



# Sharmans Cross Junior School

*Striving for Excellence*

## Dates for your diary:

2015

### February

- 26<sup>th</sup> - PTA Meeting
- 27<sup>th</sup> - School Bank
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 3ZJ Outdoor Learning

### March

- 4<sup>th</sup> School Council
- 6<sup>th</sup> - 3EP Outdoor Learning
- 6<sup>th</sup> - Coffee Morning
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 13<sup>th</sup> Y5 @ York
- 12<sup>th</sup> - PTA Meeting
- 13<sup>th</sup> - 3LS Outdoor Learning
- 13<sup>th</sup> - Comic Relief
- 16<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Performance
- 17<sup>th</sup> - Y4 Performance
- 18<sup>th</sup> - School Council
- 20<sup>th</sup> - 3ZJ Outdoor Learning
- 23<sup>rd</sup> - 27<sup>th</sup> Y5 Bikeability
- 24<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening
- 26<sup>th</sup> - Parents' Evening
- 27<sup>th</sup> - 3EP Outdoor Learning
- 27<sup>th</sup> - **TERM ENDS!**

### April

- 13<sup>th</sup> - **TERM BEGINS!**
- 14<sup>th</sup> - SEND Coffee Morning
- 15<sup>th</sup> - School Council
- 21<sup>st</sup> - Y5 Professor McGinty Visit
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - School Council
- 29<sup>th</sup> - School Council
- 30<sup>th</sup> - PTA Meeting (7.30pm)

### May

- 4<sup>th</sup> - Bank Holiday
- 7<sup>th</sup> - INSET DAY
- 8<sup>th</sup> - School Bank
- 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> - SATs Week
- 21<sup>st</sup> - PTA Disco
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - School Bank
- 22<sup>nd</sup> - **TERM ENDS!**

Dear Parents,

There was a lot of excitement in school yesterday as children prepared themselves for the disco. Pupils seemed to thoroughly enjoy the dancing, singing and at one point screaming, and were impeccably behaved throughout. Many thanks to the PTA for organising the event, to staff for manning the refreshments stalls and supervising the children in the hall and to Mr Mander for being an excellent DJ!

Please could I remind all parents and children that bikes and scooters must be dismantled before pupils enter the school grounds? Thank you.

Pupils have been told today about some changes to the structure of the school timetable, which will take effect from Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February. In order to maximise teaching and learning time, the doors will now be opened at 8:50 for pupils to come into school (all groups e.g. Early Birds, SCKids and Booster will continue as normal and the timings of the school day remain unchanged) so pupils will be ready for a prompt start to their lessons after registration at 9 a.m.

As I am sure you will agree, the most productive time for learning is in the morning, however, we currently have more available time in the afternoon (due to break and assembly being in the morning) so I would like to redress this imbalance. Therefore, assembly will now be in the afternoon at 15:05 which will allow for an extra, short lesson from 11:20 - 12:00.

Also, we will no longer have a set afternoon break time but teachers will take their classes out as and when required during the afternoon session. This will allow for a 'natural' break if it is needed and will complement learning rather than learning fitting around the forced interruption at 14:20. Pupils will of course be allowed a comfort break as and when required. I am confident that these changes will maximise both teaching and learning time and will ensure pupils make the maximum progress they can during the school day. I will of course monitor the impact of the changes and keep you informed of any further changes in the future.

Parents' Evening is scheduled for Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March. I have added a further date on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March from 4-6.30 p.m. Further details regarding this will be sent after the holiday.

The PTA would like me to announce the 100 Club winners who are Belinda Farelly for January and Cheryl Edwards for February. Congratulations to you both! If anyone wants to join the club, you can do so at any time. The forms are available on the school website, the PTA Facebook page and also directly from Steve Kelly at [sharmanscrosspta@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:sharmanscrosspta@hotmail.co.uk)

Best wishes for an enjoyable week,

Miss Wilkes



**SCHOOL NURSE TEAM CONTACT  
NUMBER =  
0121 746 4550 or  
0121 746 4435**

[Have a Great Half Term!!](#)

**SC KIDS CLUB**

Unfortunately due to lack of numbers we will **only** be open **Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> February.**

Many Thanks  
SC Kids

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**SCHOOL MEALS**

Parents wishing to top up their school meal account on ParentPay for the next half term, the cost will be:-  
23 February - 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015      £47.50

Please Note: School meal accounts **MUST** be kept in **CREDIT**

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**MEDICAL CONDITIONS.**

Please can you keep the school informed of any medical conditions your child may have, especially relating to asthma at this time of year? Could we please ask that an asthma inhaler is held in the school office for any child who has one prescribed?

Many Thanks.

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**Outdoor learning and Gardening Club**

**NEWS FLASH!**

Well done to the new Gardening Reps who did a fabulous job on Monday preparing the garden for everyone to use! We know that they will be great representatives for each class, looking after their areas and helping keep the school looking great for plants and wildlife. Each Monday at 12.15pm, they meet in the garden area to decide what jobs are needed each week. If anyone has any help or resources that they could donate, please get in contact with Mrs Snowden.

We have a new and exciting project linked to outdoor learning and gardening. All of the classes will be involved in a competition to create the best gardening area. During our outdoor learning time, the children will be involved in planning, planting and looking after their areas. Outdoor learning lessons will be judged during the summer term on the way they look as well as what they produce, so get your thinking caps on!

We are looking to gather outdoor learning dates for each class at the beginning of each half term, so watch this space. They will be published on the newsletter so that everyone remembers to bring the correct clothing on the correct date.

Happy exploring and gardening everyone!

Mrs Snowden.

PS. Watch this space for our sunflower competition that will be taking place during the summer term!

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**SEN COFFEE MORNING**

On **Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April** we will host an SEND coffee morning focussing on Emotional Health and Wellbeing. This will be attended by Inga Tarkowska from MENCAP. Inga will be available to discuss the new reforms for SEND and the effect this may have on children and their families.

Look forward to seeing you there!

Jane Ferguson

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**INCONSIDERATE PARKING**

We have once again received complaints from neighbours about parents who appear to be parking as close as possible to school, even if this means blocking drives. We do appreciate the frustration that parking can cause in an area of high demand and low supply. However, ultimately it is the safety of our children, as well as the rest of the community, that we have to consider.

Please work with us to keep ALL of our children safe by parking both safely and courteously around the school.

Thank you!