



# Sharmans Cross Junior School

*Striving for Excellence*

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## Dates for your diary:

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

*"Hail, full of grace! The Lord is with you. Blessed are you among women. Do not fear, Mary. You are to be a mother, and to bear a Son, and to call Him Jesus. He will be the Son of God, and the King over all His people."*

So began the first Christmas many years ago. This week has seen the school beginning its preparations for the latest festive celebration. Trees have gone up, lights lit, rehearsals around the first Christmas in full swing and the traditional community, festive gathering ready to take place.

In my assembly on Monday, I talked to the children about the significance of light in the winter festivals that we have thought about and people celebrated since September. I asked them, as they sat in the dark, to think about why light was so important to us and why it played such a large part in religious festivals.

The answer I suggested to them was hope. Light represents better things. We talk about a light at the end of the tunnel, a brighter future, a ray of hope.

With these things in mind, we have asked the children this year to decorate our trees with Christmas hopes. Everyone has made a decoration and written on it what they want for Christmas. The result has been stunning! Not only do the trees look lovely, but the sentiments expressed have been a joy to read and full of the hope that childhood innocence brings...kindness, peace, health, happiness and magic!

I look forward to welcoming you all to the Christmas Fair later and sharing with you those childhood wishes as we look to start the festive season properly within our community. I would urge you to take a few moments whilst you are with us to take a closer look at our trees and read for yourselves the hopes and dreams of our children at this most special time of the year.

*"I am the Lord's servant," Mary answered. "May it be to me as you have said."*

Have a great weekend!

Mark

### **URGENT MESSAGE**

We have been advised of an attempted abduction incident in the Lode Lane area (near the Solihull Ice Skating Rink). We understand an Asian male, approximately 40 years of age, approached a female student and tried to get her into a car. The Police have been informed and children have been spoken to in assembly. Please can parents be vigilant and let the police and school know of any similar concerns.

### **Year 5 Family Workshops**

Don't forget our Year 5 Family workshops in January! Last year, the workshop proved very valuable for both children and parents, with 100% of the children and adults saying that they thought parents would be able to help their child more at home with their targets and homework. Here are the dates:

5TB: Monday 20<sup>th</sup> January, 9.30am

5CH: Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January, 9.30am

5AG: Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January, 9.30am

More information coming soon!

Miss Boon

### **Keyboard Assembly**

Parents of children who have keyboard lessons with Mrs Todd are invited to a keyboard assembly on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30 am

### **Guitar Assembly**

Parents of children who have guitar lessons with Mr Thomas are invited to a guitar concert on Thursday 12 December at 2.45 pm

### **Reminder from ScKids**

#### **Last Chance to book!!**

#### **Need some time to go Christmas shopping on your own?**

SC\_Kids will be opening until 7.00pm on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> 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.

#### **Are you returning to work on 2nd January 2014?**

ScKids will be open to children on 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> January. We will also be open on the Inset Day on 6<sup>th</sup> January. Come and join us for a fun start to the New Year.

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

Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> December      Nativity All-Age Service 10.30 am

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