



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

- 11 - Mock SATs
- 11 - Armistice Day
- 13 - Guru Nanak's Birthday
- 15 - PTA 80s Night
- 15 - School Bank
- 18 - Anti-Bullying Week (Cyberbullying)
- 18 - Y5 Performance
- 19 - Y5 Performance
- 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

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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

March

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

Welcome back to a new and exciting half term! As we start back, can I thank the PTA for ending last half term with a bang, quite literally! The fireworks were a great success and everyone in attendance agreed that they'd had a fantastic time. We are currently still working on the final figures from the event, but early signs are encouraging.

This term promises to be equally exciting, with many events planned. Y5 are rehearsing hard for the performance in the coming weeks, Y3 are preparing for theirs; parents workshops are running; Parents' Evening; we have the Christmas Fair to look forward to and of course all of the excitement that comes with Christmas in school! That's not even to mention all of the exciting learning that will be taking place in classrooms along the way!

At exciting times, children like to share what is going on and in today's diverse and technology rich environment, that tends to be through social media. This is an exciting and creative world that opens up all kinds of fantastic opportunities for children. As with anything however, it can also cause problems.

The most important tool in making sure children learn how to pick their way safely through the mire is to talk to them about it. Discuss with your child what they are doing online, not just about what they are receiving, but also about what they are sending. Talk about what sites they visit, who their friends are and what their rights and responsibilities are as a member of the online, worldwide community. In creating this honest and open relationship about "surfing" children become empowered to ask for help and advice when something happens that make them feel unsure, uncertain or unsafe. There are more tips on this across the web, but in particular at www.scholastic.com/parents/resources/article/your-child-technology/keeping-kids-safe-online.

Talking is the best way to stay safe and to keep safe. That is why we are a telling school. That is why I am really proud of a group of our children and parents who this week came forward and talked to us about an online issue with i-messaging. As a result of them coming forward we have been able to deal with the matter safely and securely, helping to not only keep them safe, but also the wider community.

On the subject of safeguarding, I would like to recommend that with the nights drawing in, parents make sure that all children are collected from after school clubs by a trusted adult.

Have a great weekend!

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Community Enterprise Project: 'Star Beads' are Back in Business!

After our success in Year 3 when we launched our Star Beads Business as part of our Community Enterprise Project work, we voted to reinvest some of our profits back into the business so that we might continue as a Year 4 Enterprise Club in Year 4. Over 20 of us are meeting weekly and with the help of Mrs Gale, Miss Jefferies and a parent volunteer, we are continuing to design and make our own unique, handmade items. We are now working on our Christmas collection - a range of eye-catching decorations for your tree and more festive jewellery. Look out for further details of our planned stall at The Christmas Fair. Don't miss out!

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SOLIHULL MUSIC SERVICE

Where making music live matters!

No matter what your ability, age, instrument, or musical tastes, we have an exciting musical opportunity just waiting for you to come and join in.

Don't hide away practising on your own at home. Come and join one of our many ensembles, meet new like-minded friends and begin sharing a lifelong musical journey as part of a group. Get to perform each term and see your skills flourish, as you can't fail to progress when you play music with others.

It's what it is all about!!

We have String Orchestras, Wind Orchestras, Brass Bands, Jazz Bands, Rock Bands, Steel Pan ensembles, Guitar Groups, choirs, and much more! For more information contact SOLIHULL MUSIC SERVICE on 0121 743 2483 or go to www.solihull.gov.uk/musicservice and follow the links.

Friday 15th November - Wear your PJs to school!

As part of Children in Need, we are asking that EVERYONE wears their PJs for the day next Friday! If you could bring in £1 or £2, we hope to raise lots of money for a very important cause.

If children would like to carry out a sponsored event, you can get your Sponsor form from Mrs Snowden next week. All that we ask is that you keep your event to Break or Lunchtime (or if it is a sponsored silence this can be all day!) and that you only ask for sponsorship from home. You should then bring your money into the office by Friday 22nd November.

