

# Simonstone News



22<sup>nd</sup> December 2016

There have been lots of events on in school in the build up to Christmas...here is a round-up of some of them.....

## Christmas Dinner

The children enjoyed a festive lunch on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December and were joined by all the staff. The turkey was delicious – many thanks to all the kitchen and lunchtime staff who do a splendid job throughout the year.



## Carol Service 2016

Classes 3 and 4 visited St John's Church in Read on Monday 19<sup>th</sup> December to take part in the annual joint carol service with Read School as part of the Christmas Tree Festival with carols and readings from the children.

The children from the Craft After School Club had decorated trees for Read Chemist, Fort Vale, Rehab (Hairdressers), Readstone Junior Football Club, Readstone Conservative Club and the Men's Breakfast Club

## Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2016 we all dusted off our Christmas Jumpers for Save the Children's Christmas Jumper Day.

A fantastic £136 was raised – thank you for your donations!

**Simonstone St Peter's Staff, Governors and Children wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. We have had a very busy term and would like to say a big THANK YOU for all your support. We are looking forward to coming back refreshed on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017.**

## REMINDERS

PLEASE CAN YOU MAKE SURE YOU SEND ALL MONEY INTO SCHOOL IN NAMED ENVELOPES – MRS EMANUEL IS DOING HER BEST TO RECOGNISE AS MANY FACES AS POSSIBLE BUT THIS WOULD REALLY HELP! DINNER MONEY FOR THE WEEK SHOULD BE SENT IN WITH THE CHILDREN ON A MONDAY.

## IT'S A BABY!



The KS1 Christmas Presentation was "It's a Baby" on Monday evening. A packed house of parents, family and friends enjoyed the performance given in the Hall. This was a traditional Christmas Nativity, everyone in costume, word perfect, music in tune and enthusiastically sung. Euan Plowes played the Inn Keeper, Emily Frost Mary, and Ethan Ferguson-Elms Joseph. All the KS1 staff have worked very hard to create the magical performance. The Nativity was directed by Mrs Booth and Miss Hartley and support was given by Mr Marco Galea from the Lancashire Music Service, who played the musical accompaniment. The singing was well rehearsed and the whole performance appreciated by the audience. A very enjoyable evening to get everyone in the Christmas Spirit.

*Review by Dee Ellis.*

On Monday afternoon, the children in KS2 joined the performance with excellent singing interspersed with Christmas jokes, and they performed once again to a final audience on Tuesday evening.

**THANK YOU TO ALL THE CHILDREN, STAFF, VOLUNTEERS AND PARENTS WHO HELPED TO MAKE ALL OUR PRODUCTIONS SO BRILLIANT.**

# Santa's Grotto



There has been a new addition to our school grounds – our very own Santa's Grotto. While the children have been waiting to see if Father Christmas arrives, they have been busy writing letters to him.

## Goodbye Mrs Clarke

On Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> December, children, staff, Governors, parents and friends old and new said a fond farewell to Mrs Clarke who has been at Simonstone School since 1994. There were performances from the children and Marco Galea, plenty of reminiscing, fabulous food (provided by.....Mrs Clarke!), speeches and presentations and a huge number of cards and gifts. Many visitors called in to say goodbye – it was lovely to see so many familiar faces.



The afternoon flew past – Mrs Clarke will be greatly missed by everyone at the school. We are sure we will still see Mrs Clarke frequently in school – at various event and, of course, for the Mini Chefs After school club.

**We would like to wish her a long and happy retirement with her husband.**

WHOLE SCHOOL VISIT TO SEE

# Jack and the Beanstalk

AT THE CHARTER THEATRE IN PRESTON

Reviews from Nell Barton, Katie Ingham and Hannah Webster in Class 4

When we went to see Jack and the Beanstalk, we were all very excited. Personally I think it was better than the actual story book!

Lots of the children loved the acrobat girl who did lots of amazing tricks and flips.

My favourite part was when Jack and Daisy were rapping to cool music – it was really funny at the start.

Another favourite part was when Jack introduced his mum's new inventions. They were really funny.

We all thoroughly enjoyed watching it and eating the ice cream.

The pantomime was great. And, of course, the good people won!

☆☆☆☆☆ 4.5 star rated!

## Look who came to see us.....



Father Christmas visited our grotto on Thursday morning. All the children had a chance to visit him and they were all given a Christmas gift.

## Spring Term Clubs

The following After School Clubs will be running in the Spring Term:

MONDAYS 3.30 – 4.30pm Choir

Starts 16<sup>th</sup> January; last session 6<sup>th</sup> February 2017 £1 per week

MONDAYS 4.00 – 5.00pm Netball League at Oakhill

Starts 23<sup>rd</sup> January with various fixtures through the term

TUESDAYS 3.30 – 4.30pm Class 4 Football Training

Starts 10<sup>th</sup> January; last session 7<sup>th</sup> February 2017'

WEDNESDAYS 3.30 – 4.30pm Year 3 & 4 Multi Sports Club

Starts 11<sup>th</sup> January, last session 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 £1 per week