



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

2014

May

- 12 - SATS Week
- 14/15/16 - Y4 Residential trip to Bell Heath
- 16 - School Bank
- 19-23 - Test Week Y3/4/5
- 19 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching
- 19 - Y5 SRE Parents Mtg
- 21 - Y6 First Aid Training
- 22 - **INSET (Polling)**
- 23 - School Bank
- 23 - School Photographer
- 26 - **Half Term**

June

- 2/3/4/5 Y6 Residential trip to Redridge
- 2 - Y4/Y5 Cricket Coaching
- 3 - Y5 Cricket Festival
- 3 - Destiny Africa Concert
- 6 - Coffee Morning
- 9 - Cricket Coaching
- 11 - Prof McGinty - Y5
- 16 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching
- 23 - Y4/5 Cricket Coaching
- 26 - New Intake Evening

July

- 4 - Summer Fair
- 8 - 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

As we all know, reading is made up of two key elements. Firstly, comes the mechanical act of picking words up from the page. Secondly, and more importantly, the connection of those words to meanings, thoughts and feelings. Within this understanding, viewpoint is an important part of the process and a concept that significantly helps children as they mature both as people and readers and writers.

When reading, we can consider the viewpoint of the writer, the viewpoint of the character and also our viewpoint as a reader. All of this helps us understand the text further. Through viewpoint we can explore our own thoughts and feelings about the broader world, forming our own beliefs and behaviours as people.

This skill can also be developed in a broader context than just reading. Visual literacy is just as important in honing children's reading and writing as reading and writing. We would strongly recommend that this can be done through photographs, drawings, art works and television programmes. In fact, for boys, it may even be more beneficial than trying to cajole and manipulate them into reading!

The following questions are really useful when developing a child's viewpoint:

What do you notice about the picture / image / person / event?

Who do you think this is?

What makes you say that?

How does that make you feel?

Why?

As well as developing your child's understanding of viewpoint and their depth of comprehension, you also increase their skills of empathy, helping them in the process to become more rounded human beings. Every one's a winner!!

Have a great weekend!

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Year 4 Family Workshops

Thank you to all of the children and family members who attended our Year 4 family workshops. They were a great success- here are a few comments from adults and children:

Adults:

"It was great to see the children talking about what they saw, not just writing about it"

"I got an opportunity to understand my child's viewpoint and the questions arising in his mind"

"A very enjoyable morning, glad I was able to attend!"

Children:

"I loved working with my Mum"

"Using the ipads helped me understand what other people think!"

"I loved having a long conversation!"

Look out for more of these workshops in the near future!



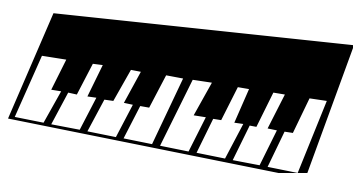
Mad Science After School Club

We are happy to confirm that the Mad Science After School Club is due to start on Monday 12th May 2014.

Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers

A big thank you to everyone who has kindly donated their Sainsburys Active Kids Vouchers to school. The last date for receiving the vouchers in school is Friday 23rd May so could all vouchers please be handed in by this date.

The voucher collection box is situated in the school's main reception.



Reminder for Keyboard Players

There is a Keyboard Assembly being held on Tuesday 20th May at 9.15am and parents of keyboard players are welcome to attend in the school hall.

York Projects

The Year 5 teachers would like to thank all of the children in Year 5 who have produced fantastic York projects. We are so impressed with the creativity shown and the super knowledge that you all have about the Vikings from our trip to York.

Lost Property

Last term's lost property has now been recycled through the school's textile recycling programme. In order to minimize the amount of lost property could parents please ensure that all items of clothing brought into school are clearly named.