



8th September 2017

Simonstone News

welcome Back!

We hope you have had a lovely summer break and have lots of energy for the busy term ahead. We would like to extend a special welcome our new Reception children. Everybody has settled into their new classes really well and all the staff are looking forward to working with you over the next few weeks.

DIARY DATES FOR AUTUMN TERM 2017

Tuesday 12 th September	Class 4 Curriculum Cricket starts pm
Thursday 14 th September	Class 4 Curriculum Swimming starts
Thursday 14 th September	FOSS Meeting including New Parents 3.30pm in school
Tuesday 26 th September	Kinetic Science Theatre Company in School
Tuesday 3 rd October	Secondary School Admissions Meeting 6.00pm in the main school
Thursday 12 th October	The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe Production in school
Wednesday 18 th October	Bag 2 School Collection
Friday 27 th October	School finishes for half term 3.30pm
Tuesday 31 st October	Closing date for Secondary School admissions
Monday 6 th November	INSET Day
Tuesday 7 th November	School reopens for children 8.55am
Tuesday 14 th November	Parents' Evening (Reception, Year 1, Year 3 and Year 5)
Wednesday 15 th November	Open Afternoon for prospective Reception children and parents 1.30 – 3pm
Friday 17 th November	Class 4 visit to Imperial War Museum, Salford
Wednesday 22 nd November	Parents' Evening (Reception, Year 2, Year 4 and Year 6)
Monday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity / KS2 Christmas Production 2pm
Monday 11 th December	KS1 Nativity 7pm
Tuesday 12 th December	KS2 Christmas Production 7pm
Wednesday 13 th December	Whole School Visit to Preston Guild Hall pantomime: Aladdin
Monday 18 th December	Joint KS2 Christmas Tree Festival at Read St John's Church
Thursday 21 st December	School finishes for Christmas 2.00pm

CLUBS

As always, we aim to run as many after school clubs as possible. A number of them including football, netball, choir and archery will start later in the term – please look out for letters.

'Striking and Fielding' for Years 5/6 starts on Wednesday 13th September for 7 weeks.

CELEBRATION ASSEMBLIES AND CHURCH SERVICES

Celebration Assemblies start at 9.10am

8 th September	Celebration Assembly – parents invited
22 nd September	Celebration Assembly – parents invited
1 st October	Harvest Festival
5 th October	Eucharist Service 9.10am – parents invited
6 th October	Celebration Assembly – parents invited
13 th October	Messy Church 'Bright and Light' 6.30pm
20 th October	Celebration Assembly – parents invited

IMPORTANT NOTICES

Please can we remind parents of the following:

- Please consider local residents when parking and do not block their driveways or park on the yellow zig-zags outside school. Inconsiderate parking will be reported to the Community Police Officer.
- For health and safety reasons, no dogs are allowed on the school premises.

THANK YOU

PRIMARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

We are holding an Open Afternoon in school on **Wednesday 15th November from 1.30 – 3.00pm** to provide an insight into the life of Simonstone for prospective parents. If you know any parents with children due to start school in September 2018, please let them know about this event.

The local authority no longer provides parents with a paper copy of the admissions booklet and all applications must be made online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools.

The closing date for applications for September 2018 is 15th January 2018.

SECONDARY SCHOOL ADMISSIONS

We have arranged, with the Pupil Access Team, to hold a meeting for parents of Year 6 children to discuss the arrangements for applying to local secondary schools on **Tuesday 3rd October at 6pm at Simonstone School**. The local authority no longer provides parents with a paper copy of the admissions booklet and all applications must be made online at www.lancashire.gov.uk/schools. All relevant information about the process will be made available at the meeting.

We anticipate that the meeting should last about 1 hour and request that, if possible, you do not bring children along to the meeting. **The closing date for applications for September 2018 is 31st October 2017.**

SCHOOL FUND

At the start of each academic year, we ask for a small contribution from each child for our School Fund. School Fund money is extremely important as a flexible funding source to buy additional items for such things as baking, after school clubs and art and craft activities.

The amount for the year is £10 per child.

Payment should be made as soon as possible in a labelled envelope.

SPONSORSHIP

We are hoping to 'upgrade' our school sports' kit which gets heavy usage throughout the year! If you know of any Company, etc. who might be interesting in sponsoring some kit please could you ask them to contact the School Office.