



## Dates for your diary:

### January

19 - Parents' Forum [7-9]  
20 - School Bank  
23 - Maths Week  
24 - Maths Workshop [7-9]  
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

It's that time of year when we look at our lives and resolutions are set. This is also true about school. The staff and governors spent time together on the 4<sup>th</sup> January reflecting these very things in order to come up with some ideas for how we can improve the school, making it a better, more efficient place for all of us within our community.

As ever, we would value your thoughts and comments and to this end we are having our termly Parents' Forum meeting next week to discuss how we could improve our service to you and your children, making life at Sharmans even better. The meeting will be in the hall from 7pm. For those not able to make the discussion, there is a letter of invite on the Parents' Pages that you can complete and return offering your suggestions for inclusion in the discussion.

Some parents have already completed our online questionnaire on this subject, but we would invite you all to visit the Ofsted online questionnaire to make your views known about the school. This is a new way of Ofsted gathering parental views and will constantly be open regardless of inspection. This can be found at <http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>.

I have been talking to children in the last week about chaos theory and the domino effect. In particular I have been asking them to consider their actions and more importantly the impact of those actions on other people. These discussions are going to form the basis for some internal resolutions, especially the care and attention given to public areas of the school and how everyone can have a positive effect on how the school looks, a bit like my conversations with my children about their bedrooms!!!

In a similar vein, can I again thank those parents who take the time to consider their actions when parking upon our neighbours. This is not always easy, but ensuring that their lives are not hindered by unthinking, careless drivers helps the community to work together. I have been particularly disappointed by one or two parents parking across the drive of the residents opposite the vehicle gates, especially as they are elderly and may need access or egress urgently.

Finally, I was extremely pleased to show Cllr Joe Tildesley around school this week. He was impressed by the feel of the school and the work going on. I thank him for his positive comments.

Have a good weekend!

Mark

## Help Save our Libraries!



Solihull Council is asking people living and working in Solihull what they need from local library services. The consultation asks people to share what they think of library services in the borough now as well looking ahead to what they would like to use libraries for, when they want to use them and how they want to use them.

People who currently don't use their local library are also being asked to take part and the overall results of the consultation will be used to review how library services are provided.

A survey specifically for younger children will also be available in our libraries from mid January.

The survey is available online at: [www.solihull.gov.uk/consultation](http://www.solihull.gov.uk/consultation)

## Spanish Words of the Week - Maths Game

In preparation for Maths week, use the link below to practice counting forwards and backwards (yr3, 1-20; yr4 10-30; yr5 20-50; yr6 30-60).

Next week, we will be playing the following game around school.

1. Greet people with Buenos dias or Buenas tardes.
2. Wait for the person to greet you back.
3. Say 5 consecutive numbers in Spanish.
4. The other person must reply saying the same numbers backwards!

<http://www.donquijote.org/spanishlanguage/numbers/numbers1.asp>



## School Bank



Just a reminder that the school bank, supported by HSBC, is currently running in school. Children have the opportunity to come to the school library between 8.30 am and 8.50 am on a Friday morning to deposit or withdraw money from their account.

The next school bank is on 20 January.

## After School Clubs Spring Term

These are some of the clubs we will be running this term - more details to follow:

Monday	3.30 - 4.45 pm	Year 5	Netball Club
Tuesday	3.30 - 4.30 pm	Year 5/6	Cricket Coaching
	3.30 - 4.45 pm	Year 3	Cookery Club
	3.30 - 4.45 pm	Year 6	Netball Club
Thursday	3.30 - 4.30 pm	All	Italian Club

