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Dates for your diary:

July

23 - Leavers Disco

6.30pm - 8.30 pm

24 - Term Ends

September

2 - INSET Day - Quality of Teaching

3 - Children start back to school

3 - New Intake Coffee Morning

6 - School Bank

Coffee Morning

13 - New targets shared

19 - Y3 Welcome Evening

19 - PTA AGM

20 - School Bank

24 - Y4 Curriculum Evening

26 - Y5 / Y6 Curriculum Evening

October

21 - Cultural Enrichment Week

25 - PTA Bonfire

28 - Half Term

November

15 - PTA 80s Night

18 - Anti-Bullying Week

28 - Parents' Evening

December

6 - Christmas Fair

18 - Parties

23 - Christmas Break

Well, here we are, the last newsletter of this academic year! Where has it gone?

For those of you in Y6, where have the four years gone?

I want to say a great big thank you to parents and children of Y6 alike for all of their enthusiasm, commitment and support during those four years. You have truly achieved some magnificent things and have much to be proud of! We are certainly proud of you!

As I said at the end of your exceptional performance last night, it has been a joy, honour and a privilege to have known you and hopefully played at least some small part in your growing up. I know that you all have bright futures ahead of you and wish you every success in them.

As I mentioned last week, we are sadly saying farewell to Miss Hoare next Wednesday. We will also be saying farewell to Miss Parveen, who, having qualified as a teacher this year, will now be moving on to a new and, I'm sure, exciting career as a class teacher in Washwood Heath. I'm sure that you will join me in thanking her for her work and wishing her every success in her new job!

If I'm honest, I'm not a big believer in endings, because as one chapter closes, so another one begins. And speaking of new chapters, I am pleased to be able to announce that over the summer holidays we are having the office space refurbished and creating a brand new entrance and reception area for the school. From September visitors and parents will enter the school building via a new door being created where the external noticeboard is currently sited. This will offer entrance into the new reception area where you will be greeted by a receptionist.

This renovation will not only help to provide a more professional, welcoming environment for you, but will also help us to further strengthen our safeguarding procedures, with no-one being able to enter the building without speaking directly to an adult.

The current ICT Suite will be converted into new office space which will house all of the team in one place, including Mrs Ferguson, Mrs Martin and myself. The IT will then be moved into the classrooms to be fully integrated into day to day learning as part of our improvement plans. The PTA's donation of iPads have really helped us to make this move forward in what we expect will be another big impact upon children's learning and progress.

Finally, can I congratulate the girls' football team for getting to and playing so well in the Solihull Primary Schools FA Shield Final. The game itself ended 0-0 and went into an exciting golden goal extra time. In blazing heat, the girls gave of their all but sadly conceded that all important goal late into first half stoppage time. Girls, we are really proud of your achievements and the fantastic way you represented the school.

So, that's it ladies and gentlemen! Whatever you're up to this summer, have a great time, be safe and come back refreshed and ready for another fabulous year!

Mark



Inconsiderate Parking

We have once again received complaints from neighbours about parents who appear to be parking as close as is possible to school, even if that means blocking drives, double parking or mounting the grass verges. I do appreciate the frustration that parking can cause in an area of high demand and low supply. However, ultimately it is the safety of our children, as well as the rest of the community that we have to consider.

Please work with us and keep ALL of our children safe by parking both safely and courteously around the school. Thank you!

Year 6 Leaver Disco Tuesday 23 July 6.30 - 8.30 pm - Dress to Impress!

During the evening the children will be provided with a hot dog, crisps and drinks. Using some of their hard earned profits from Open Evening we have also arranged for an ice cream van to attend!

Nut free and vegetarian options will be available but please let us know if you do not wish your child to eat any of these items. Children do not need to bring any money with them. We hope to see all Year 6 there on the night to mark this special occasion.

Enterprise Challenge - The Results!

With great anticipation and excitement, the results from our Sharmans Cross Enterprise Challenge 2013 were shared with the children in assembly this week. The takings from each of our year groups business stalls has been counted up, the 'loans' paid back and profits calculated...with Year 3 Star Beads Business coming out on top with an impressive £520.51. Altogether, the children from Year 3 to 6 made profits in excess of £1000 (Yr6 - £206.44, Yr5 - £202.80, Yr4 - £133.34 - not bad for 7-11 year olds in 3 hours of trading! They could show those Apprentice Candidates a thing or two!).

Congratulations to all of the children who are feeling justifiably proud of their efforts.

Each year group are now considering how they wish their profits to be used - so far there is talk of donations to charities, reinvestment into their businesses so that they can continue in some format in the new school year and the purchasing of equipment that they feel they will benefit from as they move into their new classes in September. Year 6 will use their 'hard earned cash' to help them celebrate the end of term :) Many thanks once again to our community 'experts', family and friends who helped make The Enterprise Challenge such a success and an experience that the children clearly relished.

Mrs Gale & Mrs Green

'CREEPY HOUSE' Summer Reading Challenge 2013

For a spine-tingling adventure and the thrill of reading for pleasure encourage your children to take part in Creepy House at the library, this summer.

Creepy House is this year's Summer Reading Challenge created by award winning illustrator and author Chris Riddell. Getting children involved is an ideal way for schools to support a reading for pleasure policy and for families to discover the wealth of activities libraries have to offer. It's all FREE and everyone benefits. www.creepy-house.org.uk

How it works

1. Each child signs up and collects a poster at their local library
2. Children read 6 books for their choice collecting stickers along the way
3. Library staff run fun family activities and give advice.

LIBRARY NOTICE

Please could all children return their library books so that we have a full complement for the start of the new academic year in September. Many thanks Mrs Rowe.

ADULTS FREE 14 DAY TRIAL

Solihull Arden Club, Sharmans Cross Road
Play tennis, squash, racketball
Use toe Gym, Sauna, Steam Room
Free coaching sessions in all racket sports and fitness
(Usual membership fees about £8 per week)
Enquire at Reception at the Club

'Let's Burlesque'

We have a new, exciting Burlesque based dance class called 'Let's Burlesque' which will be starting on Thursday 5th September at 7.30 in the Sports hall. Classes are £4.50 and aimed at all ages and levels of ability. Ladies can wear whatever they feel comfortable in and be ready to learn some cheeky burlesque moves whilst getting fit and having fun.