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Dates for your diary:

October

- 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
Cake Sale 5TB
- 10 - Parents Forum [7-9]
- 11 - Cake Sale 4CH
- 14 - Anti-Bullying Week
- 14 - Y5 Performance [7-8.30pm]
- 15 - Y5 Performance [7-8.30pm]
- 17 - Parents' Evening [4-8]
- 18 - Cake Sale 3RM
- 25 - Non-uniform Day
Cake Sale 5NB

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

Are you a different person by the end of the day?

Next week, Mrs Martin will be leading an assessment workshop for parents. This will explain the levelling and assessment arrangements that we have in school for tracking our children's progress in detail, helping us to raise standards across the school.

This process begins with a detailed list of features that outline the requirements for each level of attainment in reading, writing, maths and science. These describe the sorts of things that a child needs to do in order to move from one level to the next. They also help us to decide how comfortably the child is working within that level.

Careful marking, skilful teaching and discussions with the child give the teacher the information and evidence that they need to check off these features and give the child an accurate level that we can track. These are looked at each term by the Year Group and Leadership teams together and compared to the milestones that we set each child based upon where they came to us from their infant schools. In these meetings we are able to identify the children who are exceeding, meeting or falling behind in their targets. Careful consideration is then given to next steps for the child and programmes put into place.

This information will then be shared with you at the next parents' evening which usually takes place within a week of these discussions. Although should you have any concerns or queries in between parent's evenings please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Progress is then monitored by a number of people across the school and followed up at future termly meetings between teachers and leaders.

For more detail and examples of this process in action and the opportunity to talk about it with us, please come along to the assessment workshop next Tuesday at 7pm.

On a separate note, my many, many thanks to those Y6 children who have made such a magnificent impression on prospective parents coming to look at the school in action as they decide which junior school to send their child to next September. Comments such as,

*Lovely tour. Children very informative, polite and pleasant.
Very good school. Impressed.*

were the common responses to the events. Needless to say, we are extremely proud of them!

Have a good weekend!
Mark



SPANISH WORDS OF THE WEEK

Adiós (good bye), hasta mañana (see you tomorrow), buen fin de semana (have a good weekend).

Keep using Buenos dias (good morning) and buenas tardes (good afternoon) with the appropriate title señor (Mr), señora (Mrs) and señorita (Miss).



Secondary School Application Reminder

There are now only a couple of weeks to go before the closing date for secondary transfer applications. Parents are required to complete the application online if at all possible. We have been asked to send out this reminder by the School Admissions Team and Solihull Council as there are still a large number of parents who have not yet applied. If an application is received late it will seriously reduce the chances of getting a place at your preferred school. It would greatly assist the School Admissions Team if you could give this matter your urgent attention.



School Photographs

Monday 17 October is the last day for returning school photograph orders and money to the school office. Mr Burn, School Photographer will be collecting the order from school on that day.



Netball Match Report

On Tuesday 11 October our Year 5 netball team played their first match against St. Patrick's C.E. School, Earlswood. I was exceptionally pleased with how well all the girls played.

Throughout the course of the game the marking improved enormously, there were some great passes and excellent shooting. The final score was 7 - 3 to

St Patrick's. However, this was a commendable result as we had only had 2 practices prior to the game and were competing against St. Patrick's Year 6 team who had been playing together since Year 5. Everybody played with a super attitude and never gave up and all the girls had great fun! The umpire from St Patrick's commented on what a good game it had been. My many thanks to those parents who helped transport the team and stayed to support. The team consisted of Sarah Plows (captain), Anna White, Bobby Cook, Emma Stringer, Hannah Jarman, Elizabeth Pomfret and Rhianna Robertson. Emily Hoare



School Nurse Suggests

Just a reminder to those parents whose children have any medication in school, for example epi pens, piriton, or asthma inhalers, please come into school and check the expiry dates on the particular medication and replace as necessary. Any medication kept in school should be in the original container, clearly labelled for your child. If your child has a spacer device for use with an inhaler it is a good idea to take it home periodically to wash it to ensure it is working efficiently. Further advice can be given by your school nurse who can be contacted in the usual way.



Travel Back in Time - An educational poetry competition from Young Writers for 2011 - 2012 combining literacy and poetry.

The rules - Write a poem; 30 lines long; Any style; hand written or typed; Only one poem per person; All your own work; **Hand in to Miss Jefferies by 24 October BEFORE lunchtime!**

The Prizes - Over £1,000 in book tokens to be won; A Certificate of Merit for every successful pupil and every entrant will receive a bookmark.

An opportunity to win over £1,000 for school!