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# Sharmans Cross Junior School

*Striving for Excellence*

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## Dates for your diary:

### 2014

#### January

- 17 - School Bank
- 22 - Milad Un Nabi
- 29 - Chinese New Year
- 30 - Parents' Forum

#### February

- 3 - Y6 Parents' Safer Internet Workshop
- 7 - Coffee Morning
- 10 - Maths Enrichment Week
- 11 - Safer Internet Day
- 11 - Y6 Safer Internet Workshop
- 13 - Disco
- 17 - Half Term

#### March

- 5 - Ash Wednesday
- 7 - Coffee Morning
- 11 - Y5 York
- 12 - Holi
- 19 - Purim
- 27 - Parents' Evening
- 31 - Y5 Bikeability Training (31<sup>st</sup> March - 4<sup>th</sup> April)
- 31 - Y4 Production

#### April

- 1 - Y4 Production
- 2 -Yugadi
- 4 - Coffee Morning
- 9 - Easter
- 14 - Easter break
- 28 - INSET - Curriculum / Vision
- 30 - Passover

#### May

- 2 - Coffee Morning
- 2 - Curriculum Overviews out
- 2 - Targets negotiated / shared / displayed
- 7 - Cinco de Mayo
- 8 - Parents' Forum
- 12 - SATS Week
- 15 - Ascension
- 15 - Disco
- 19 -Enrichment Week
- 26 - Half Term

Welcome back and a very Happy New Year to you all! I hope that you all had a great Christmas and are now ready for the year ahead. Winter Olympics, World Cup, comets, solar eclipses and space launches are going to make this year another memorable one I believe!

The new year has certainly started more positively for school than the last year ended, with us having to close early due to complications around a major water leak! In trying to fix the leak we discovered some asbestos which, although safely tucked away underground, stopped us from being able to replace the failed joint quickly. However, thanks to expert and understanding support from the Local Authority and yourselves we were able to rectify the problem with the least amount of fuss or disruption as was possible!

It did also allow me on a personal level to practice the attributes that I have been talking to children about in assembly this week during our theme of Going for Goals and New Year Resolutions, [Resolution Setting](#). In particular, we have discussed the T-CUP principle. That is to say

*Thinking  
Correctly  
Under  
Pressure.*

We talked about the problems that inevitably come and the barriers that need to be navigated whenever we chase down a dream and the failures that we have to learn from as we make our way towards our goals. It was felt that the best way to stay calm and think rationally so as to remain in control was to PREPARE...*Preparation-Rehearsal-Experience-Planning-Attitude-Resilience-Evaluation.*

These are really important habits for us and we are going to spend much time helping our children to develop these and more as we move through the year.

Have a great weekend!

Mark

### **Emergency Temporary Parking Restrictions**

Given ongoing conversations between parents, local residents, school and Council, here is an excerpt from a notice sent to local residents on 6<sup>th</sup> January 2014:

*"Following a formal request from the Police, emergency temporary parking restrictions will come into force on Sharmans Cross Road, Woodlea Drive and Blackthorne Close from 20<sup>th</sup> January 2014.*

*The police have requested restrictions...in order to address road safety concerns relating to parking at school drop off and pick up times. The restrictions shall remain in force for a maximum period of 18 months or until a permanent Order is advertised and made..."*

#### Total Prohibition of Waiting

**Blackthorne Close** - On both sides from Woodlea Drive in a generally westerly direction for a distance of approximately 20 metres.

**Woodlea Drive** - On its western side from a point approximately 20 metres north west of Blackthorne Close in a generally southerly direction to a point approximately 16 metres south of that junction, a total distance of approximately 36 metres; and on its eastern side, from a point approximately 18 metres north of Sharmans Cross Road in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 22 metres.

**Sharmans Cross Road** - on its northern side from a point approximately 40 metres west of Woodlea Drive in a generally easterly direction to a point approximately 30 metres east of said junction.

#### Restriction of Waiting - Monday to Friday between 8.30 to 9.30 am and 3.00 pm to 4.00 pm

**Woodlea Drive** - on its eastern side from a point approximately 40 metres north of Sharmans Cross Road in a generally northerly direction for a distance of approximately 173 metres.

#### No Stopping at Any Time Except Buses

**Sharmans Cross Road** - on its southern side from a point approximately 24 metres east of Woodlea Drive in an easterly direction for a distance of 12 metres.

### **Understanding Your Child's Behaviour**

**Free 10 week Course**

**Held at Blossomfield Infant School**

**Starting on 21<sup>st</sup> January from 9.15 - 11.15 am.**

**Run by Jo Whitcombe and Yvonne Cooper**

Please see the Parent Page on the website for more information.

### **Message from SC\_Kids**

Please note that due to the school closure on 20 December 2013 we will be applying refunds for any after school childcare that was booked for the afternoon. This will show on the February invoice for all children on a contract basis.

### **After School Lego Club for Years 5 & 6**

There are still some places available for LEGO Club starting on Monday 13 January and running until half term. There are lots of new themes including building huge characters and structures! Please collect a letter from the school office or contact Collette@create-build-learn / 07758752333 for further information.

