



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

September

- 18 - Sukkot
- 20 - Curriculum Overviews out
- 19 - Y3 Welcome Evening
- 19 - PTA AGM
- 20 - School Bank
- 24 - Y4 Curriculum Evening
- 26 - Y5 / Y6 Curriculum Evening
- 27 - School Bank

October

- 2 - Navaratri
- 3 - Parents' Forum
- 4 - Coffee Morning
- 4 - School Bank
- 11 - School Bank
- 14 - Open Day (9-11; 1-3; 4-6)
- 16 - Eid-UI-Adha
- 17 - Open Day (9-11; 1-3; 4-6)
- 21 - Cultural Enrichment Week
- 25 - PTA Bonfire
- 28 - Half Term

November

- 6 - Diwali
- 8 - Coffee Morning
- 11 - Mock SATs / SLTs
- 11 - Armistice Day
- 13 - Guru Nanak's Birthday
- 15 - PTA 80s Night
- 18 - Anti-Bullying Week (Cyberbullying)
- 27 - Hannukah
- 27 - Synergy PE Leads
- 28 - Parents' Evening

December

- 4 - Advent
- 6 - Coffee Morning
- 6 - Christmas Fair
- 18 - Parties
- 23 - Christmas Break

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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

Striving for Excellence

We were delighted to welcome Alan Rapley, the 1996 GB Olympic Swim Team Captain, to school on Tuesday morning as part of our commitment to the *Be the Best You Can Be!* Olympic legacy programme.

He spoke to the whole school in a special assembly about his story, the decisions he'd had to make and the support he'd needed to get to the Olympics and reach an Olympic final. He spoke to them openly and honestly, telling them about the importance of being clear about what you wanted, the commitment and single-mindedness required to reach that goal and the need to have the right people around you who will understand what you are doing and can contribute to that dream.

He then went into Y6 and took even more questions from the children, who were busily creating their own Dream Books. These books reflect what their hopes and aspirations are and will be used to capture ideas, plans and successes as they work towards their life goals. These are also being created by children in all classes. Why not make this weekend an opportunity to talk to your child about their Dream Book?

Following his visit, Alan tweeted, "U guys rocked this morning. The school, teachers and children were epic and really really friendly. I had a blast delivering."

Our many thanks go out to Alan for his honesty, openness and inspiration!

On a similar note, I am delighted that we can once again offer our children the opportunity of tennis coaching with Scott Key. Scott was "instrumental" in the success of Dan Evans, who recently reached the third round of the US Open. Dan says of Scott, "I would have no hesitation in recommending Scott...as he possesses the unique gifts of patience, enthusiasm and technical knowhow that can help all children fulfill their goals."

Open Days

Please note that the Open Day advertised for 18th September on last week's newsletter was done so in error. The two Open Day events we are holding will be on Monday 14th October and Thursday 17th October.

On these two days, there will be guided tours given by the children in Y6 and a presentation by myself. There are 3 sessions on each day, 9-11; 1.30-3 and 4-6, giving prospective parents ample opportunity to come and have a look around our wonderful school in order to help them make the difficult decision of where to send their child to in KS2.

We look forward to welcoming prospective parents to school.

Have a good weekend!

Mark



Parent Pay

Thanks to those new parents for activating their online school payments accounts. It is essential that anyone not yet having done so logs on to activate their child's account. Anyone who needs assistance with setting up accounts or payments please contact Mrs Trumper as soon as possible.



PTA AGM

We are extremely grateful to the PTA for the sterling work that they do and the support that they give to the school. In the last twelve months they have helped us to supplement the number of iPads that we have been able to provide to extend our curriculum provision through discos, fairs and sales.

We are always happy to welcome new members and the ideal time to start would be the annual AGM, which this year takes place on Thursday 20th September from 8pm. See you there!

Safeguarding

Keeping children safe from any sort of harm is obviously extremely important to us all. By being duly vigilant, accepting that it might happen here to our children and being a community that is prepared to talk about it and sensitively raise issues with the right people, we automatically make our children safer, even when that may be uncomfortable for us.

As parents, you clearly play a key role in this and ensuring that your children have the right security settings on their e-devices, play age appropriate video games, talking to them about friends and what they are doing helps to make them safer. If you are ever unsure about anything, please come and talk to us about it. It can be a huge, scary topic that we don't want to think about, but together we are strong. Together we can support our children in staying safe.



Children will be informed of starting time for the following clubs by the individual club organizers. Children not attending Sc_Kids will be brought to the new reception area at the end of the club for collection.

Lunchtime/After School Clubs Autumn Term 2013

Monday	Gardening Club 12.15 - 1.00 pm Yr 4 (Mrs Stewart) Create, Build, Learn (Lego Club) 3.30 - 4.30 (Collette Brown) Football - 3.30 - 4.30 Yrs 5/6 (Mr Collett/Mr Reich) Film - 3.30 - 4.30 Yr 6 (Mrs Wilson/Miss Turley) Stardust Dance - 3.30 - 5.30 (Carla Higgins)
Tuesday	Cross Country - 12 - 12.45 Yr 5/6 (Mrs Snowden) 'Star Beads' Enterprise Club - 12.15 - 1.00 Yr 4 (Mrs Gale/Miss Jefferies) Cricket - 3.30 - 4.30 (Dave Smith) French - 3.30 - 4.30 Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Lamarti) Tennis - 3.30 - 4.45 Yrs 5/6 (Scott Key)
Wednesday	ICT - 12 - 12.45 Yr 3 (Mrs Afzal) Soccer Start 3.30 - 4.45 All Welcome (Steve Lilwall)
Thursday	Gardening Club 12.15 - 1.00 pm Yr 5 (Mrs Stewart) Drama - 3.30 - 4.30 Yr 5/6 (Miss Boon) Netball - 3.30 - 4.15 Yr 6 and Yr 5 if places aren't full (Mrs Snowden) Tennis - 3.30 - 4.45 Yrs 3/4 (Scott Key)
Friday	Dodgeball - 5.00 - 6.00 (Steve Kiernan) Learning Curves - 3.30 - 4.30 (Lian Fisher)

