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# Sharmans Cross Junior School

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## Dates for your diary:

### January

4 January - School Improvement Planning  
[INSET - school closed to children]

5 - Children return to school

6 - School Bank

6 - Coffee Morning

13 - School Bank

19 - Parents' Forum [7-9]

23 - Maths Week

24 - Maths Workshop [7-9]

27 - School Bank

27 - Maths Open Day

### February

13 - Half Term

### March

12-16 - National Science and Engineering Week

[*Our World in Motion*]

13-16 - Y5 in York

29 - Parents' Evening

### April

2 / 3 - Y4 Performance

5 - Coffee Morning

5 - Term Ends

23 - INSET Day

[Subject TBC]

24 - Children return to school

30 - New Curricular Targets shared

### May

3 - INSET Day [Subject TBC]/ Polling

4 - Coffee Morning

24 - Parents' Forum [7-8pm]

### June

1 - Coffee Morning [Y6]

4-8 - Half Term

11-15 - Y6 at Red Ridge

28 - New Intake Evening [7-8pm]

30 - Summer Fair [12.30-3.30pm]

### July

12 - Open Evening

19 - School Olympics

[Sports Day!]

25 - School Year Ends

Well, that's the end of another term at Sharmans Cross Junior School! And what a fantastic way to end it! I have just been speaking to the Parent Teacher Association and after an extremely successful Christmas Fair, we have taken over £2600!!!

It was an amazing effort by those parents and teachers at the heart of the organisation and by those who added their support on the day. My many thanks to the hundreds of people who came to the fair on the evening to support us. I have never seen so many people at a school event like this. There were queues everywhere you looked!

Given this extremely busy time of year and the current climate the efforts of everyone involved was incredible and will help the school tremendously. Thank you!!

I was also privileged to attend the Y3 production, Snow Robin, at the Shirley Methodist Church last week. The production was a culmination of a project on birds and included a lot of the learning in a heart warming story of love, friendship and charity ideal for the festive season.

The performances of the children were incredible and made me feel extremely proud to be involved with them. The children sang, acted, delivered lines and danced with great joy, enthusiasm and confidence. One parent leaving the performance commenting that it was incredible how good teachers can inspire children. It capped off for me what has been another successful transition period for the children beginning their careers at Sharmans Cross.

In Mrs Martin's expected absence next term, we have appointed Mrs Wilson to the position of Acting Assistant Head, responsible for assessment, and Miss Boon as acting Literacy Lead. Along with Mrs Ferguson, who will be Acting Deputy Head, I know that they will do a fantastic job in Mrs Martin's absence, as would any of the other staff who applied for the positions. It is comforting to know the quality of leadership that we have at all levels in the school.

We would also like to congratulate Mrs Ashby and her husband on the news of her pregnancy.

It is only right that in this last newsletter of the year I thank the staff for their hard work and efforts this year. It has not always been an easy one, but the continuing dedication of the staff and their commitment to the greater good is exemplary. To paraphrase my message in the Christmas Fair programme, we are not unrelated atoms, bouncing and ricocheting amid aliens, but are a part of something, which holds and sustains us. As we struggle with the stresses and strains of our daily lives, it is good to be reminded that there are people in our lives who are worth this stress, and people to whom we are worth the same.  
Have a very happy Christmas!

Mark

## Academic Year 2012-2013

Autumn Term 2012



Term Starts Monday 3rd September 2012  
Half Term Monday 29th October 2012- Friday 2nd November 2012  
Term Ends Wednesday 19th December 2012

Spring Term 2013



Term Starts Thursday 3rd January 2013  
Half Term Monday 18th February 2013- Friday 22nd February 2013  
Term Ends Wednesday 27th March 2013

Summer Term 2013



Term Starts Monday 15th April 2013  
Half Term Monday 27th May 2013- Friday 31st May 2013  
Term Ends Wednesday 24th July 2013

**3 September 2012      Inset day to be confirmed**

**3 January 2013 Inset day to be confirmed**

## Christmas Fair - Jewellery Stall

Many thanks to all those pupils, parents and friends, who visited our Year 3 Jewellery Stall, at the Christmas Fair. We are really proud to announce that as a result of the successful designing, making and selling of our products, we will be able to present our chosen charity, the RSPB with a cheque for £350 in the New Year.



A special thank you, for their sponsorship, to Brian at the Bead & Button Bazaar, Monster Skips Ltd and Cinnamon Aitch Greetings Cards, as well as to those parents who were able to help us out in lessons. All of your support has been much appreciated. Thank you.

From all Year 3 Children and Mrs Gale

## Good Impressions!

Enthusiasm, happiness and excitement shone through the public's faces as they watched Sharmans Cross Junior School's Choir perform; it is run by the fabulous Mrs Long and Miss Stokes. I, Daniel Bridges had the wonderful opportunity to be a creative director along with the teachers. Within this time, the choir has practiced and practiced throughout this term every Thursday after school along with extra rehearsals at lunchtimes! We all then attended 3 performances: we took part at the Shirley Methodist Church Christmas Concert, Touchwood and the school Christmas Fair. Please go to Touchwood's website and vote for Sharmans Cross choir, as the school with most votes will win £1000!

Thanks you very much.

Daniel Bridges 6EH



## Spanish Words of the Week - Season's Greetings

i Feliz Navidad ! (Merry Christmas)

i Feliz Año Nuevo ! (Happy New Year)

