



# Sharmans Cross Junior School

*Striving for Excellence*

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*Definitely a brilliant, friendly school*

## Dates for your diary:

### 2014

#### October

- 20-24 - One World Week
- 20 - Dance Assembly
- 20 - Y5 Parents York Meeting (7.00pm)
- 21 - Y6 Professor McGinty
- 22 - Open Day
- 23 - Y3 Cycling Proficiency
- 24 - School Bank open
- 27 - 31 Half Term

#### November

- 3 - 3EP Lego Workshop
- 5 - Y6 Family Workshop (9.30am)
- 5 - School Council Meeting
- 6 - Y6 Family Workshop (9.30am)
- 6 - Y3 Cycling Proficiency
- 7 - School Bank open
- 7 - Coffee Morning
- 7 - Y6 Family Workshop (9.30am)
- 7 - Y3 Cycling Proficiency
- 12 - School Council Meeting
- 13 - Y6 at Skills Show
- 14 - School Bank open
- 14 - CiN Superhero Day
- 17 - 21 - Anti Bullying Week
- 17 - Y5 Performance TBC
- 18 - Y5 Performance TBC
- 19 - School Council Meeting
- 20 - SEN Coffee Morning(9.00am)
- 20 - Parent Partnership (6.30pm)
- 20 - 4KW Parents Evening (4.00-6.00pm)
- 21 - School Bank open

- 21 - Y6 Black Country Museum
- 24 - 4KW Cycling Proficiency
- 25 - 4VW Cycling Proficiency
- 25-28 Travelling Book Fair
- 26 - 4LS Cycling Proficiency
- 26 - School Council Meeting
- 27 - Parents Evening

#### December

- 1st - 3LS Lego Community Project
- 3rd - School Council Meeting
- 5th - Coffee Morning
- 5th - PTA Christmas Fair TBC
- 8th - Dance Assembly
- 10th - School Council Meeting
- 12th - School Bank open
- 12th - Christmas Lunch
- 17th - School Council meeting
- 17th - Year 3 Christmas Play at Shirley Baptist Church (7.00pm)
- 18th - Christmas Parties
- 19th - School Bank open
- 19th - TERM ENDS!!

*A lovely friendly school. Great guide by Molly and Mia, they were very confident and informative. Thank you!*

*Fantastic school, Freya and Jo were great!*

*Kishan and Mia were both extremely helpful, mature and thoughtful. They sold the school very well!!*

*Andrew was a fantastic tour guide - thank you*

*Everyone very friendly - children on tour a credit to the school. Thank you!*

These were just some of the comments from prospective parents who have taken the opportunity to come to our Open Days over the last couple of weeks. This year both year 5 and 6 children have had the opportunity to take parents around and as you can see, they haven't failed to impress. Although we know that we are very proud of Sharmans, it's great to hear that visitors also pick up on our welcoming ethos and friendly approach. The children did us proud and I absolutely agree with the comment that they sold the school very well.

During these visits I have taken the opportunity to explain that we are a school with an open door policy who value feedback both positive and negative. Without this we are unable to be the best that we can be! Parents can always contact individual members of staff via email, telephone or by popping into the office and we also have our Parents Forum blog and termly Parents Forum in school; we all lead busy lives but hopefully we've made it as easy as possible for you to share your views and opinions.

*Have a good weekend!*

Jane Ferguson



Please may I remind parents about the parking restrictions around the school. It has been brought to my attention that some parents are parking inconsiderately on both Woodlea Drive and Sharmans Cross Road where yellow lines are in place. The safety of our whole school community is very important and we are monitoring the situation closely. We will also be asking our community police officer to patrol these areas. Please let us know if you see cars parked illegally by giving registration numbers to the school office. Thank you for your support in this matter and ensuring the safety of our children.

## **SC Kids - Week Commencing 20.10.14.**

Due to high demand we are fully booked on the following days next week and therefore cannot accept any further bookings on the days below.

### **SC Kids Breakfast Club**

Tuesday - FULL

Wednesday - FULL

Thursday - FULL

Many thanks.

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### **Booktivity Group- Year 6**

Are you interested in all things about books, art and craft, quizzing and games? Then come along to the Solihull Central Library's free new activity group for ages 10+.

**Next date:** 29th October 2014

**Where:** Central Library Teen Lounge

**Time:** 4.30pm- 5.30pm

**Interested?** Just turn up or call 0121 704 6984

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### **SEN Coffee Morning - Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> November**

Jane Glassey our Specialist ASD Teacher from *Solihull Specialist Inclusion Services* will be hosting our next SEN coffee morning on Thursday 20th November 9am - 10am. This session is aimed at all parents across the school not just SEN. It would also be beneficial for any parents that have concerns in regards to their child potentially having ASD. Please feel free to come and join us.

### **Lost Property**

We now appear to have a lost property mountain in Reception!

Please feel free to come into Reception before or after school to check out the ever increasing pile, or the children are free to check in lost property during breaktimes or lunchtimes. Any clothing that is not reclaimed by Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> November will be recycled in the textile recycling bank.

Thanks for your help.



### **Newspapers**

All Y3 parents have been receiving a paper copy of the school newsletter every Friday since their child joined us in September. In order to reduce paper wastage and cost to the school after the half term holiday this will cease and newsletters will be sent out electronically via ParentPay. However if any parent wishes to receive a paper copy of the newsletter please let a member of the office staff know and this can be arranged.

### **Sharmans PTA**

The Bupa Great Birmingham Run 2014 takes place on **Sunday 19 October 2014** and we are lucky to have a runner raising funds for the Sharman's PTA, a registered charity.

Andy Dellbridge, who lives almost opposite the school and will have his two boys at Sharman's Cross from Streetsbrook in the next few years has agreed to don his vest and running shoes to try and raise £1500 for the PTA to be able to pay for projects or equipment for the school. We need your support please.

You can find Andy's fund-raising page on MyDonate located at:

<https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/andydellbridge>.

Any sponsorship of Andy would be appreciated, no matter how big or small, every pound counts. Please pass the message on to family and friends to help get involved in supporting the PTA. The PTA is now registered for Gift Aid so tax relief will be eligible for any sponsors who are UK income tax payers and this can be pledged through MyDonate when giving sponsorship.

Fancy running to raise funds yourself? If not, do you want to raise sponsorship money for the PTA by doing something else?

If so, brilliant, please just go into the MyDonate site through the Sharman's Cross PTA page at

<https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/sharmanscrosspta>, set yourself up through a few simple

steps and away you go!

We will give regular updates on all fund-raising progress.

Thank you for your support and helping make a difference for our children.

The PTA.



**Value of the week for next week**

Next week's value is Togetherness