



What's on at

SIMONSTONE SCHOOL



29TH JUNE 2018

DIARY DATES

Tuesday 3 July	Year 5/6 Girls Cricket County Finals, Liverpool	7.30am – 5.00pm
Thursday 5 July	Year 1/2 Fun Athletics (team to be decided)	1.00 – 3.00pm
Friday 6 July	Class 2 Assembly – parents welcome	9.10am
Wednesday 11 July	Year 5/6 Quad Kids (team to be decided)	1.00 – 4.00pm
Friday 13 July	Year 6 Bowls @ Read Bowling Club	AM
Friday 13 July	AWARDS AFTERNOON – parents welcome	2.00pm
Friday 13 July	FOSS Gin Night (Tickets available at School Office)	7.30pm - late
Sunday 15 July	Leaver's Service in Church	9.30am
Monday 16 July	School production KS2	7.00pm
Tuesday 17 July	School production KS2	7.00pm
Thursday 19 July	FOSS Disco	6.30 – 8.00pm
Friday 20 July	School closes for Summer holidays	2.00pm

CALLING ANY BUDDING FOOTBALL COACHES....

Do we have any parents who would be interested in working with our school football team from September? We are looking for someone with knowledge of the rules who could help and inspire our players. If you think you might be able to help us, please contact the Deputy Head Teacher Mrs Cockings.

THANK YOU!

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Thank you for all the donations brought in for our Bag2School collection. We raised £132 for School Fund. We will be organising another collection in the Autumn term.

EXCITING EYFS PLAYGROUND DEVELOPMENT

We've made some exciting new developments to our outdoor learning environment!

To create a messy play zone, we've installed a Mud Kitchen, Water Wall, Sand Table and Timber Weighing Scales.

The children can measure muddy ingredients using the Timber Weighing Scales before passing them along to our young chefs in the Mud Kitchen who will work together to bake mud muffins, cakes and pies.

Our new Water Wall will inspire investigative learning and help introduce children to scientific topics such as water flow and gravity; sensory development, basic mathematics and science all within an outdoor learning environment!

We can now enhance our children's imaginations and take story time outdoors with our magical Wigwams and Den Making Posts. Children can construct dens then relax underneath our Den Posts or use our fantastic Wigwams as a focal point for imaginative play.

For mark making, art and imaginative play, we have installed a Giant Mirror and Paint Panel.

We worked with Pentagon Play on this project and we highly recommend them to any school looking to develop their outdoor area. You can visit their website here – www.pentagonplay.co.uk

REAL: RIBBLE VALLEY

We would like to draw your attention to the 'REAL – Connecting Our Community' website. This is a new online resource providing information about community services and events for people living in Ribble Valley. You can find the website at: <https://ribblevalley.reald.co.uk>. We are also on facebook:

@REALRibbleValley and twitter: @REALRibbleV.

For more information, particularly if you are involved in community activities or if you would like to find out more about volunteering with us, please get in touch via the website or by email

mattwiseman@reald.co.uk.

The Lancashire Reading Journey presents...

SCART
CLUB



Lancashire Library Service will be launching their Summer Reading programme on **Saturday 30 June**. This year the scheme is called the SCART Club and children will be invited to sign up at any Lancashire Library, for free.

SCART Club stands for Science, Culture, Active, Reading and Technology and 11 new characters have been created as members of the club; 10 boys and girls and the club's mascot Scart Squirrel. Children from 5 years to 12 years old are invited to come and discover these new characters by taking on the challenge at their local library.

This summer the challenge is to collect all 5 SCART themes. Each theme has tasks set by our club members, complete two tasks to unlock the subject and get the sticker. For each subject one of the tasks must be reading related.

As an added task, each sticker contains a symbol, children will have to identify the first letter of the symbol to unlock the mystery word.

3 subjects wins participants a half way treat. By finishing all 5, children will gain a bonus sticker to crack the code and be rewarded with a cool prize!

Upon sign up each child will be presented with a task booklet, an A4 wallet and a blank name label for them to personalize.

There'll be lots of activities taking place across all our libraries over the summer weeks, plus plenty of ideas to keep you entertained. So make sure you visit from the 30 June and join the SCART Club!

The Lancashire Reading Journey's SCART Club will be running throughout summer until 10 September.

For more details go to <http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/libraries-and-archives/libraries/reading-journey/>

Visit a Lancashire museum with your family

Take your Reading Journey log book along to one of the following Lancashire Museums for free family entry during the 2018 school summer holidays:

[Lancaster Castle Museum](#)

[Clitheroe Castle Museum](#)

[Gawthorpe Hall](#)

[Lancaster City Museum](#)

[Lancaster Maritime Museum](#)

[The Cottage Museum](#)

One visit per log book. Up to two adults can accompany each child with a booklet.

A note for parents

Reading is a great activity to keep your children happy during the quiet times in the long summer holiday. Children who keep on reading outside school during the summer months have also been shown to improve their literacy levels and perform better when they return to school in the autumn.

There are also many fun activities in our Reading Journey tasks that will encourage your child to be more creative and provide opportunities for the whole family to get involved.