



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

September

- 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

School Council

I had the great pleasure this week of meeting with the new school council for the first time. Over the past few years, the school council have supported us by providing feedback on the school and how it runs, developed both playgrounds, instigated the purchase of new equipment and developed the school rules, to name but a few things.

This year, they want to begin by talking about whole school events and a tuck shop. Therefore in a fortnight's time, Grace [3ZJ], Daniel [3HS], Fred [3LS], Shiv [4CH], Sophie [4JW], Lujain [4VW], Lily [5AG], Ellen [5CH], Molly [5TB], Sam [6GS], Reece [6KW], Callum [6LT] and myself will be meeting to see what the views of the children are and make decisions about what to do on these matters.

In the interim period, we will be meeting to agree a Chair, Vice Chair and a Secretary for the group. I have asked children to consider if they want to take up such a position and what would make them ideal for that role. We will then debate the merits before electing someone to each of the roles as part of democracy in action.

Harvest

I kicked off our theme of thanksgiving this week in assembly. On Monday I spoke to the children about reaping what we sow and mighty oaks growing from tiny acorns as an introduction to the theme. On Wednesday we thought about Sukkot, the Jewish festival that remembers deliverance and protection. Next Wednesday we will be thinking about the Christian festival of Harvest.

As part of this celebration, I have asked the children to bring in produce from home next Wednesday. Whilst all gifts are gratefully received, I would suggest either a tin or a packet of dried produce. We will put these on display in the school hall as a symbol of all that we have to be thankful for. We will then be donating the produce to the Trussell Trust, <http://birminghamcentral.foodbank.org.uk/distributors>, a charity that establishes community projects to tackle poverty. They have recently established a food bank in the north of the borough and also support projects in Birmingham and Bulgaria.

Community Spirit

I have been made aware of a couple of instances where people have been treated unkindly by other parents. In one instance this may have been over a disagreement with parking. The lady in question felt threatened by abusive language and gestures. This matter was passed on to the police.

I am proud to be a member of such a positive community and know that for the great majority of the time and the great majority of the parents this is unheard of. Let's do our best to maintain this all the time.

Have a good weekend!

Mark

End of Day

From observations made by staff and parents about the crowded area at the front of school, we will be changing the way that we dismiss children at the end of the day from Monday 23rd September.

In an effort to dissipate the crowds, Y4 will now dismiss children from the Y3&4 playground area, with Y3 dismissing children at the front of school as now. As we strongly recommend that children in Y3 and Y4 are collected from the school site in the interests of safety, it may be that parents need to have a conversation with the class teachers to make arrangements if they have a child in both Y3 and Y4.

We will of course monitor the new arrangements to ensure that they are as smooth and safe as possible.

We thank parents for their observations and support in this matter.

There have been some amendments to the clubs that we are offering this term. 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. Children doing sporting activities should be collected from either the field or the Sports Hall. Other clubs will bring the children to the reception for collection by parents.

Lunchtime/After School Clubs Autumn Term 2013

Monday	Gardening Club 12.15 - 1.00 pm Yr 4 (Mrs Stewart) Homework Club 12.15 - 1.00 pm All Year Groups (Mrs Whitcombe) 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	Dodgeball - 8.30-8.55 Y5/6 (SportsPlus) Cross Country - 12 - 12.45 Yr 5/6 (Mrs Snowden) 'Star Beads' Enterprise Club - 12.15 - 1.00 Yr 4 (Mrs Gale/Miss Jefferies) Badminton - 12.00-12.30 Mixed (SportsPlus) French - 3.30 - 4.30 Yrs 3/4 (Mrs Lamarti) Tennis - 3.30 - 4.45 (Scott Key) Speed Stacking - 3.30-4.30 Y3/4 (SportsPlus)
Wednesday	ICT - 12 - 12.45 Yr 3 (Mrs Afzal) Homework Club - 12.15 - 1.00 pm (Mrs Whitcombe) 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 (Scott Key)
Friday	Dodgeball - 5.00 - 6.00 (Steve Kiernan) Learning Curves - 3.30 - 4.30 (Lian Fisher)

Information/Curriculum Evenings

Year 4	Tuesday 24 September 2013	6.00 pm
Year 5	Thursday 26 September 2013	6.00 pm
Year 6	Thursday 26 September 2013	7.00 pm

SC KIDS

Invoices for October (contracted) will be sent out next week. They would normally have been sent out by now but we are running a little behind. Thanks for your patience.

Invoices for September (adhoc) will be sent out the beginning of October as usual.