



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

Dates for your diary:

2014

November

- 10 - Y3 Assessing Without Levels Information Eve (6.00 - 7.00pm)
- 10 - Y4 Assessing without Levels Information Eve (7.00-8.00pm)
- 12 - School Council Meeting
- 12 - Sibling School Photographs
- 13 - Y6 at Skills Show
- 13 - Y5 Assessing Without Levels Information Eve (6.00 - 7.00pm)
- 14 - School Bank open
- 14 - CiN Superhero Day
- 17 - 21 - Anti Bullying Week
- 19 - School Council Meeting
- 20 - ASD 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
- 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!!

January 2015

- 5th - INSET
- 6th - Children return to school

Welcome back, I hope you all had a fabulous holiday. This week has been another busy one in school! Year 6 held the first of our family workshops; they have been a great success. With the focus on reading and understanding SATs style questions both parents and children were helped to have a deeper understanding of 'The Giant's Necklace' a text which the children and teachers very much enjoy. Skills of inference and deduction were put to the test as well as encouraging a deeper understanding of the author's use of effective language. All three mornings were well attended and we gained very positive feedback from both parents and the children themselves. Here's just a few comments I thought I'd share with you:

All the activities worked well and it was great how the homework links into what we have done in the workshop. I thought it worked really well. My child enjoys me coming to school to work with her.

It was good to have the chance to see the language my child can use to describe the text. I'm looking forward to working with my son on this at home as the context has been useful and inspiring!

Thank you for all the hard work - excellent resources, presentation and effectively linked to a purposeful homework task. Well done to the Year 6 Team. Excellent!

Provided a great insight into how literacy is approached in the classroom environment

I enjoyed teaching my parents how to do things and taking the role of the teacher.

I enjoyed teaching my mum new stuff she didn't already know. I would like another one this year. It was lovely working with my mum and spending some time with her in school.

I enjoyed being able to work with parents and seeing what they think. Nothing could be improved.

A huge thank you to all those parents who attended; we appreciate your support and, as you can see, the children love having you in school! Also, well done and thank you to the year 6 team for your hard work in planning and organising.

Have a good weekend, hopefully it will stay dry for those of you attending firework events!

Jane Ferguson

Please may I again remind parents about the parking restrictions around the school. Some parents are continuing to park 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 continuing to monitor the situation closely. Please let us know if you see cars parked illegally by giving registration numbers to the school office, repeat offenders will then be published on our newsletter. Thank you for your support in this matter and ensuring the safety of our children.

School Uniform

Just a reminder that children should now be dressed in winter uniform. Please could you support the school by ensuring that your children are dressed in the following:

BOYS

Grey trousers

White shirt [tucked in]

School tie (gold and navy-blue stripes) [done up]

Navy-blue pullover or printed School sweatshirt

Grey socks or white socks (plain NOT patterned)

Dark coloured shoes (trainers are not allowed)

GIRLS

Grey skirt (with or without straps) or grey pinafore dress

Grey trousers

White blouse [tucked in]

School tie (gold and navy-blue Printed school sweatshirt/cardigan stripes) [done up]

Grey socks or white socks (plain NOT patterned)

Dark coloured shoes or sandals (fashion shoes with high block heels are not appropriate for school as they are unsafe for playground activities)

We are still in a transition period, so children are still able to wear blue trousers or a skirt. Thank you, as always, for your support with this!

Miss Boon

SC Kids Club - Week Commencing 10th November 2014

Due to high demand we are fully booked on the following days and cannot accept any further bookings :

SC Kids Breakfast Club

Monday - FULL
Tuesday - FULL
Wednesday - FULL
Thursday - FULL

SC Kids Club

Monday - FULL
Wednesday - FULL

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Harvest Thank you!

All of the wonderful donations and gifts sent in for our Harvest Festival last month have been greatly received by members of our community. The boxes were taken to Solihull Christian Fellowship (The Bridge in Shirley) and from there were distributed to members of the community who are in need; from people living alone to families needing some support.

They have sent in a thank you card that I would like to share with you:

'To all the pupils at Sharmans Cross School, thank you so much for the Harvest Festival food parcels; we were so blessed to receive them. We know a number of people who will find them a real help. Thank you for taking the time to make them and for thinking of us. From your friends at Solihull Christian Fellowship.'

Many thanks again for your support with this!

Mrs Harrison

Operation Christmas Child

We are excited to be supporting the great work carried out by Samaritans Purse again this Christmas! Since 1990, more than 113 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have been blessed through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. We are inviting you to put together a shoe box to be given to a child this Christmas. More information on what to include in your shoebox as well as the labels you will need will be coming out to you over the coming weeks. Thank you in advance for your support and generosity with this!

Mrs Harrison

School Photographer

Due to the positive responses received from parents, after our request for feedback on the new photographer, we have arranged for a sibling session to take place on Wednesday 12th November. The photographer will be here on Wednesday morning and any child with a sibling in school will have a photograph taken on that day.

'Winter Wonderland' - Solihull Arts Complex

If anybody would like tickets to 'Winter Wonderland' performed by 'Philippa's School of Dance' on Monday 10th November at 7.00pm, please contact the office. We have 11 tickets going spare!

PTA 100 Club

Please don't forget to submit your application for the PTA 100 Club. A further copy of the details can be found under the letters page on our Website. If you would prefer not to send the completed standing order mandate back into school, you can set up your own standing order directly with your Bank or via online banking.

DBS Disclosures (formally known as CRB)

Any parents/volunteers wishing to help within school or on any trips now require an enhanced DBS disclosure to be completed. A 'List 99 check' will no longer be sufficient. If you would like to make an up to date disclosure application, please go to www.disclosure.capitarvs.co.uk/solihull/ click on 'Start Application', in the organisation reference field enter 'SCHSHA', click 'Enter' and leave the password empty. You should then be able to enter your own details and submit your application. Thereafter, you will need to bring three forms of identification into school for verification by ourselves. NB in addition to the standard DBS police checks, we will also request a check on the Children's Barred Listing. In order to keep a DBS certificate live, you need to sign into school once every three months. This could be for a number of reasons including helping in the class, the library, attending a trip, helping with a PTA event set up, attending the children's workshops etc.

Value of the week for week beginning 10th November

Value of the Week is Remembrance