



## Dates for your diary:

### December

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]  
23 - Maths Week  
24 - Maths Workshop [7-9]  
27 - Maths Open Day

### 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 it better to give or receive?*

Following on from Anti-Bullying Week a fortnight ago, I thought that it would be a good idea to reshare the school's view on bullying. Given our commitment to provide children with a safe and caring environment and the recognition that this receives from parents, children and visitors alike, it will be no surprise that we will neither accept nor tolerate any form of bullying within the school. In fact, we go a step further and actively encourage through circle times, assemblies and discussions that children talk about issues and tell adults when there is a problem.

Given developing relationship skills it can sometimes be difficult to distinguish between falling out, not getting along, boisterous play and bullying. It is therefore often helpful to look at the signs and symptoms rather than the actions. Therefore a child who is being bullied may feel frightened or nervous about coming to school, may become withdrawn, anxious, or lacking in confidence, have nightmares, become aggressive, disruptive or unreasonable or may be frightened or unwilling to say what's wrong. In fact any changes in behaviour or personality at all is often a sure sign that something, and not always bullying, is wrong.

If you as a parent notice anything from the above list it is important to contact the school straight away and discuss these concerns with the class teacher. They can then take steps, including the use of our support staff, to eradicate whatever problems your child might be facing. In the case that they are being bullied, we would look to support the child being bullied and take strong action against the child doing the bullying. We also recognize that those involved in carrying out bullying actions often have reasons, but never excuses, for doing so. Therefore we also seek to support that child as well.

Full copies of the anti-bullying policy and behaviour policy can be found on our website at <http://www.sharmans-cross.com/about/policies.html>.

With Christmas fast approaching, preparations are in full swing for the festive season at school. Decorations are going up, performances are being polished and cards are being made. Next Friday is our annual Christmas Fair and the PTA are working extremely hard in support of the school. Food and drink are on order, including hot turkey sarnies!, stalls are ready, games are coming together nicely and of course Santa is dry cleaning his suit as we speak!. All we need now are the guests!

Have a good weekend!

Mark

## DESTINY AFRICA CHILDREN'S CHOIR / KAMPALA CHILDREN'S CENTRE

In preparation for the choir's return on 17th December I will be packing up lots of boxes of things for them to take back to KCC. As they have a lot of luggage allowance we want to maximize this and collect and take back things that are really needed. Please bring any item to the school office by **11th December** as I will be packing the week commencing the 12th ready for their departure in the early hours of 17th Dec!

1. **KCC** - Shoes ( Especially Black for school) : Clothes (Skirts, Dresses, trousers, Jeans, Shorts, blouses, T-shirts) for ages 1 to 17. (Our biggest need is for teenage clothes. Dresses, Skirts and blouses for girls and trousers and shirts for boys). All clothing needs to be appropriate for summer weather. We are urgently needing skirts for the older girls : School backpacks :Pants and Knickers / non wired bras - boys and girls all ages : Bedsheets - single not fitted :Towels : Hair Trimming machines : Sandals / flip flops : Shavers and deodorants - boys and girls : DVDs - appropriate ones (12 rating and under) : Christian worship CDs and books - for the church

2. **SCHOOL** - Dictionaries : Novels : Toys for Kindergarten (E.g. Toy cars, playing mats, colouring books, materials for making craft) : Calculators : Punching machines : Stapling machines : Craft papers : Instruments for measuring rain, temperature, humidity etc : First Aid box

If you have any questions please get in touch, we would love to hear from you.

THANK YOU so much for your support and care for our children at Kampala Children's Centre.

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**Year 5 - Water Week** -Year Five have been busy in their community project sessions recently and an idea of a Water Week has developed. It involves us all saving as much water as possible, at home and school. This week will begin on Monday 5 December and will end on Friday 9 December. We shall hold a special water assembly with a visitor from Severn Trent on Wednesday 7 December and the week will end with a non uniform day 'Blue Day' on Friday 9 December. Hannah Jarman and Elizabeth Pomfret 5TB



**Blue Day** - Year 5 would like to inform you that a non uniform 'Blue' Day will be coming up. Your child is invited to come to school wearing blue on Friday 9 December. We hope to continue to raise awareness of how fortunate we are to have clean running water in our homes and schools. Donations for our chosen charity Water Aid can be made through their website: [www.wateraid.org](http://www.wateraid.org) Rachel & Ella 5TB Charity Community Group

### Children in Need

Many thanks to everyone who took part in our 'Spotty Day' for Children in Need. You will be pleased to know that we were able to raise a fantastic £407.77 for this very worthy cause.



### Spanish Words of the Week - Keep talking about the weather

Es un día precioso. (It's a beautiful day.) Hace frío. (It's cold.) Hace viento. (It's windy.) Está nublado. (It's cloudy.) ¡Está lloviendo! (It's raining.) ¡Está nevando! (It's snowing!) Hay niebla. (It's foggy.)