



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

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- 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 - MyMaths**
- 8 - School Bank
- 11 - Mock SATs / SLTs
- 11 - Armistice Day
- 13 - Guru Nanak's Birthday
- 15 - **PTA 80s Night**
- 15 - School Bank
- 18 - **Anti-Bullying Week (Cyberbullying)**
- 22 - School Bank
- 27 - Hannukah
- 28 - **Parents' Evening**

December

- 4 - **Advent**
- 6 - **Coffee Morning**
- 6 - School Bank
- 6 - **Christmas Fair**
- 18 - Parties
- 23 - Christmas Break

2014**January**

- 6 - **INSET - Playing for the Badge**
- 7 - **Return to school**
- 10 - **Coffee Morning**
- 10 - Curriculum Overviews out
- 10 - Targets negotiated / shared / displayed
- 13 - School Bank
- 20 - School Bank
- 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**

Over the last couple of weeks the school has been immersed in a focused period of self-evaluation as we complete our annual appraisal cycle. We have done classroom observations and held meetings with all of the staff as we begin to consider our targets for next year.

The process has demonstrated the good quality of teaching and learning that goes on across the school. During our time in classrooms and our discussions with staff we have been able to confirm the clearly targeted and focused work that goes on in classes across the school, engaging and stimulating the children in their learning. We know from the positive relationships that we have seen being developed and used that the classrooms are safe, allowing for children to take calculated risks in a supportive and nurturing environment. We have seen children both meeting and then moving on beyond their learning objectives, meaning that they make good progress.

As part of this process we have seen children imaginatively and effectively using the iPads to explore their own performance and then look to enhance that even more with the help of their peers acting as coaches. We have seen more and more children being able to identify what went well, what still needs to be improved and considering how best they could make those improvements, all through good quality questioning and prompting by both teachers and peers. All very exciting stuff!

I would like to thank the staff for allowing us into their classrooms and sharing their excellent practice with us and for their hard work and commitment in providing the children with such interesting, stimulating, positive and safe learning environments that certainly make them safe and feel safe in school.

Speaking of keeping children safe, can I please ask parents to notify the school if your child is not going to be attending one of our after school clubs. You can do this through the home-school diary or a telephone call. Should a child tell their teacher without this direct contact, we will be phoning parents to confirm the arrangements. This is to ensure that children are where everyone expects them to be and therefore safe and well.

There are just two more weeks until our Fireworks Extravaganza!! Ticket sales are going well and we would hate anyone to miss out on this fantastic evening's entertainment! If you haven't yet managed to purchase tickets for this event, then contact the PTA via sharmanscrosspta@hotmail.co.uk for an incredible £14 per family or £4 individual tickets.

Have a good weekend!

Mark

MyMaths Coffee Morning

Do you want to know more about MyMaths? Are you struggling to keep up with your child? Come and join us on **Friday 8th November** for a coffee, a chat and some handy hints to help you help your child with their homework.

Open Days

Next week, on Monday and Thursday, we are opening our doors to prospective new parents. House Captains and Vice Captains will show groups of parents around between 9 and 11am; 1.30 and 3pm and 4 and 6pm.

There will also be a presentation by the Head Teacher at 10.15am; 2.15pm and 5.15pm.

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.

Charities

School Council this week voted to support the following charities:

Autumn Help Harry Help Others

Spring Cancer Research

Summer Dogs Trust

Therefore cake sale monies will be put towards these good works.

SC_Kids - STOP PRESS

Special boredom buster sessions from 10.00a.m to 2.00 p.m at SC_Kids holiday club this half term.

Tuesday 29th October - Sports plus with Scooter Hockey and Lacrosse.

Thursday 31st October - Mirror Image Halloween disco