



# Sharmans Cross Junior School

*Striving for Excellence*

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## Dates for your diary:

2014

### June

23 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching  
26 - New Intake Evening

### July

4 - Summer Fair  
4 - SEN Coffee Morning  
8 - Sports Day  
8/9/10/11/14 - Book Fair  
9 - Open Evening  
10 - Y4 Cricket Festival  
14/15/16 - Y6 at Solihull School  
14/15/16/17/18 - Y3 swimming  
16 - Y6 Performance at Solihull School  
17 - Leavers' Tea  
17 - Leavers' Disco  
18 - Leavers' Assembly  
21 - **INSET**  
22 - Summer Holiday

### September

1 - **INSET**  
2 - **INSET**  
3 - Back to school  
3 - Y3 coffee morning  
5 - Coffee morning

Well, I wasn't quite expecting to be writing this type of newsletter so soon, hoping that my first reference to the World Cup would be a slightly more positive one! Despite the best efforts of a young and inexperienced side, England stand on the brink of an early exit from the world's greatest footballing competition. However, all is not yet lost and there remains one final push for glory left.

Strangely, it seems to me to be a good place from which to look at our own school values. The key for England at the minute is that they are on the brink, not down and out! Mistakes have been made and things aren't going to plan, but in a sense, that's life!

What now needs to happen is for them to dig deep and be relentless in their pursuit of their goal. Learning is like that. There are times when things are going well and everything seems easy. But then, we come across something hard and the going gets tough. It's at these points that we roll up our sleeves, get our heads down and come back fighting. Nothing worth having is easy and this fight is the mark of successful people.

They will also need to fall back on their consistently rehearsed skills and trust in their abilities. A mental toughness and a positive outlook are the real keys to success. Being in the right place at the right time with the right kit and most importantly of all being in the right mind can win the day. This self belief is critical to moving forward. A positive attitude can move mountains.

The final piece of the jigsaw is a clear purpose. It's no use hoping that we will win. We have to go out there intending to win. All plans must be focused on that one single goal. It is this intent that converts positive attitude and self belief into reality. Knowing what to do and how to do, trusting in ability and having a clear plan of how to execute those things can turn the darkest situation around.

So, as our Teamship Rules say, let's all...

Be relentless.

Right time, right place, right kit, right mind.

High personal standards.

Be purposeful.

Remain positive.

Be brave for five minutes longer.

Have a good weekend!

Mark

### **Stranger Danger**

The local police will be coming into school on Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> June to work with all year groups on Stranger Danger. Each year group will have an assembly followed by a discussion/question and answer session with the local police.

Parents are asked to reiterate the 'stranger danger' message to children and report all suspicious incidents immediately.

West Midlands Police issued the following advice:

- Never go off on your own with a stranger
- Make sure you tell your parents where you are
- If someone scares you, or makes you feel uncomfortable go somewhere safe, which could be your home, your school or a police station.

Please remember to tell someone what has happened straight away.

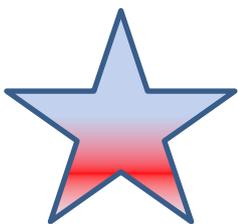
### **Neighbour's Complaint**

We have received a formal complaint from one of the school neighbours concerning the use of her garden wall as a seating area, parents using her driveway as a turning point and also litter being dropped in her front garden.

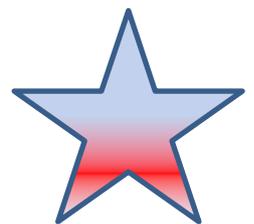
As ever we would very much appreciate parents and children considering our neighbours' wellbeing in this matter. We have advised the children of the matter in assembly this morning and thank you for your support in promoting the positive image of Sharmans Cross.

### **Lost Property from Red Ridge**

We still have a large amount of lost property that was left at Red Ridge and has remained unclaimed. This is now being kept in school so either children or parents need to come to the office to claim any stray belongings. If items are not claimed by the end of the school day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June they will be placed in the school's textile recycling bin.



**PTA Summer Fair**  
**Friday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2014**  
**6.00pm – 8.30pm**



The Summer Fair is fast approaching and PTA still need help with running stalls, setting up and clearing away. If anyone can offer any help please can they either contact the PTA directly or let any of the office staff know.

### **Non Uniform Day - Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014**

Also, to support the PTA Summer Fair there is a non-uniform day on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2014.

Can children please bring in tombola prizes as follows :

Year 3/4 - Tombola prizes (adult or junior age appropriate)

Year 5/6 - Bottles (anything from wine to shampoo)

All year groups - second hand books.