

Simonstone News



11th November 2016

We are delighted to welcome Mrs Angela Emanuel, who is our new Office Manager. If you haven't already done so, please pop into reception to meet her.

Let it Snow, Let it Snow, Let it Snow!

Fortunately we have always managed to stay open in snowy weather and the children have enjoyed building snowmen! However with the drop in temperature and in the unlikely event that we have to close the school, we would like to remind you of procedures. School will:

- Inform the local radio stations.
- Use the text messaging service.
- Put a message on the School website.

If you haven't received a text and there is no message on the website then school is open.

Please don't telephone school; the line needs to be open for staff, who are travelling from a distance, to contact school.

School Photographs

Monday, 14th November 2016

Tempest photography are coming into school on Monday morning to take individual photographs of the children. They will also be taking photographs of siblings in school. Please ensure that your child looks their best!

Important Dates for your Diary!

Monday, 14th November: School Photographs

Wednesday, 16th November: 2.30 pm – 6 pm Parents evening – letters have already gone out.

Friday 18th November 2016 – Suitcase Sale and Children in Need

Wednesday, 23rd November: 1.30 pm – 3 pm –Open Afternoon. Everybody welcome.

Monday 28th November: Parish Council– Christmas Tree Festival – 6.30 pm (special visit from Father Christmas).

Friday, 2nd December: 3.30 pm School Christmas Fair.

Sunday, 4th December: 9.30 am – Toy Service in St Peter's Church.

Thursday, 8th December: 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm FOSS film night

Monday and Tuesday, 12th and 13th December – Christmas Concert – the infants Nativity this year is, "It's a Baby!" and the juniors will be performing some well-known Christmas songs. (Ticket details to follow)

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 2 pm

Fabulous FOSS

Amazing Fact: FOSS raised an incredible £6,566 last year! Thank you to everybody for your support.

The Fancy Dress disco at the end of last term was full of energy and a very loud affair. While children had fun and danced the night away - FOSS raised £255.59!

Upcoming Fundraising Events:

Christmas Fair – Friday, 2nd December 2016 in School – 3.30pm.

Film Night - on Thursday, 8th December 3.30 pm – 5.30 pm. Do some late night Christmas shopping while your child enjoys a Christmas Show with drinks and popcorn.

Need a bag for all those Christmas presents?

Buy one of ours!

As an additional fundraiser this year the children have all drawn themselves (and the teachers!) and these will be featured on one side of a very sturdy shopping bag. Orders are now being taken, however additional bags may be purchased at the school fair.

Next FOSS Meeting: Tuesday, 15th November 2016 at the Stork Hotel, Simonstone at 7.30 pm .

Friday Praise and Messy Church

11th November – 3.45pm. "Light of the World"

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

Our Celebration Assemblies this half term (for parents and grandparents) are at 9.10 am on the following dates: 25th November 2016 – Class 4 Assembly

9th December 2016 - Mr Gallimore

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

Extra-Curricular School Clubs:

Monday

- Choir with Mr Galea 3.30 pm – 4.30 pm
- Craft Club year 1/2 (Mrs Shaw and Mrs Booth)

Tuesday

- Football Club for Year 5/6 (Mr Clarke)
- Gymnastics Club run by OOSE
- Craft Club Year 3/4 (Mrs Smith and Miss Sutcliffe)
- Cookery Club 3.30 pm – 4.45 pm (Mrs Clarke, Mrs Mayers and Mrs Whitham)

Wednesday

- Year 1/2 Street Dance (Sportscool);

Thursday –

- Thursday Lunchtime – Library (Mrs Dyer)
- Eco-Council and Nature Club (Mrs Whitham and Mrs Wood) lunchtime – weather permitting.

Friday

- Lunchtime 'Cross Country' Club

Kids Corner - What's the Buzz...

Guest Reporters: Hannah Evans and Lily Warren

A Walk in the Woods



At the end of last term Class 4 went on our Pendle Witch walk! We really enjoyed walking in the footsteps of the 'Pendle Witches' ... especially visiting St Mary's church and seeing the 'eye' on the church tower. We found the Nutter grave too! We visited the sculpture trail and managed to match the witches to the clues. The walk was eight miles long and we were all thoroughly exhausted - especially the staff! But our reward was a hot chocolate or ice cream from the cabin at Barley!



Kids Corner - What's the Buzz in

Class 1... We have been exploring the great outdoors looking for signs of Autumn. The children enjoyed spotting the changes in our environment and collecting leaves for the class 1 art project. They were a whizz with the school cameras taking photographs of autumnal changes.



Kids Corner - What's the Buzz in Class 3

Guest Reporters: Charlie Vaughton and Jack Skelly

Wow Science!



In science we completed a science experiment with crystals. We all made predictions and enjoyed wearing the lab coats and goggles! We really enjoyed watching the crystals change and become like jelly! The class all had a competition to see who could grow the biggest jelly explosions! It was awesome and we loved watching the chemical reactions!

Kids Corner - What's the Buzz in Class 2

Amazing Escapades

The children were very excited this week. The stories they had written at the end of last year were put into a book and the books arrived in school.



"I feel very proud," said Ethan.

"I was shocked - I didn't know the book was coming," stated Carys.

"It was terrifying!" Theo said.

NSPCC Christmas Gift and Craft Fair

On Saturday, 12th November 11 am - 2 pm in the School Hall.

A selection of Christmas Gifts including Jewellery, Crafts, Embroidery, Tombola and Raffle