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Dates for your diary:

<u>2014</u>

September 23 - Y4 Info Evening 24 - Y5 class to Woodgate Valley Country Park 24 - Y5 Info Eve (6.00pm) 24 - Y6 Info Eve (7.00pm) 25 - Y5 class to Woodgate Valley Country Park 26 - School Bank open 26 - PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning 29/30/1/2/3 - Y6 at Redridge 30 - 3ZJ Lego Workshop 30 - School Council Meeting October 29/30/1/2/3 - Y6 at Redridge 1 - Y5 class to Woodgate Valley Country Park 1 - School Council Mtg 2 - PTA Welcome Mtg and AGM 3 - Coffee Morning 6 - Open Day 8 - School Photographs 9 - School Photographs 9 - Parents Forum 10 - School Bank Open 15 - School Council Mtg 16 - Open Day 17 - School Bank open 20 - Dance Assembly 20 - Y5 Parents York Meeting 20-24 - One World Week 21 - Y6 Professor McGinty 22 - Open Day 24 - School Bank open 24 - PTA Bonfire Extravaganza 27 - 31 Half Term November 3 - 3EP Lego Workshop 5 - Y6 Family Workshop 5 - School Council Meeting 6 - Y6 Family Workshop 7 - School Bank open 7 - Coffee Morning 7 - Y6 Family Workshop 12 - School Council Meeting 13 - Y6 at Skills Show 14 - School Bank open 17 - 21 - Anti Bullying Week 17 - Y5 Performance TBC 18 - Y5 Performance TBC 19 - School Council Meeting 20 - Parent Partnership 21 - School Bank open 21 - Y6 Black Country Museum 26 - School Council Meeting 27 - Parents Evening

As some of you may be aware, the way in which we assess children is changing nationally. Schools are moving away from assessing using levels and will be assessing all areas of the curriculum using their own assessment systems ensuring that:

- Assessment is at the heart of teaching and learning
- Assessment is fair
- Assessment is honest
- Assessment is ambitious
- Assessment is appropriate
- Assessment is consistent
- Assessment outcomes provide meaningful and understandable information for pupils, parents, teachers and school leaders
- Feedback should inspire greater effort and a belief that, through hard work and practise, more can be achieved.

During this time of change we would like to get together a working party of parents and governors to keep them updated about the most current documentation and decide the best way to inform parents of these changes. We are looking to put together a small working party of ideally 8 parents (2 representatives per year group) to meet every few weeks with the first meeting being held on Friday 17th October at 2 o'clock. If you think this is something you'd be interested in getting involved with please contact the school office to express an interest.

Hope you all have a great weekend!

Jane Ferguson

In other news, congratulations to our new House Captains and Vice Captains! We know that they will do a fantastic job!

Arden House Captains

Molly Herron Logan Robertson <u>Blythe House Captains</u> Mia Eatherington Joe Tootell <u>Danford House Captains</u> Lauren Adams Adam Courtney <u>Ulverley House Captains</u> Ellen Colleran Joe McInnes Arden Vice Captains Freya Mistry Benny Drury Blythe Vice Captains Molly Fleetwood Kishan Sambhi Danford Vice Captains Frankie Floyd Greg Hill Ulverley Vice Captains Rebecca Robinson Andrew Marshall

<u>SC Kids – Week Commencing Monday 22nd September 2014</u>

We are delighted with the number of children using our before and after school club and hope they are all enjoying their time with us.

Due to high demand we are fully booked on the following days next week and therefore cannot accept any further bookings. Please note that we

are currently recruiting staff for SC Kids which will hopefully allow us to increase our numbers.

SC Kids Breakfast Club Monday - FULL Tuesday - FULL Wednesday - FULL Thursday - FULL SC Kids After School Club Monday - FULL

Wednesday - FULL

Many thanks for your co-operation.

Homework Club

Mrs Whitcombe has now started Homework Club again which runs on Monday and Tuesday every week from 12.15pm - 1.00pm. The club is open to all pupils and is based in 3EP.

Sharmans PTA

The Bupa Great Birmingham Run 2014 takes place on Sunday 19 October 2014 and we are lucky to have a runner raising funds for the Sharmans PTA, a registered charity. Andy Dellbridge, who lives almost opposite the school and will have his two boys at Sharmans Cross from Streetsbrook in the next few years has agreed to don his vest and running shoes to try and raise £1500 for the PTA to be able to pay for projects or equipment for the school. We need your support please.

You can find Andy's fund-raising page on MyDonate located at: <u>https://mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/andydellbridge</u>.

Any sponsorship of Andy would be appreciated, no matter how big or small, every pound counts. Please pass the message on to family and friends to help



get involved in supporting the PTA. The PTA is now registered for Gift Aid so tax relief will be eligible for any sponsors who are UK income tax payers and this can be pledged through MyDonate when giving sponsorship.

Fancy running to raise funds yourself? If not, do you want to raise sponsorship money for the PTA by doing something else? If so, <u>brilliant</u>, please just go into the MyDonate site through the Sharmans Cross PTA page at

https://mydonate.bt.com/charities/sharmanscrosspta, set yourself up through a few simple steps and away you go!

We will give regular updates on all fund-raising progress.

Thank you for your support and helping make a difference for our children. The PTA.