



What's on at

SIMONSTONE SCHOOL



29TH JANUARY 2019

DIARY DATES

Thursday 31 st January	Stay and Play for Reception children & parents	3.30 – 4.15pm
Monday 4 th February	Y3/4 Gymnastics (Participants tbc)	3.00 – 6.00pm
Tuesday 5 th February	Internet Safety Day	
Friday 8 th February	Celebration Assembly – parents welcome	9.10am
Monday 11 th February	Y1/2 Information Evening – Phonics Screening & SATs	3.30 – 4.15pm
Thursday 14 th February	FOSS Valentine Disco	
Friday 15 th February	School closes for half term	3,30pm
Monday 25 th February	School reopens	8.55/9.00am
Wednesday 27 th February	Y3/4 Fun Dodgeball Competition (Participants tbc)	10.00am – 12 noon
Friday 1 st March	Celebration Assembly – parents welcome	9.10am
Thursday 7 th March	World Book Day	
Monday 11 th March	Ribble Valley Swimming Gala (Participants tbc)	1.00 – 3.00pm
Friday 15 th March	Red Nose Day	
	Celebration Assembly – parents welcome	9.10am
	RV Football League fixture	4.00 – 5.30pm
Wednesday 20 th March	KS2 Dance Festival (Oswaldtwistle)	4.00 – 6.00pm
Monday 25 th March	Parents' Evening	2.30 – 6.00pm
Tuesday 26 th March	Parents' Evening	2.30 – 6.00pm
Thursday 28 th March	Class 1 trip to Thornton Hall Farm	
Friday 29 th March	Celebration Assembly – parents welcome	9.10am
Wednesday 3 rd April	Life Education Bus in school	
	Life Education Parents' sessions	3.00 – 3.20pm
Thursday 4 th April	Life Education Bus in school	
Friday 5 th April	School closes for Easter holiday	2.00pm
Tuesday 23 rd April	School reopens	8.55/9.00am

SAFETY NOTICE

Please make sure that you and your children use the designated footpaths rather than walking across the school car park when coming into school and leaving school. Can you also please ensure that if your child rides their bike or scooter into school – they dismount before entering the school grounds. Thank you.

RECYCLING CONTINUES AT SIMONSTONE.....

Please continue to send in any used postage stamps and batteries for us to collect and recycle.



We are collecting any pairs of old spectacles, preferably with cases, to help the Padiham Rotary Club. These will be taken to Bangladesh by one of their members, at the end of February, to help bring cataract and eye treatment to sufferers there. Please can you bring any that you can find into school by THURSDAY 14th FEBRUARY 2019 so we can get them to the Rotary Club in time. Many thanks for your help with these causes.

PADIHAM ROTARY CLUB DICTIONARIES

Every year Padiham Rotary Club purchase dictionaries to give to the Year 6 pupils at our school and to other schools in Padiham. This year they are running a 'Bodybits Quiz' to support this work. The quiz is available from the school office at £1 each and needs to be returned to school by Friday 1st March 2019. Please have a go at this fun quiz and support the local Rotary Club at the same time.

FUNDRAISING NEWS

As you are probably aware the school has decided to support a different charity each term this year and the children had to write persuasive letters to encourage the other children in school to vote for their chosen charities.

The winning causes were:

Autumn Term 2018	Guide Dogs for the Blind	<i>(Lucia Class 3)</i>
Spring Term 2019	Royal Manchester Children's Hospital Charity	<i>(Imogen Class 4)</i>
Summer Term 2019	Cancer Research	<i>(Jude Class 4)</i>

Their letters can be found on the School Council section of our website.

In the Autumn term, we raised £460 for Guide Dogs for the Blind from Class 4's suitcase sale and the 'table top' sale held the following weekend.

This term, Imogen will be arranging a week of fundraising activities (week beginning 4 March) to support her chosen charity.

During the Summer term, our Office Manager will also be fundraising for Cancer Research by participating in the 2019 Nightrider Liverpool 100km cycle event. There is a Virgin Money Giving page for the event which can be found online by searching for 'Virgin Money Giving' and search for Angela Emanuel in the 'Make a Donation' section.

As always, your support and donations for all these events are greatly appreciated.

THANK YOU!

SNOW!

Just to remind you of procedures in the unlikely event that we have to close the school.

School will inform the local radio stations as well as updating the website and sending you a text message.

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

Please check these routes first – the telephone line needs to be kept open for emergencies.

Please also ensure that your child comes in appropriate outerwear/gloves/hat/wellies etc – a change of socks and shoes is always a good idea!

PARKING

Please can we remind all parents and visitors to school to think carefully about where they are parking. We know that it can be very congested on the roads around school at certain times, but please be considerate to our neighbours, other traffic and pedestrians when parking – do not block driveways, park on the yellow zigzags or pavements and keep a watch out for pedestrians.

E-SAFETY

Here is a reminder of a number of websites that give vital information regarding keeping your child safe on the internet:

The [NSPCC](#) has a website to help you keep children safe when they're using the internet, social networks, apps, games and more. The information is clear and designed for parents. It contains information about the apps and the potential risks and how to keep children safe.

[CEOP's Youtube](#) now have their own Youtube Channel which has links to some fantastic resources for both parents and young people. The content is suitable for a broad age range and should be used to discuss the issues and potential dangers of using online technologies inappropriately.

The [Jigsaw](#) film on the CEOP YouTube channel enables children to understand that they need to be just as protective of their personal information online, as they are in the real world. It helps children understand what constitutes personal information and it also directs where to go and what to do if children are worried about any of the issues covered.