



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

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 Fireworks**
- 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

House Captains

We have today unveiled our new House Captains. After much deliberation and discussion, I am delighted to announce that Ryan [6KW] and Molly [6KW] are Arden's House Captains, with Adam [6GS], Jamie [6GS] and Isobel [6KW] as Vice Captains; Jamie [6KW] and Kelsie [6GS] are Blythe's House Captains, with Alfie [6GS] and Natalie [6LT] as Vice Captains; Luke [6GS] and Kaya [6GS] are House Captains for Danford, with Noah [6LT] and Kathleen [6GS] as Vice Captains and Joseph [6GS] and Sarah [6KW] as House Captains for Ulverley, with Edward [6KW] and Aaliyah [6KW] as Vice Captains.

We are sure that they will do a magnificent job, representing house and school with pride.

School Council

I met with our school councilors again this week. The outcome of this was that they elected Callum as Chair, Sam as Vice Chair and Ellen as Secretary. These are very responsible positions, ensuring the smooth running of the council and I am sure that they will do a fantastic job!

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who donated produce to our harvest collection. The donations were collected by a member of the Trussell Trust and taken to a local food bank where it will do really good work, supporting families in need.

Safeguarding

On Tuesday we had an impromptu and totally unexpected fire drill! However, this fortuitous false alarm allowed us to test our systems in maintaining the children's safety and I am delighted to say that they passed the test! Everyone left the building calmly, quietly and smoothly. In fact, I believe it was the quickest and safest evacuation I have seen in my five years here! Well done to everyone involved. Should we ever need to do this for real, we can be really confident of our safety!

Parking

I had a very interesting meeting with one of our neighbours from Blackthorne Close this week. She had a real concern for the safety of our children to and from school given the current parking situation on the Close and Woodlea Drive.

I am in the process of organizing a joint meeting between everyone with an interest in this matter, including parents, residents, council and police, to try and come up with a solution. In the meantime, can I ask that we agree to park on one side of the road only, avoid stopping on yellow lines and zig zags and that we do not block people's drives. This will support the local community and more importantly keep our children safe.

Have a good weekend!

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PTA Events

This term, in their fantastic support of the school, the PTA are organizing the following events:

25 October - Fireworks evening

15 November - 80s Night

6 December - Christmas Fair

Please make a note of the dates in your diaries and look out for letters and fliers that will be advertising these shortly. As a group, the PTA are also looking for volunteers to help run these events. If you are able to help, please contact the PTA via Mrs Snowden.



Safety Matters

Over the past few weeks we have noticed a number of young children climbing on the new handrails outside reception and trees on the site. We would ask parents and grandparents to keep an eye on these children as we are concerned that they may fall and hurt themselves.

In the same vein, we would also ask you to help us take care of the site by asking your children not to walk on the planted bank or swing on the trees by the parking bays.

Thank you!



SC_Kids

Following on from our successful summer holiday club, booking forms are now available for the upcoming half term holiday. Children will have brought these home and they are also available on the school website.

Themed activities include:

The Bond Experience

Something Spooky

Get Active and

Let's do lunch!

Whole day, half day and short sessions are all available!



Lost Property

Four weeks in, and we appear to have an awful lot of lost property accumulating in the cupboard!

This is creating a lot of additional pressure on the office at already busy times.

Therefore, from Monday we are going to put the lost property box into reception at 3.15pm and leave it there until 4pm for parents and children to reunite themselves with their property.

Can we remind parents that it is always helpful if clothing is named in obvious places.

Coffee Morning

On the first Friday of every month we have a coffee morning in the school hall. This is an opportunity for parents to get together and talk about a range of matters with other parents and the school. Sometimes these are open sessions, where parents can raise general matters and ask questions or sometimes have specific themes like SEN, Literacy or Numeracy.

Next Friday's coffee morning, 4th October, between 9 and 10am is an open theme and will be attended by Mr Pratt.

Charity Cake Sales

Charity cake sales will be starting weekly from 4 October every Friday. The School Council will be choosing which charity to donate to. Cakes will cost around 20p - 30p (please bring change). There will be a limit of 2 cakes per child. Thank you

