



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

- 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
- 21 - Yr 5 York Parent Information Meeting 7pm
- 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
- 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

February

- 7 - Coffee Morning
- 10 - Maths Enrichment Week
- 11 - Safer Internet Day
- 13 - Disco
- 17 - Half Term

I had a good meeting with the PTA on Wednesday night this week. We discussed the exciting upcoming events that are taking place this term. This month we have the Fireworks Extravaganza, November sees an 80s night and December hosts the Christmas Fair. All three events have been carefully discussed to ensure that they are entertaining evenings that bring the community together as one, as well as being as safe as possible!

Our first event of the season, so to speak, the Fireworks Extravaganza takes place on Friday 25th October from 6pm, with the fireworks scheduled for 7.30pm. Last year was an amazing success and we are sure that this year will be just as special an occasion. Tickets are already on sale via sharmanscrosspta@hotmail.co.uk for an incredible £14 per family or £4 for individual tickets. The evening's entertainment includes barbecue, bar and music. We look forward to seeing you there!

At the meeting I also shared with the PTA our new school football kit, which they kindly agreed to purchase for us. The kit, blue with a yellow trim, will be put to good use by our teams in the next few weeks I am sure and will help the children represent the school even more professionally as they travel around the borough taking part in their matches.

As ever, our many thanks to the PTA for their time and effort in organizing events to support children and community alike and to you for supporting the events. I know that given the amount of work required to not only organize but also to manage these events the good people of the PTA would also gladly welcome any physical support you could offer!

The fantastic community spirit generated at these events is essential in darker times as well. The recent serious case reviews into children's deaths sharply bring into focus the phrase, "It takes a village to raise a child." One of the critical messages that always comes out of these reviews is the importance of vigilance, linked to the need for communication. I would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that we are a telling school and that if anyone has any concerns or niggles about a child then these need to be shared. These could be the crucial missing pieces of a bigger puzzle that ensure that the child is kept safe and well.

Finally, can I thank you all for your understanding regarding the industrial action and subsequent class closures on Tuesday this week. Despite the difficulties that this no doubt caused, the community again rallied around and kept on going together.

Have a good weekend!

Mark

Toilets

We are having an increasing number of requests for younger children to use the toilets at the end of the school day. Unfortunately, these requests are taking our admin team away from the front desk and therefore from parents at a very busy time of the day. Can we please ask that where possible children are toileted before coming out to collect older siblings from school. Many thanks!

Parent Meeting- Reading with Children

Calling all parents who would like to start, or continue to read with our children! There will be an information meeting on Thursday 10th October, at 9.00am, in the library. If you would like to attend (or are unable to attend, but would still like to help out), please contact Miss Boon via the office or at s45tboon@sharmans-cross.solihull.sch.uk

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.

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

SC Kids

Please note that if your child could not attend Sc_Kids on Tuesday due to the industrial action, you will not be charged. A credit will show on the November invoice.

There are still some outstanding payments from the Summer Holiday Club including the additional charge for the Warwick Castle trip. Please will you send your payment in by 15 October if you haven't already settled your account. Thank you to the parents who have already paid.

St Alphege Choir - Message from Director of Music Joe Cooper

"We recruit annually through our workshops for children aged 7 upwards and sometimes children can be auditioned at other times by prior arrangements. Children need not have any previous musical or singing experience, although we are keen to hear from those who are already learning an instrument."

Could your child be a chorister at St Alphege?

How do I find out more? Contact Director of Music - Joe Cooper on 07935 962677

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