



Dates for your diary:

September

- 27 - Open Day [1-3]
- 29 - Parents' Forum
[Communication] - 7-9
- 30 - School Bank

October

- 5 - Open Day [9.30-11 /
4-6]
- 7 - Coffee Morning
School Bank
- 13 - Open Day [4-6]
- 18 - Assessment
Workshop [7-9]
- 20 - Bright Sparks Disco
- 21 - School Bank
- 24 - 28 Half Term Break

November

- 2 - PTA Meeting 7.30pm
- 4 - Coffee Morning
- 14 - Anti-Bullying Week
- 14 - Y5 Performance [7-
8.30pm]
- 15 - Y5 Performance [7-
8.30pm]
- 17 - Parents' Evening [4-
8]
- 25 - Non-uniform Day

December

- 2 - Coffee Morning
- 8 - Y3 Performance
[Shirley Methodist
Church, 7-8.30pm]
- 9 - Christmas Fair
- 15 - Christmas Parties
- 16 - Term Ends

January

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

INSET DAYS

- 23 April - TBC
- 3 May - TBC

Thought for the week

Who is my neighbour?

I attended the memorial service for Brian Curran, Head Teacher of St Alphege Junior School last night. Brian had been the Head for 30 years and was due to retire last year when he had a serious stroke. After a long illness, he sadly passed away this August.

Whilst I didn't know Brian that well, I felt it right to represent the school at the church to mark the longstanding service and dedication of a fellow professional. I am extremely glad that I did.

The church was full of family, friends, pupils, ex-pupils, colleagues and council representatives, including Mark Rogers the Chief Executive. It was a true mark of the man that so many people wished to say a fond farewell. There was even an email from former Radio 1 DJ, Simon Mayo, whom Brian had taught 40 years ago.

During the service, people spoke fondly about Brian's passion for education, his commitment to ensuring that all children reached their fullest potential, whatever that was and in whichever field of expertise and the inspiration that he gave to his pupils to be whatever they wanted through hard work, commitment and self-belief.

As I listened to people speaking about this man that I was acquainted with, but unfortunately never got to know, I found myself associating more and more with the ideals that we aspire to here at Sharmans Cross. I know that in the short term the hard work, commitment and passion to these ideals that we are currently putting in are having a significant impact upon children's lives and I can only hope that they will have the same impact as Brian's had at St Alphege over a longer period of time.

On a different note, I have noticed more and more children coming to school on motorized scooters. Whilst having to admit to being slightly jealous of these cool new methods of transportation, I also have to confess to having a slight concern over their safety.

These scooters, I was reliably informed, can go up to 10 miles an hour. This obviously would have a serious consequence should someone have an accident on one of these scooters. Therefore could I ask that any child riding one of these vehicles please wear a helmet. The link below will take you to a site looking at some of the key facts about cycle injuries and helmet facts. Please take a look and encourage your child to stay safe.

<http://www.headway.org.uk/facts.aspx>

I am also being made aware that some of our children are crossing Danford / Prospect Lanes at the roundabout rather than at the pedestrian crossing points. I have spoken to children in assembly and would encourage parents to do the same, especially as we are beginning to approach those darker mornings and nights. This is also why we encourage parents to park considerately around the school.

Have a safe weekend!

Mark



Clubs

We are pleased to announce the following clubs for this year. More details of these will appear in club specific letters as the clubs commence.

Club	Lead	Year	Day [Time]	Start
Italian Club	Miss Helm	All	Thursdays [3.30]	3 November
Choir	Mrs Long	All	Thursdays [3.30]	6 October
Performing Arts	Miss Boon	4 / 5	Tuesdays [3.30]	11 October
Netball	Miss Carter / Miss Stokes	6	Tuesdays [3.30]	27 September
Netball	Miss Hoare	5	Mondays [3.30]	26 September
Rounders	Mrs Williams	6	Tuesday [12.00]	Summer
Sculpture	Mr Hyde	5 / 6	TBC	Spring
Mini-Zumba	Miss Martinez		Wednesdays [3.30]	Spring
Golf	Miss Hoare	3	Tuesdays [3.30]	4 October
Athletics	Miss Hoare	5/6	Thursdays [3.30]	Summer
Cross-Country	Miss Hoare	5/6	Tuesdays [12.00]	27 September
Design and Making	Mrs Gale	3	Tuesdays [12.15]	1 November
Film Club	Mrs Wilson	5 / 6	Thursdays [3.30]	13 October
Chess Club	Mr Bennison	All	Thursday [12-12.30]	3 November
Football	Mr Bennison / Miss Hoare / Mr Reich	5/6	Thursdays [3.30]	22 September
Photography	Mr Pratt	All	Fridays [3.30]	23 September
Drama	Mr Pratt	All	Thursdays [3.30]	Summer
Cookery	Mrs Morgan / Mrs Ashby / Mrs Ferguson / Miss Jeffries	3	Tuesdays [3.30]	1 November
Street Dance	Mrs Martin	All	Fridays [3.30]	16 September
Soccer Start	Miss Hoare	All	Wednesdays [3.30]	28 September
French	Mr Pratt	All	Fridays [3.30]	23 September

PTA

It was fantastic to have such a good turnout on Wednesday night. We came away feeling very positive as there was so much positive energy in the room!

The PTA events agreed for the Autumn Term are:

1. Bright Sparks disco on 20th October
2. 'Bag to School' day after half term
3. Non-uniform day on 25th November
4. Christmas Fayre on 9th December

The next PTA meeting will be on Wednesday 2nd November at 7.30 in the staff room. This will be to organise the Christmas Fayre. All welcome!

Spanish Words of the Week

We are asking everyone this year to incorporate more Spanish into their day to day lives. Next week we would ask everyone to greet each other in Spanish.

Que tal? - How are you?

Bien - Good

No muy bien - not very well

Como esta? - How are you?

Muy bien - Very good

Fatal! - terrible

Fenonimal - Fantastic!

