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Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

2014

February

- 10 - Maths Enrichment Week
- 11 - Understanding your child's behavior Course
- 13 - Disco
- 17 - Half Term
- 24 - Y6 Parents' Grooming Workshop
- 26 - Safer Internet Day

March

- 5 - Ash Wednesday
- 7 - Coffee Morning
- 12 - Y5 York
- 12 - Holi
- 19 - Purim
- 27 - Parents' Evening
- 31 - Y5 Bikeability Training (31st March - 4th April)
- 31 - Y4 Production

April

- 1 - Y4 Production
- 2 - Yugadi
- 4 - Coffee Morning
- 9 - Easter
- 14 - Easter break
- 28 - INSET - Curriculum / Vision
- 30 - Passover

May

- 2 - Coffee Morning
- 2 - Curriculum Overviews out
- 2 - Targets negotiated / shared / displayed
- 7 - Cinco de Mayo
- 8 - Parents' Forum
- 12 - SATS Week
- 15 - Ascension
- 15 - Disco
- 19 - Enrichment Week
- 26 - Half Term

June

- 6 - Coffee Morning
- 25 - Ramadan
- 26 - New Intake Evening

July

- 4 - Summer Fair
- 9 - Open Evening
- 21 - INSET
- 22 - Summer

As many of you may have noticed, I have been out and about a lot over the past couple of weeks, leaving the smooth operation of the school in the very capable hands of Mrs Ferguson and Mrs Martin. During this time, where I have been working closely with other leading Solihull Head Teachers, receiving key educational updates and receiving my own professional development input, Mrs Snowden and Miss Jefferies have also played a key role in the running and development of the school. My thanks to all for allowing me to be out there, looking for new and exciting ways to move the school forward and sharing our own good practices with other schools as we jointly look to improve the quality of service and support that we provide to all parents and children collaboratively.

Mrs Snowden met with the Parents' Forum last week and the feedback was very pleasing indeed. The feeling from yourselves was of a good quality service. In particular, parents mentioned the improvements we have been a part of in making the local environment a safer place with the introduction of the new parking restrictions, the new diaries that parents had a hand in developing, our open door policy and the parent-pupil workshops that we have been running to support you with homework.

All of this is of course very gratifying and we are extremely pleased that you are indeed happy with what we are doing. This feedback and support is well received and helpful to us in ensuring that we are doing the best possible for you and yours. The Parents' Forum however is only one way that you can provide feedback. There is of course our online Forum, <http://parentsforum.wikispaces.com/>, and also OFSTED's Parent View site, <http://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>. The latter is obviously linked straight to OFSTED and would be used in case of inspection.

Why not log-in and share your views?

One of the things that we will be thinking about this year as we move forward is one of those pieces of professional development that I picked up on whilst I was out. Mick Waters, former Chief of the Qualifications, Curriculum and Assessment unit, QCA, spoke of the five attributes required to unleash aspiration and thrive in school. They are being articulate, literate and numerate, getting along with adults, contributing to the school, a broad general knowledge and a wide friendship group.

We are going to be looking at ways of using these five attributes over the coming months to help us to develop the progress and success of children across the school as we look to unleash the potential that every single one of us has.

Finally, congratulations to the Y6 athletics team, mentioned by Miss Jefferies last week. They came second in their heats and are now heading for the Finals!

Have a good weekend!

Mark

PTA Events coming up soon

Children's Disco	All Year Groups	Thursday 13 February	6.30 - 8.00 pm	£3.00
Quiz Night	Adults Only	Friday 7 March	Doors open 7.30 pm 8.00 pm start	£7.00 per head

Ticket includes fish/veg and chips supper - Bring your own drink

Year 6 Parents

The Year 6 Grooming Parents Workshop will now be held on Monday 24 February at 7.00 pm.

News from Solihull Music Service



Solihull Music Service.

Where Every Child's Music Matters.

Solihull Music Service provides a week long programme of after school ensembles and a highly successful Saturday Morning Music Centre. All the groups are open to everyone, and we have a group to suit every level from beginners to advanced players and from traditional bands and orchestras to choirs, steel pan and samba ensembles.

This term the Music Service has an extensive diary of events including performances held in the Cavern Club, Liverpool, the Symphony Hall, Birmingham, Warwick Arts Centre, and many other local venues. Please pop along to the website to find out all about the performances. We have invited all the children learning an instrument as part of our Whole Class Instrumental Tuition in schools to join our starter ensembles at the Music Service. However, any player could consider joining a guitar ensemble, rock band, ukulele group, or jazz band and we'd love to see more of the community get involved. It is never too late to join one of our groups and you don't have to learn your instrument with the music service to take part, so please visit our website at www.solihullmusicservice.wordpress.com to find out about how you can enrich and inspire your life long musical journey.

We are based at Lyndon Music Centre, Daylesford Road, Solihull, B92 8EJ and we'd love to see you if you'd like to try out any of our activities.

SC Kids February Holiday Activities

New Sessions now Available!

Tuesday	Tag Rugby	1.30 - 2.30
Thursday	Multi Sports	1.30 - 2.30
Friday	Bouncy Castle	(1 hour sessions between 10.00 and 2.00)

£5 for a 1 hour session

Booking by email before 13 February or on the day through S C Kids

Are you interested in the Winter Olympics?

If so, why not go along and watch 2018 future Olympic hopefuls at The Solihull Mohawk Short Track Speed Skating Competition at Solihull Ice Rink on Saturday 8 February from 4 - 8 pm.