

Simonstone News



25th November 2016

As we approach Christmas, we have a busy time ahead over the next few weeks!

CHRISTMAS CONCERTS

The KS1 and KS2 performances will be as follows:

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER at 2pm –

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

MONDAY 12th DECEMBER at 7pm –

KS1 'It's a Baby'

TUESDAY 13th DECEMBER at 7pm –

KS2 Christmas Ensemble with Guitars

Make a note of these dates – you will receive a letter next week to let you know when tickets are available.

Tickets will be £2 each.



Important Dates for your Diary!

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

Tuesday 29th November: Class 4 visit to Hoghton Tower

Tuesday 29th November: Class 3 Sculpture Day in school

Wednesday 30th November: Class 4 Sculpture Day in school

Friday 2nd December: Class 1 & Class 2 visit to Brockholes

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)

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

Friday Praise and Messy Church

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

Our Celebration Assemblies (for parents and grandparents) are at 9.10 am on the following dates:

9th December 2016 - Mr Gallimore

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

Fabulous FOSS

Next week, we have Neil Wood coming into school to work with the children in KS2 and KS1 are visiting Brockholes – thanks to funding from FOSS.

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.

Kids Corner - What's the Buzz in Class 3

Guest Reporters: Jack Skelly and Jacob Lawrence

ANGLO-SAXON EXPERIENCE

On Friday an Anglo-Saxon woman came to visit the class. At first she was speaking in a different language - Anglo-Saxon.

Her name was Mildreth and she was a maiden from her village. She was carrying a basket full of bits and bobs. Mildreth also told us a story about a mighty man named Beowulf who slayed two mighty monsters.

We were taken to our hall to learn the way of life for the Anglo-Saxons. We were also taught to fight with a wooden spear.



Christmas Jumper Day

On Friday 16th December 2016 we will be supporting the Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day. Please donate £1 and send your child to school in a bright and snazzy Christmas jumper!

Kids Corner - What's the Buzz....in Class 2

SCIENCE - CHRISTMAS EXPERIMENTS

CHRISTMAS TREES AND FIZZY CANDY CANES

"We dressed up as scientists to do some experiments. All the food colouring, vinegar and baking powder fizzed up"

Rachael

"The Christmas Tree changed shape" Sophie

"I loved it" Euan

"Excellent!" Lucas



DON'T SLIP SANTA

"The food colouring went into the ice like crystals" Gabriel



SANTA'S MAGIC MILK

"I like Santa's Magic Milk because some glitter disappeared and it also turned pink and there were green spots" Alex

Kids Corner - What's the Buzz...ATHLETICS

"Last Tuesday, we went to the Athletics at the Leisure Centre with our Class 3 team. There were lots of fun events like vertical jumps, relays, chest push and speed bounce. We got very tired and thirsty. We jumped on a mat and they measured where we landed. I really enjoyed it!" Anya-Grace and Gracie

"On Wednesday year 5 and 6 entered an athletics competition held at Hynburn Sports hall. We were all very excited and competed in relays, field events and track events. We all had a go at the vertical jump and had butterflies!! We didn't come first but we all really enjoyed it and had a great time." Nell and Kitty

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

WITCHES

On Friday, class 4 held their topic assembly all about the Pendle Witches. We introduced all the witches, talked about our trip to Pendle and acted out scenes from Macbeth! We really enjoyed acting and dressing up! Our favourite part was learning and performing the folk song 'Old Pendle!' We are continuing our topic with a visit to Hoghton Tower next week!



NSPCC

NSPCC came in and talked about different worries and safety issues that children have to go through. We talked about neglect and how children have the right to a safe childhood. We watched a short cartoon film and we discussed issues like cyber bullying and appropriate care. We all met Buddy the NSPCC mascot. Speak Out and Stay Safe was the key message!

Kids Corner - What's the Buzz....in Class 1

MATHS

The Reception children have been developing their mathematical skills through lots of measuring activities. They have been using mathematical language and problem solving.

The Year 1s have been naming and describing properties of 2D shapes.

