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# Sharmans Cross Junior School

*Striving for Excellence*

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## Dates for your diary:

### 2014

#### May

19-23 - Test Week Y3/4/5

19 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching

19 - Y5 SRE Parents Mtg

21 - Y6 First Aid Training

22 - **INSET (Polling)**

23 - School Bank

23 - School Photographer

26 - **Half Term**

#### June

2/3/4/5 Y6 Residential trip to Redridge

2 - Y4/Y5 Cricket Coaching

3 - Y5 Cricket Festival

3 - Destiny Africa Concert

6 - Coffee Morning

9 - Cricket Coaching

11 - Prof McGinty - Y5

16 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching

23 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching

26 - New Intake Evening

#### July

4 - Summer Fair

8 - Coffee Morning

8 - Sports Day

8/9/10/11/14 - Book Fair

9 - Open Evening

10 - Y4 Cricket Festival

14/15/16 - Y6 at Solihull School

14/15/16/17/18 - Y3 swimming

16 - Y6 Performance at Solihull School

17 - Leavers' Tea

17 - Leavers' Disco

18 - Leavers' Assembly

21 - **INSET**

22 - **Summer Holiday**

#### September

1 - **INSET**

2 - **INSET**

3 - Back to school

3 - Y3 coffee morning

5 - Coffee morning

*"I am pleased to announce that the Governing Body have now agreed the interim arrangements for leadership at Sharmans Cross from September 2014. Jane Ferguson, Deputy Head, will become acting Head Teacher with effect from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014."*

Fiona McGruer

Chair

Sharmans Cross Junior School Governing Body

*"Being part of the Sharmans Cross family is important to me and I feel privileged to be taking on the position of Acting Head Teacher from September. In partnership with our strong and supportive school community I look forward to having a strategic role in moving the school further on its journey towards outstanding."*

Jane Ferguson

Deputy Head Teacher

Another busy week comes to a close at Sharmans Cross!

Whilst always proud of all of our children, I have to confess to having been particularly proud of two groups in particular this week.

Y6 have been exceptional all week in their approach to SATs. They have had about them a calm, confident, determined and positive attitude to the whole experience, taking the tests in their stride! These are the real traits of successful people. Well done to them and everyone else engaged in the process not only this week, but throughout the years leading up to this point. Whatever the results, the children could not have been better prepared.

Also impressive this week have been Y4 on their residential trip to Bell Heath. They add to the long, long list of Sharmans Cross children who have represented the school so well in the wider world.

Finally, my congratulations to Jane upon her position as Acting Head Teacher. I know that I leave the school in very safe hands as she has been an integral part in the journey of improvement that we have been on for the last six years.

Have a good weekend!

Mark

### **Don't forget to get your tickets for Destiny Africa Children's Choir!**

Many of you will remember the choir from their previous visits to Sharmans and we are delighted to have them back in school again on Tuesday 3 June. The concert will start at 7.00 pm. Tickets can be purchased online via ParentPay and are priced at Adults £6, Child £4.

The choir from Kampala Children's Centre present their new show 'Inspire Africa' which tells their story of hope and changed lives through the vibrant use of music, dance and art. The musical production is a mix of modern and traditional songs, drumming and dances from the heart of Africa. It features the inspiring stories of children who have journeyed from despair and tragedy into the new life they've found at Kampala Children's Centre (KCC). Profits from the tour support the work of KCC, a centre established in 2005 to give a home and a voice to children in Uganda affected by poverty, disease and the legacy of war.

For more information visit their website [www.destinyafrica.org](http://www.destinyafrica.org)

### **PERIPATETIC MUSIC LESSONS ACADEMIC YEAR 2014/15**

It is the time of year that we ask you consider whether you would like your child to have the opportunity to start to learn a musical instrument with staff from the Solihull Music Service. The children are generally taught in groups of 4 children and the lessons take place during the day in our school.

There is a charge of £60.00 a term levied for these lessons, which means that the full cost will be £180 for three terms. It is essential that you factor in this cost when considering applying for tuition, as the school must book the visiting instrumental teachers for the whole academic year. Money should not be sent to school until it is confirmed that your child has had a successful audition and is offered a place to learn an instrument.

Please read the guidance notes that have already been emailed very carefully before you make your decision. Each year, more children than ever want to learn an instrument, particularly those who have had experience of Wider Opps provision in Year 4. Therefore if a child is accepted for lessons we expect them to give long-term commitment. Learning to play an instrument is very demanding and so careful consideration needs to be given before you agree to your child being auditioned.

Instruments usually need to be purchased by parents. Advice is given by the Music Service at a meeting at the beginning of the Autumn Term. Details of these will be given in due course.

### **S\_C Kids Club**

Booking Forms and activity timetables are now available for S\_C Kids Club covering INSET day on Thursday 22nd May and the forthcoming half term holiday (26<sup>th</sup> - 30<sup>th</sup> May). There are lots of exciting activities planned including a visit to Brueton Park for a picnic and den making activities. If you have not received a copy please feel free to pick one up from School Reception or ask in S\_C Kids Club.

### **Smoothie Sale!**

Year 5 has been busy making fantastic juicy smoothies! Full of healthy vitamins and goodness, these smoothies are so tasty you'll never drink any other kind of smoothies like this ever again! Our juices that are mixed into these unique-of-its kind smoothies are: delicious blueberry, abundant apple, perfect pineapple, cheery cherry and roaring raspberry! Our reasonable price tags range from 50p to £1.20 with free samples. Our 4 businesses are: Juicy Juices, Super Silly Smoothies, Summer Time Smoothies and Sweet Smoothies. For a limited time only! So don't delay! Come and buy them on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> May 12.00-1.00pm and 2.20-2.30pm in 5TB! Once they're gone they're gone!

By Kishan Sambhi 5TB