



# Sharmans Cross Junior School

*Striving for Excellence*

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## Dates for your diary:

### December

- 4 - Advent
- 6 - Coffee Morning - SEN
- 6 - School Bank
- 6 - Christmas Fair
- 12 - Yr 3 Production 7pm at Shirley Baptist Church
- 13 - School Bank
- 18 - Parties
- 20 - School Bank
- 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
- 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)

#### April

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

This week saw the final Governor meeting of the term. They meet five times a term in different guises, from full board, through curriculum, site and buildings and finance and personnel. This week, it was the turn of the Strategy Committee, who spent time reviewing the work that they and the other committees do and have done over the year.

From robust discussions about the school's performance data, feedback from children, staff and parents and visits to the school, they have been able to shape the school's vision and develop improvement plans that have meant that the school has made continual progress over the last five years and is in a good place to make continuing improvements over the coming years.

The work done by governance has also ensured that the school's financial systems are sound and that we regularly get best value for the money that we spend to make the improvements and support the school on its continuing journey upwards and onwards.

The work undertaken by the site committee has meant that the environment is safe and fit for purpose. Indeed, they were instrumental in developing and producing the plans for the new main entrance.

We are extremely fortunate to have such an active and robust governing body, who are supporting the school's strategic direction.

In keeping with the theme of people who help us, I would like to remind everyone that next week is the Christmas Fair. The PTA are hard at work organising stalls, refreshments and entertainment to help us begin the festive season with a bang. I know that they would happily accept any offers of help as we move towards the event and on the evening as well.

Just like the governors, the PTA play a critical role in the school and help us to provide the children with exciting and varied learning experiences!

Have a great weekend!

Mark

# Star Beads at The Christmas Fair

Star Beads, run by Year 4 Enterprise Club are busy preparing sparkling, unique handmade gifts just for you!

Please do come along to our stall, in 6GS classroom on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December and pick up some great festive treats and tree decorations.

Prices from: £1.

Hana for The Star Beads Team ☺

## Year 4 Enterprise Club

Thank you to all those parents who have sent in ribbons to our Year 4 Enterprise Club. Star Beads were delighted with the response to their appeal - and are busy putting those donations to good use.

Mrs Gale

## Family Photos

To book your sitting for a family photo by local professional photographer, Essay Photography, visit <https://sxjs.parentseveningsystem.co.uk>, Christmas Fair Photo Shoot and book a slot in the same way that you would book a parents' evening appointment by choosing Mr S Photographer from the drop down menu. The cost per sitting is £25, payable via ParentPay, with 3 prints included, 1 10x8 and 2 7x5 prints. Canvases will also be available on the night. All family members welcome!

## SEN Coffee Morning

Come and meet our new SENCo, Miss Turley and have a chat over a tea or a coffee next Friday morning between 9 and 10 in the library.

## Kick Racism Out

We have had a report of a driver shouting racist remarks whilst going along Sharmans Cross Road. We do not think that the driver had any connection with the school.

As a school, we find this incident totally unacceptable. We would therefore ask that if anyone in the community sees anything like this, they take the car's registration number, colour or make and either pass it to the school or reports it directly to the police.

Thank you!

## SC\_Kids - Christmas Shopping Offer

Need some time to go Christmas shopping on your own?

SC\_Kids will be opening until 7.00pm on Friday 13th December!

We will be having lots of Christmas themed fun activities so why not take advantage of our special offer prices and finish off that last minute shopping.

## PTA Christmas Fair Friday 6 December

6 pm - 8.30 pm

Family Programmes costing £1.00 are available to purchase on Parent Pay or on the door for £2. If you are able to help on the day the PTA would love to hear from you.