



# Sharmans Cross Junior School

*Striving for Excellence*

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## Dates for your diary:

### 21 - Cultural Enrichment Week

21 - Yr 5 York Parent Information Meeting  
7pm

25 - Coffee Morning (EAL)

25 - PTA Bonfire

28 - Half Term

### November

6 - Diwali

8 - Coffee Morning - MyMaths

8 - School Bank

11 - Mock SATs / SLTs

11 - Armistice Day

13 - Guru Nanak's Birthday

15 - PTA 80s Night

15 - School Bank

18 - Anti-Bullying Week (Cyberbullying)

22 - School Bank

27 - Hannukah

28 - Parents' Evening

### December

4 - Advent

6 - Coffee Morning

6 - School Bank

6 - Christmas Fair

18 - Parties

23 - Christmas Break

### 2014

#### January

6 - INSET - Playing for the Badge

7 - Return to school

10 - Coffee Morning

10 - Curriculum Overviews out

10 - Targets negotiated / shared / displayed

13 - School Bank

20 - School Bank

22 - Milad Un Nabi

29 - Chinese New Year

30 - Parents' Forum

#### February

7 - Coffee Morning

10 - Maths Enrichment Week

11 - Safer Internet Day

13 - Disco

17 - Half Term

A very busy week in school this week! On Monday and Thursday we opened our doors to prospective Y3 parents making their choices for their children preparing to leave Y2. Our House Captains and their Vice Captains did an amazing job showing the parents around the school and sharing their thoughts about coming to Sharmans Cross.

Every parent commented on how fantastic they were and what a clear and superb view they gave of their school:

*"Excellent! The guides are a credit to the school."*

*"Two excellent pupils to show me around!"*

*"Very confident and bright children. Thank you!"*

As ever, I continue to be extremely proud of the school, our achievements and of course, our children! My many thanks go the House and Vice Captains and to their parents for allowing them to participate both during the day and after school.

I also meet with one of our neighbours, the police, highways agency and local authority representatives about the parking issues in Woodlea Drive and Blackthorne Close. It was an extremely positive meeting with an awful lot of actions being approved. Highways have a plan for extending the parking restrictions at busy times of the day, supported by the police, whilst the local authority are going to work with us on a parental walking bus project and a young wardens scheme. The results of these actions...safer children, happy neighbours! Again, thanks are due to Mrs Snowden and the parents who offered support and suggestions at the recent Parents' Forum meeting. These helped me to prepare for the meeting and the resulted in some of the outcomes above. Good work!

Next week is our Culture Week. Today, more than ever personal and business success requires the ability to live and work effectively in a multi-cultural environment. Culture shapes how we act and behave within our own cultural group and influences our expectations when communicating with people from other cultures. Cultural Awareness provides an understanding of the different cultural rules and behaviours that exist, how we react to these differences and how to avoid misunderstandings to improve relationships and avoid misunderstandings.

Children will consider how, and more importantly why, people behave in the ways that they do looking for similarities that they can then build upon in gaining a greater understanding and empathy for the views and feelings of others. I look forward to seeing parents around school joining us in our work on this important aspect.

Have a good weekend!

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### **MyMaths Coffee Morning**

Do you want to know more about MyMaths? Are you struggling to keep up with your child? Come and join us on **Friday 8th November** for a coffee, a chat and some handy hints to help you help your child with their homework.

### **English as an additional language**

The EAL (English as an additional language) service will be attending a coffee morning on Friday 25th October at 9am to talk to parents about the role that the service does in school and how they can support children and their families. They will bring some resources and information about the EAL Service and about being bilingual. All parents are welcome to attend.

### **Uniform Reminder**

Just to remind you that October Half Term sees the official transition from summer uniform to winter uniform.

This means that from Monday 4 November, boys should wear shirts and ties whilst girls wear blouses and skirts or trousers, ties are optional.

### **PTA Events**

This term, in their fantastic support of the school, the PTA are organizing the following events:

**25 October - Fireworks evening** *[contact the PTA via [sharmanscrosspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharmanscrosspta@hotmail.co.uk) for an incredible £14 per family or £4 individual tickets]*

**15 November - 80s Night**

**6 December - Christmas Fair**

Please make a note of the dates in your diaries and look out for letters and fliers that will be advertising these shortly. As a group, the PTA are also looking for volunteers to help run these events. If you are able to help, please contact the PTA via Mrs Snowden.

### **Lost Property**

Please can we remind you to make sure that your child's uniform, P.E. kit etc. is clearly marked. We still seem to be gathering an enormous quantity of lost items. In order to try and avoid this, the Lost Property Box will be available for parents to look through every afternoon from 3.15 pm in the reception area.

Thank you for your help.

### **Reminder from SC\_Kids**

#### **Half Term Offer**

Don't forget to book your half term, fun filled 'Boredom Buster' sessions.

Half price offer before 21 October, ONLY £10 FOR 4 HOURS!!

To book, please telephone 07867 536742 by Monday 21 October.