



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

0121 705 2379

45office@sharmans-cross.solihull.sch.uk

www.sharmans-cross.com

Dates for your diary:

2014

May

- 6 - Prof McGinty - Y5
- 6 - Parent Partnership Mtg
- 8 - Walking Bus Mtg
- 9 - School Bank
- 9 - PTA Meeting
- 12 - SATS Week
- 14/15/16 - Y4 Residential trip to Bell Heath
- 16 - School Bank
- 19 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching
- 21 - Y6 First Aid Training
- 22 - **INSET (Polling)**
- 23 - School Bank
- 23 - School Photographer
- 26 - **Half Term**

June

- 2/3/4/5 Y6 Residential trip to Redridge
- 2 - Y4/Y5 Cricket Coaching
- 3 - Y5 Cricket Festival
- 3 - Destiny Africa Concert
- 6 - Coffee Morning
- 9 - Cricket Coaching
- 11 - Prof McGinty - Y5
- 16 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching
- 23 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching
- 26 - New Intake Evening

July

- 4 - Summer Fair
 - 8 - Coffee Morning
 - 8 - Sports Day
 - 8/9/10/11/14 - Book Fair
 - 9 - Open Evening
 - 10 - Y4 Cricket Festival
 - 14/15/16 - Y6 at Solihull School
 - 14/15/16/17/18 - Y3 swimming
 - 16 - Y6 Performance at Solihull School
 - 17 - Leavers' Tea
 - 17 - Leavers' Disco
 - 18 - Leavers' Assembly
 - 21 - **INSET**
 - 22 - **Summer Holiday**
- #### September
- 1 - **INSET**
 - 2 - **INSET**
 - 3 - Back to school
 - 3 - Y3 coffee morning
 - 5 - Coffee morning

Welcome back to a brand new term! I hope that you all had a fantastic Easter break, with just the right amount of chocolate! For me, the break was the perfect opportunity to catch up with my family and re-connect with them in a more relaxed, slower climate.

For those of you in the midst of celebrating Pesach, Chag Sameach!

I have spent the majority of this week talking to children, governors and staff about the school's vision, as we do every year. I always enjoy these as they help us to focus in on why we do the things that we do, how we go about demonstrating our values and what we get as a result.

On Monday, during our INSET, we decided that the two sentences which make up our mission statement are still valid. We did however consider swapping the order around. This would mean that the statement would now read:

We strive for excellence in everything we do, becoming confident, successful, independent learners for the future who value self, others and community, developing lasting skills suitable for life in the wider world. As part of the Sharmans Cross family, everyone is safe, valued and respected in a friendly, supportive and inclusive community so that we can become the best that we can be.

The children are now discussing this in classes and will return to me in a fortnight's time to share their thinking. They are also going to consider what sort of curriculum that they want and the sorts of activities that will best help them towards their own goals.

As parents, you also have the opportunity to share your thoughts on the vision of the school and how we best achieve it either at next week's Parents Forum meeting, 7pm on Tuesday 6th May in the school hall, or via the online [Parent's Forum](#), via the website.

Have a great weekend!

Mark

Walking Bus Evening

There have been some requests by parents to set up a walking bus scheme at the beginning and the end of the School day. There will be a meeting, in the Meeting room at 6.30pm on Thursday 8th May (during the disco) for anyone who would like to set one up. It will be ran by Parents for Parents and we hope that many of you will be interested in helping out.

It could be that you find others who live near you and between yourselves arrange a day a week when you take the children to/from school. We may find that there will be a number of walking buses going from different areas or they could all join up together?

I will be there for the initial welcome and tea, coffee and biscuits will be available but the rest is up to you!



Sport Relief

A massive THANK YOU to everyone who took part in the Sport Relief sponsored mile. As a school we have raised a massive £1,430.71 so thank you to everyone who participated or sponsored our children.

School Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 23rd May to take class photos. Please remember to wear appropriate uniform, your best smile and to bring a brush/comb to be sure you're looking your best!



Readathon

Thanks to everyone who participated in the readathon - either for fun or to raise money. If you do have any sponsor money, please send to the office by Friday 9th May. Many thanks!

Lost Property

Any lost property that is not collected by Wednesday 7th May will be donated to the school's textile recycling programme. Parents and children are welcome to come into school and check the lost property box. This is held in the Reception area from 8.30am - 9.15am and from 3.15pm - 4.30pm.