



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

Dates for your diary:

2015

January

- 5th - INSET
- 6th - Children return to school
- 7th - School Council
- 9th - School Bank
- 9th - Coffee Morning
- 13th - Y5 Space Centre Trip
- 13th - Y3 Cornelius and Jones
- 14th - School Council
- 16th - School Bank
- 21st - School Council
- 23rd - School Bank
- 28th - School Council
- 30th - School Bank

February

- 4th - School Council
- 5th - Parents Forum
- 6th - School Bank
- 6th - Coffee Morning
- 10th - Safer Internet Day
- 11th - School Council
- 12th - PTA Disco
- 13th - School Bank
- 16th - 20th Half Term

March

- 4th School Council
- 6th - Coffee Morning
- 11th - 13th YORK
- 13th - Comic Relief
- 16th - Y4 Performance
- 17th - Y4 Performance
- 18th - School Council
- 23rd - 27th Y5 Bikability
- 26th - Parents Evening
- 27th - TERM ENDS!!

We have finally reached the end of term and, like every week since September, the children have done us proud. Choir took part in an amazing performance at Shirley Methodist Church on Saturday, well done to all of those who took part and a special thanks to Miss Stokes and Miss White for organising and running choir since September; I know the children love it! On Wednesday evening our Year 3 children performed 'The Match Girl's Christmas' at Shirley Baptist Church. Here we enjoyed performances from talented musicians, dancers, singers and actors and I'm sure that there was not a dry eye in the house by the end of the night! It was a truly memorable performance thoroughly enjoyed by all, it definitely started Christmas for me! Well done to the Year 3 team for their hard work - you are all fabulous!

At the end of this term, sadly, we have also had to say goodbye to a number of our staff. Mrs Stewart retired after 16 years in school on Thursday and we will be saying goodbye to Miss Turley and Mrs Afzal today. We will miss you all deeply and wish you the very best for all that lies ahead. We know that you'll stay in touch and keep us posted on your future adventures. We will also say goodbye today to Mrs Williams who is starting her maternity leave. We hope that you enjoy every minute and can't wait to see the new arrival in 2015.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you to everyone for your support and kind words over this term whilst I have taken on the role of Acting Headteacher. I can't quite believe where the last 15 weeks have gone! It has definitely been a steep learning curve but made very much easier because I work with fantastic children, staff and parents every day. I know that Miss Wilkes is very excited about the year ahead and we look forward to welcoming her into the Sharmans Cross family in January.

Have a wonderful Christmas break; stay safe, keep well and enjoy!

Jane Ferguson



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MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR



SC Kids Club

SC Kids are pleased to announce that we can continue to take adhoc bookings after Christmas. Please be aware that numbers are still high for breakfast club and after school club on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays so any adhoc booking requests **must** be checked with SC Kids before assuming a place is available.

If you would like a copy of the SC Kids December Newsletter, it is available in Kids Club or the main school Office Reception .

SC Kids wish all our children and families a very merry Christmas and a happy New Year.

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### Sharmans Cross Choir.

On Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> December, Sharmans Cross Junior School's very own choir led by Miss Stokes, Miss White and Miss Powell sang at Shirley Methodist Church. The choir were also joined by the church's wonderful choir and band. We had the privilege to perform 8 songs to a large audience. The songs we sang were Frosty the Snowman, Love Shone Down, Do You Hear What I Hear, Let it Go, Winter Wonderland, Santa Claus is Coming to Town and Somewhere Only We Know. Also we had to sing Rudolph twice. In addition to this we sang it again with the band as they liked it so much. At the end we were very lucky to get a donation and with this we will spend it on the choir. We would like to thank the church for letting us sing there and for all the goodies. Not forgetting to thank Miss Stokes, Miss White and Miss Powell for supporting us all the way through. Thank You!

Libby Taylor, Lucy Mitchell and Evie Stanners

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Calling all green fingered adults!

We need you!

As Mrs Stewart is sadly leaving us at Christmas, we are left with a void, not only in Sharmans Cross, but in our Gardening Club!

We would like someone (who preferably knows a little about gardening however enthusiasm is more important!) to help out for half an hour to an hour during a lunch time, once a week.

You will work along side other members of staff and our 12 brand new gardening reps, to oversee the smooth running of the garden area. All classes will have their own areas so it will just be making sure that the beds are weed free; the plants are watered; cuttings are snipped and seeds are cared for.

Please contact Mrs Snowden if you are interested! s45qcarter@sharmans-cross.solihull.sch.uk

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### My Maths

MyMaths will be out of action from the 22nd-24th December and there are likely to be other disruptions over the Christmas holidays due to MyMaths making changes to the site.

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Esafety- Youtube

It has come to our attention that several children in our school have youtube accounts and are uploading videos of themselves. Please be aware that YouTube is technically only for teens 13 and up, and what the site considers age-appropriate may not match your values. In order to keep your child safe online, if your child does have an account, please ensure their account is private through their privacy settings so that there is restricted access to their clips and their personal information. Class teachers have also spoken to their class about this and discussed with them how to stay safe online.

Miss Boon

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### School Meals

Parents wishing to top up their School Meal account on Parent Pay for the New School Term the costs will be:-

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| Half Term 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 15 - 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 15   | £55.10  |
| Full Term 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 15 - 27 <sup>th</sup> March 15 | £102.60 |

Please Note: School Meal accounts **MUST** be kept in **CREDIT** any account which has an outstanding debt over the Christmas holidays will be passed to Solihull Council for collection.