

Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

2014

July

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**

Term Dates for 2014/2015

Autumn Term

Start -
Mon 1st September 2014
Half Term -
27th - 31st October 2014
End -
Friday 19th December 2014

Spring Term

Start -
Monday 5th January 2015
Half Term -
16th-20th February 2015
End -
Friday 27th March 2015

Summer Term

Start -
Monday 13th April 2015
Half Term -
25th - 29th May 2015
End -
20th July 2015

INSET

Monday 1st September 2014
Tuesday 2nd September 2014
Monday 5th January 2015
Thursday 7th May 2015
Monday 20th July 2015

September

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

It was an absolute pleasure to welcome the children from Y2 into school today as they take yet another step towards starting a new chapter with us in September. Along with the Y2 children, we welcomed the staff who will be working with the children in September as all of the children in Years 3, 4 and 5 spent the day in their new classes as they too prepare for the new year.

The classrooms were as ever hives of activity, as children thought about themselves, others and what impact those two things had on the class community as a whole. Work was completed that can be referred back to in September or used as display as the children enter their new classes on their first day that will make them feel at home from the get-go.

Giving the children this emotional stability at points of transition is critical. As I'm sure that we'll all agree, change is scary and having to deal with that can impact upon how we behave and perform. Providing the children with this opportunity to see who they are with, where they are going and what it feels like to be there clearly allays a lot of these fears and helps the children to focus upon what they are doing rather than how they might be feeling.

We also recognise that the anxieties felt by your child can also make you anxious. Your anxiety then is felt by your child and can confirm that they should be anxious. Being calm and reassuring, letting your child know that they will get through this is essential. Recognise the anxiety, let the child know that it's natural to be anxious and then allow them to talk about what is making them anxious. Helping someone to confront their anxiety is often more powerful and more useful than trying to find solutions to it.

If you are still unsure, then talk to the class teacher, who can then support your child further in class.

My many congratulations to our Y5 cricketers who competed in the county finals this week. Not only did they represent the school beautifully in the way that they played and how they conducted themselves, they also came 2nd! Given the amount of matches that they played and the amount of teams that participated, this is an excellent achievement! I hope that they all feel as proud of themselves as we do of them!

Have a good weekend!

Mark



PTA Summer Fair



6.00pm - 8.30pm - Friday 4th July 2014

Important Consultation

Currently, the Local Authority are carrying out a consultation on the future of a critical service within Solihull. They are seeking your views on the 0-5 years provision, with particular regard to the Children's Centre resources within the borough.

Given the fundamental impact that this service can have upon all of our lives, we would urge you to make your voice heard via the webpage below:

www.solihull.gov.uk/Portals/0/Consultations/childrenscentreconsultation.pdf [Closes 6th July]

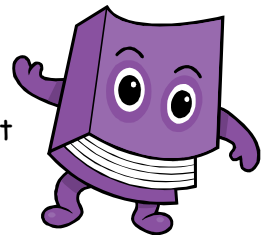
Clerk to Governors Post

The Governing Body of Sharmans Cross are seeking to appoint a Clerk from September 2014 to work effectively with the Chair of Governors, the Governing Body and its Committees, the Head Teacher and other relevant stakeholders. Further details are available on the www.wmjobs.co.uk.

Book Fair

The book fair will be open during open evening (Wednesday 9th July). If you would like to purchase any books please bring cash or cheques, as we do not accept cards. We look forward to seeing you there!

Miss Boon



Year 6 Leavers



In the past, Year 6 children have asked if they may donate a new book to our library with a short message or their name inside, in order to share their favourite stories with future Sharmans Cross children. We always appreciate any age-appropriate new donations to our library, and this is a lovely way for Year 6 children to leave their mark! If you would like to do this, please give your book to Miss Boon, and she will provide you with a sticker to write your name and a short message. Thanks!

Lost Property

We have again accumulated an enormous amount of lost property over this half term. Please could you encourage your children to come along and check the lost property box in school if they have lost any items of clothing. Parents are also welcome to come into reception and check the lost property box. Any items remaining in lost property after the end of term (Friday 18th July) will be donated to the school's textile recycling programme.

Lost scooter

A new black scooter with blue wheels and blue handles has gone missing from the bike shelter. An older version of the same make has been left in its place and we would ask all parents to please check that their child has not taken the wrong scooter home by mistake.