Read St John's School at Read Church – 2 pm (Everybody welcome)

Tuesday, 20th December: School to go to the Charter Theatre, Preston to see Jack and the Beanstalk.

Thursday, 22nd December: School Closes at 2pm

SCHOOL REOPENS ON MONDAY 9th JANUARY 2017

Friday Praise and Messy Church

9th December – 6.30 pm. "No Strings Attached Puppet Show"

Final Celebration Assembly (for parents and grandparents):

22nd December 2016 – 1.30 pm (School closes at 2 pm)

REMINDERS

SILENT AUCTION

Make sure you get your bids in for the table and benches by Tuesday afternoon!!

PANTOMIME

Any outstanding pantomime slips and contributions need to be sent to the School Office as soon as possible.

CHRISTMAS JUMPER DAY

Get the sparkly, silly Christmas jumpers out on Friday 16 December for a donation of £1– in aid of 'Save the Children'.

DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

For health and safety reasons, please can we also remind parents not to bring dogs onto the school premises or grounds at any time.

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The KS1 and KS2 performances will be as follows:

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER at 2pm – SOLD OUT

KS1 'It's a Baby' and KS2 Christmas Ensemble

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER at 7pm – SOLD OUT

KS1 'It's a Baby'

TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER at 7pm – A FEW TICKETS

REMAINING AT £2 EACH

KS2 Christmas Ensemble with Guitars with Mr Freyne.

CHRISTMAS TREE

We have been extremely fortunate to win a beautiful Dressed Christmas Tree in Pendle Village Mill's Community Tree Giveaway.



The tree looks absolutely fantastic in the Old School Hall.

It will be there for all to see during our Christmas performances and will remain there over the festive period so that the local Church community will also benefit.

Thank you to all who voted for us and for the lovely comments about the school!

Kids Corner - What's the Buzz....in KS2

Sculpture

Class 3 Special Reporters: Maisie and Imogen

On Tuesday last week a man came in called Neil Wood. First we got to smooth the clay with a credit card. Then we did something called press mould cast. Then we could put objects on to make a border.



We could then start our design on the clay – it could be anything but had to be something we were learning about. After that we put a piece of clay around it and waited for it to set. After it had set we pulled it out and then at lunch time we washed it and then it had to dry. It was a great day and everybody enjoyed it.

Class 4 Special Reporters: Alfie and Noah

Neil Wood a sculptor visited class 3 and 4 last week as part of our art curriculum. He spent the full day with each class - building mod roc sculptures.



It was a new experience for us all and we are looking forward to spray painting the final sculptures.

Kids Corner - What's the Buzz....in KS1

Class 1 had a fabulous time during their visit to Brockholes Nature Reserve. They embarked on activities focussing on the Julia Donaldson story 'Stickman'. They made mud flags, clay snowmen, stickmen, stickman family trees and listened very carefully to the story.

The children also went on a nature walk, made smelly cocktails and participated in sensory woodland activities. They won the nature quiz against Class Two! The children were absolute super stars and were a credit to the school!

Kids Corner - What's the Buzz....in KS1

Class 1 gathered around the fire circle for their story



Class 2 – “Last Friday we went to Brockholes. The village was floating. It was amazing because we made a mud flag. We did all sorts of activities like making pictures of bogarts and animals on the ground and we found the characters from the Gruffalo.” *Samuel and Caitlin*



We went to Brockholes on Friday. We went to three habitats – they were a lake, forest and river. It was amazing!” *Rachael and Riley*

Kids Corner - What's the Buzz....in Class 4

“Last week class 4 visited Hoghton Tower as part of our Pendle Witch topic. We learnt lots about King James I and had full tour of the house. Our favourite part of the day was visiting the dungeon! It was really dark, wet and scary!! We listened to ghost stories linked to the witches and made a wish at the Well Tower! Everyone dressed up and had a wonderful day!” *Libby and Thomas*



The Rotary visited to give prizes to the children who entered the dictionary competition! Hannah Evans won first prize, followed by Scarlett Camm as runner up! Can we thank the Rotary for giving us all a dictionary to take to High School!