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Dates for your diary:

November

21 - ParentPay goes live
25 - School Bank
25 - Non-uniform Day
[PTA]
25 - Cake Sale 5NB
30 - Potential Industrial
Action

December

2 - Coffee Morning
[Cashless Office]
2 - Cake Sale 3RA
8 - Y3 Performance
[Shirley Methodist
Church, 7-8.30pm]
9 - Non-uniform Day
(Blue Day)
9 - Christmas Fair
9 - School Bank
9 - Cake Sale 5HS
15 - Christmas Parties
16 - Cake Sale 4RL
Term Ends

January

4 January - School
Improvement Planning
[INSET - school closed to
children]
5 - Children return to
school
6 - Coffee Morning
19 - Parents' Forum [7-9]

February

13 - Half Term

March

13-16 - Y5 in York
29 - Parents' Evening

INSET DAYS

23 April - TBC
3 May - TBC

Thought for the week

*Is the future closer
today than it was
yesterday?*

Well done to all the Year 5 children in putting together a fabulous performance!

What a treat! It was fabulous! Thank you to all the staff and of course the children for a very special performance. The new lighting and effects in the hall were spectacular and the difference most noticeable! Thank you again!

I have to agree! The whole production was exceptional. It was extremely hard to believe that apart from the songs the whole production was conceived, written and produced by the children themselves, with only a little prompting from the teachers.

The children dealt with very poignant and sensitive matters with great respect and reverence. The messages were clear and measured. However, they also managed to bring the right amount of entertainment in at the right places. It was a superb mix of live action and beautifully crafted film footage. The perfect way to demonstrate learning and understanding! I am, needless to say, very proud of both children and staff for this fantastic offering!!

On a totally separate note, I would like to clarify the ground rules for *Beyblades* in school. I am quite happy for them to come in as long as the following rules are adhered to.

Firstly, and perhaps most importantly, *Beyblades*, and any other such property, is brought in purely at the child's own risk. We do not accept any responsibility for their safety or safekeeping. Whilst we will investigate any lost items, we cannot and will not guarantee their return.

Secondly, they are only to be played with at dinnertime and then under the supervision of either lunchtime supervisor or play leader. I have asked Mrs Deakin to set up an area for the playing of *Beyblades* and to assign someone to watch over the safe and enjoyable playing of the games.

Anyone not able to follow these simple, but necessary rules, will unfortunately have their *Beyblades* removed and will need to bring an adult in to collect them.

Finally it looks increasingly likely that school will be closed to children on the 30th November as a result of industrial action. The decision to close the school was not taken lightly, but in this instance, with staff electing to take lawful industrial action, it was the only appropriate thing to do to ensure the health, safety and well being of all pupils.

Have a good weekend!
Mark

Homework Diaries

It was pleasing to hear at the recent Parents' Forum that communication was improving and that, although recognising that there is still work to do is better than it has been. It has also been pleasing to read on the online [Parents Forum](http://parentsforum.wikispaces.com/message/list/home), <http://parentsforum.wikispaces.com/message/list/home>, positive experiences of parents regarding the homework diaries. This improvement has been made in no small part as a result of conversations through this online discussion board. Where they are working well, there is a two-way conversation taking place with parents feeling well informed about what is going on. I have reminded staff of this and look forward to achieving even greater efficiency across the school. Should you ever have a query, please make a note in the diary for your child's teacher to respond to.

Could I also remind parents that the online Forum is a place for sharing ideas and thoughts in a gentle, honest and positive way. Any comments that seek to place any personal blame or elicit support around any particular actions have been and will be deleted. We're all in this together, as the song goes, and this forum is an opportunity to improve the school through mutual respect.



Art Competition for Years 3, 4 and 6

Year 5 are organising a water themed Art Competition for Years 3, 4 and 6. The closing date for entries is Wednesday 7 December and winners will be announced on Friday 9 December.



Netball Club

On 6th November, the Year 6 netball team, consisting of: Annie Watton, Sophie Bartlett, Anan Clews, Charlotte Leach, Lauren Stevenson, Shannon Kernick and finally, the captain, Elis Harrison, played against Hatchford Brook. Sharmans won 14 - 0 - Well done girls!



Reminders

Year 5 residential visit to York

Year 5 parents are all invited to come along to our York Parents Evening which is to be held on **Tuesday 22 November at 7.00 pm** in the school hall. This is an opportunity to hear more about the programme for this visit and have any questions you may have answered.

Year 6 residential visit to Red Ridge

There will be a meeting for Year 6 parents on **Monday 5 December** in the school hall from **6.30 - 7.30 pm** to find out more about this visit. All year 6 parents are welcome to come along and find out more.



Solihull School - 11+ Information Evening Tuesday 22 November at 7 pm

Any interested parents contact the school on 0121 705 4273 or email: enquiries@solsch.org.uk

Spanish Words of the Week - Manners and being friendly

Por favor (please), gracias (thank you), you're welcome (de nada), excuse me (permiso, disculpa), Te ayudo? (Shall I help you?) Quieres jugar? (Do you want to play?)

