



Friday 16th January 2015

Spring Term; Issue 2

Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

Dates for your diary:

2015

January

- 21st - School Council
- 23rd - School Bank
- 28th - School Council
- 30th - School Bank

February

- 4th - School Council
- 5th - Parents Forum
- 6th - School Bank
- 6th - Coffee Morning
- 10th - Safer Internet Day
- 11th - School Council
- 12th - PTA Disco
- 13th - School Bank
- 16th - 20th Half Term

March

- 4th School Council
- 6th - Coffee Morning
- 11th - 13th YORK
- 13th - Comic Relief
- 16th - Y4 Performance
- 17th - Y4 Performance
- 18th - School Council
- 23rd - 27th Y5 Bikeability
- 26th - Parents Evening
- 27th - TERM ENDS!!



**SCHOOL NURSE TEAM CONTACT
NUMBER =**
0121 746 4550 or
0121 746 4435

Dear Parents,

Another week has flown by! Year 5 pupils have enjoyed a super visit to the National Space Centre in Leicester and came back full of interesting information about the wonderful planetarium! Adam Hobbs, Poppy Hazzard and Lujain Benatia had the following to say:

'Some of the fascinating things we saw was an amazing 42m high rocket, a piece of rock from the moon and a microphone through which the Earth Station communicated with astronauts in space.'

'One of the best parts of our exciting day was a large dome called 'The Planetarium'. We were shown a video called 'Astronaut' which showed us how astronauts were medically affected and how they trained deep under water in space suits to get used to the limited amount of gravitational support. Also they trained in zero gravity. In order to simulate these conditions, they set a plane to drop rapidly. This helped them when they had to re-enter the Earth's atmosphere. The show was very intriguing, as it made us feel as if we were spinning around at 10mph!

'Despite the fact that the centre was a long way away, it was worth it as we learnt loads that will help us in the near future and it was definitely a valuable experience. We had a great time!'

I am delighted to inform you that we now have a defibrillator in school. On Monday, the administration staff and support staff were trained to use it.

Many, many thanks to Mrs Hawkes, Halle, Liliana and Cara.

From today, the main front gate will lock at 9:05 and not 9:15. This is to ensure the safety of all staff and pupils in school. Please could I ask that if you are late bringing your child into school for whatever reason, that you come into reception and let staff know the reason for the late in order for it to be recorded? Thank you for your cooperation with this.

You may well have heard from your child that a furry friend has been sighted in the library! I would like to reassure you that Mr Reich has contacted the relevant organisation and this matter is currently being dealt with. Also, our furry friend was indeed a mouse and not a rat as some children have reported to parents!

Please could I request if you do need to contact a teacher by e-mail, that you send all electronic correspondence via the office account at office@sharmans-cross.solihull.sch.uk. All staff addresses have now been removed from the website however, office staff will ensure your query is dealt with as soon as possible. Thank you again for your cooperation with this.

Best wishes for an enjoyable weekend.

Miss Wilkes

Value for the week beginning 19th January 2015

Value of the week is Awe and Wonder

SC KIDS CLUB

Please note we have limited spaces on the following days week commencing 19th January.

AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Wednesday and Thursday

Many Thanks

SC Kids

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**CROSSING PATROL**

Solihull MBC Crossing Patrol Service have asked us to remind ALL parents not to stop on the crossing/zigzag area to drop their children off or to park on double yellow lines. Inconsiderate drivers who do this are putting our children at risk.

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SPARE CLOTHES/BAD WEATHER

If your child is prone to accidents, it would greatly help the office staff if you could send in a spare pair of named old track suit bottoms. Your child can keep them with their p.e. kit so that they have something to change into should they fall and get muddy.

Thank you!

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**ESAFETY - YOU TUBE**

It has come to our attention that several children in our school have youtube accounts and are uploading videos of themselves. Please be aware that YouTube is technically only for teens 13 and up, and what the site considers age-appropriate may not match your values. In order to keep your child safe online, if your child does have an account, please ensure their account is private through their privacy settings so that there is restricted access to their clips and their personal information. Class teachers have also spoken to their class about this and discussed with them how to stay safe online.

Miss Boon

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CALLING ALL GREEN FINGERED ADULTS!

We need you!

As Mrs Stewart left us at Christmas, we are left with a void, not only in Sharmans Cross, but in our Gardening Club!

We would like someone who preferably knows a little about gardening however enthusiasm is more important! You will work along side other members of staff and our 12 brand new gardening reps, to oversee the smooth running of the garden area. All classes will have their own areas so it will just be making sure that the beds are weed free; the plants are watered; cuttings are snipped and seeds are cared for.

Please contact Mrs Snowden if you are interested! s45qcarter@sharmans-cross.solihull.sch.uk

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**SCHOOL MEALS**

Parents wishing to top up their School Meal account on Parent Pay for the New School Term the costs will be:-

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| Half Term 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 15 - 13 <sup>th</sup> Feb 15   | £55.10  |
| Full Term 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 15 - 27 <sup>th</sup> March 15 | £102.60 |

Please Note: School Meal accounts **MUST** be kept in **CREDIT**. Any account which has an outstanding debt will be passed to Solihull Council for collection.

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