



# Sharmans Cross Junior School

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## Dates for your diary:

2014

February

17 - Half Term

24 - Y6 Parents' Grooming Workshop

26 - Safer Internet Day

March

5 - Ash Wednesday

7 - Coffee Morning

12 - Y5 York

12 - Holi

19 - Purim

27 - Parents' Evening

31 - Y5 Bikeability Training  
(31<sup>st</sup> March - 4<sup>th</sup> April)

31 - Y4 Production

April

1 - Y4 Production

2 - Yugadi

4 - Coffee Morning

9 - Easter

14 - Easter break

28 - INSET - Curriculum / Vision

30 - Passover

May

2 - Coffee Morning

2 - Curriculum Overviews out

2 - Targets negotiated / shared / displayed

7 - Cinco de Mayo

8 - Parents' Forum

12 - SATS Week

15 - Ascension

15 - Disco

19 - Enrichment Week

26 - Half Term

June

6 - Coffee Morning

25 - Ramadan

26 - New Intake Evening

July

4 - Summer Fair

9 - Open Evening

21 - INSET

22 - Summer

What a fantastic Maths Week we've had! Although I haven't seen the official numbers yet, it certainly feels like we've had a record number of parents and grandparents joining us in classes to work alongside the staff and children. Everyone I've seen or spoken to appears to have had a great time and found the approaches very useful!

Obviously, the whole purpose of Maths Week is to inspire the children and raise the profile of the subject. For me, what has been the biggest message is seeing maths in a real life, day to day context. This of course helps the children to see the purpose of studying and doing well, as they see its benefits in their daily and future lives. For example, in my assembly on Wednesday, *Maths, Why bother?*, we talked about the importance of reading a scale when driving to help with speed, fuel consumption and maintenance of the car.

So what other things can we do to help children develop a mathematical view on the world, helping them to become increasingly better mathematicians? One school of thought is a daily dose of four critical elements, thinking about numbers, big and small, estimation, measurement and bonds. If we can talk to children about these elements within their daily lives, for example, *How long do you think it will take to get there?*; *How many peas do you think are on your plate?*; *How heavy is that cake?* [*Food often works for me!*], then the greater understanding they will get and the better they will become.

That is why the challenge of having to spend £1 000 000 was such a good one. Not only did it ask children to think about their own lives, wishes and desires in a mathematical way, it also posed the question around a really big number, one that if I'm truly honest I'm not sure that I fully understand, other than via the school budget!

We have had some fascinating responses to the challenge! These include, adopting a penguin, going on a shopping spree, building a Death Star [*my personal favourite!*], taking care of my family, hiring a robot servant and buying a Ferrari. A really interesting mix of altruism and capitalism!

What would you do with £1 000 000?

A big, big thank you to Miss Jefferies for organizing such a cracking week!

Although this week was the official Safer Internet Day, we will be focusing on this on Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February because of Maths Week. Y6 parents are invited to come to a workshop on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> to consider the materials we will be using with their children on the 26<sup>th</sup> regarding online safety and grooming.

Have a great half term!

Mark

## **Quiz Night Friday 7 March 7.30 for 8.00 pm start**

£7.00 per head to include a fish and chip supper

Teams of 6 - 8

Bring your own drink (and glasses)

Why not come and pit your wits against the Quizmaster over eight rounds

Please return slip with food options by 28 February

*Please note - this is an Adults only event*

## **Year 6 Parents**

The Year 6 Grooming Parents Workshop will now be held on Monday 24 February at 7.00 pm.

## **Year 3 and 4 Football Tournament - Lode Heath School - 13th March.**

Thank you so much for the fantastic response to our first ever Y3 and 4 Football Tournament! I have been so impressed with how many children have wanted to take part and I will be looking out for more opportunities throughout the year. As we can only take a limited number of teams, the first 30 children have been selected and they have received their letters today. If this is not your child, we hope that they will continue to be involved in sport at Sharman's! Well done to those who have been successful! I am sure that you will be as proud as we are that you are representing our school!

Mrs Snowden.

## **Parent Partnership meeting**

A big thank you to those parents who attended our Spring Parent Partnership meeting. As always, it was very valuable and positive and we really appreciate your input.

Discussions that came out of the meeting.

1. Descriptions of each coffee morning to be put onto the newsletter each week so that parents are aware of up and coming events.
2. Transition in Y6. There will be a review of our Y6 transition. More details to follow.
3. Home School Diary. The new plan will be put into place during the summer term.
4. The new parking restrictions. A walking bus meeting will take place during the summer term. More details to follow.
5. Paperless communication. The office are looking into the different options for our school.

We hope to see many more of you at our Summer meeting!

Mrs Snowden.

## **Lost Property**

Please note that all lost property will be recycled if it is not claimed during the first week back after half term.

Thank you

## **SC Kids February Holiday Activities**

### **New Sessions now Available!**

Tuesday Tag Rugby 1.30 - 2.30

Thursday Multi Sports 1.30 - 2.30

Friday Bouncy Castle (1 hour sessions between 10.00 and 2.00)

£5 for a 1 hour session

Booking by email before 13 February or on the day through S C Kids