



# Sharmans Cross Junior School

*Striving for Excellence*

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## Dates for your diary:

### 2014

#### January

- 6 - INSET - Playing for the Badge
- 7 - Return to school
- 10 - Coffee Morning
- 10 - School Bank
- 10 - Curriculum Overviews out
- 10 - Targets negotiated / shared / displayed
- 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

As the doors close for a well-earned and very well deserved rest, I wanted to share with you something that I came across via Facebook, other social media sources are available.

*Dear Head Teacher,*

*Thank you for the latest parent newsletter. However, I shan't be following your request to use the Christmas holidays as another 'learning opportunity' for the pupils at your school. No I shan't be practising times tables with Isaac nor spellings, nor his reading books as you politely request. I am sure writing out the instructions for 'cooking the perfect sprout' would be a great means of compounding punctuation and grammar knowledge. What a witty suggestion!*

*Don't misunderstand me, through term time I am a more than supportive parent. Dutifully, every week, I cajole and encourage Isaac to complete his reading x3, learn his spellings, complete his spelling activity sheet, his literacy, practise times tables, complete his maths homework and his home learning project. At the tender age of just seven though, this treadmill of academia has taken its toll. As the end of term approaches Isaac is pale, I struggle to get him to wake at 7am, he has shadows under his eyes and he is quiet.*

*So this Christmas holidays Isaac will be learning what it is to spend time with family. We will be watching Christmas movies in our pjs, eating shortbread. He will be playing with Lego. We will go for walks in the woods and by the sea. We will make a gingerbread house. We will play games for fun. Isaac will ride his bike, maybe climb a tree or two and no I won't be asking him to do a thing.*

*So I apologise in advance for Isaac not returning to school with his x4 times table down to pat but he has next term to get that one perfect, I only have a handful of magical childhood Christmas's to give him and I know as his mummy which is more important.*

*with thanks to Rosie White (<https://www.facebook.com/rosie.white.5602>)*

Have a fantastic family Christmas and a wonderful New Year!

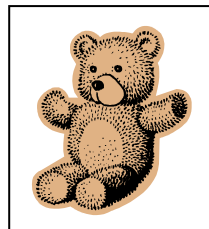
See you on the 7<sup>th</sup> January.

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### Unclaimed Raffle Prize

We still have one unclaimed raffle prize that had no name written on the reverse of the ticket. This is a **Brown ticket, number 579**. If you have the matching ticket please contact the school office and we will be happy to pass on your prize.



### Fundraising Update

Thanks to your incredible generosity and hard work, over the past few weeks it provisionally looks like we have raised over £2 500. In the current climate that is staggering!!

The bulk of this came from the Christmas Fair, although final numbers are still being crunched and we will publish the exact amount after Christmas.

Also included in this are the donations received at the end of the Y3 production. We have sent a cheque to Oxfam, as part of their Philippines Disaster Fund for £121.01.

In addition to this, we are also sending £151 to the Help Harry charity from our weekly cake sales.

Our many thanks go to everybody who has helped or contributed, or both, to these magnificent efforts!!

### Attendance

Congratulations to the 276 children who have managed to achieve excellent attendance this term, over 96%. Worthy of particular mention are those 142 children who have managed to be here every day of the term and therefore have achieved 100% attendance!

Our termly prize draw for children with 100% attendance for a £20 Touchwood Gift Voucher has been won by Isla Brannon. Certainly worth getting up for!!

### St Michael's Christmas Services held at Sharmans Cross Junior School

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December Carol Service 4.30 pm

Wednesday 25 December Christmas Day Holy Eucharist 10.30 am

#### At St Michael's Chapel, Oak Cottage, Bryanston Road

Tuesday 24 December Crib Service 3.00 pm

Tuesday 24 December First Eucharist of Christmas 11.30 pm

*See you back in school on  
TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> January 2014  
HAPPY CHRISTMAS!!!*