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# Sharmans Cross Junior School

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## Dates for your diary:

### October

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

- Cake Sale 3RA

8 - Y3 Performance

[Shirley Methodist Church, 7-8.30pm]

9 - Christmas Fair

- Cake Sale 5HS

15 - Christmas Parties

16 - Cake Sale 4RL  
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

*If a tree falls in a  
deserted wood, does it  
make a sound?*

I am pleased to announce that we, along with other schools, will be working with Solihull MBC to install a cashless payment system in November. The new system will allow us to enhance the provision of the schools meals service, and will provide you with a more efficient, faster and ultimately better quality of service.

This is a more convenient way to pay for school meals, trips, after school clubs and much more online or by cash at the PayPoint network at local convenience stores. Those of you with children at Tudor Grange will already be using this system.

ParentPay offers you the freedom to make online payments whenever and wherever you like, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week - safe in the knowledge that the technology used is of the highest internet security available.

You will be receiving details of your secure online account, activated by using a unique username and password shortly. Making a payment with credit or debit card is also straightforward and ParentPay holds an electronic record of your payments for you to view at a later date.

In addition to payments, ParentPay also offers an integrated email and SMS service, ensuring that you never need miss a payment and helping to keep your child's account in credit.

I am sure that ParentPay will help us to further support teaching and learning by eliminating the administration pressures of income collection in the classroom whilst also helping to further school-home communication. We will of course be sending out more details following the half term break.

My many thanks for the terrific parental support this week at both the Assessment Workshop and the Bright Sparks' Discos. The responses to the information given about our assessment and tracking systems was extremely positive and we are glad that you found it both useful and reassuring. The information is now on the school website.

As ever, the time given by all parents involved in organising and managing the school disco is very much appreciated, enabling us to do work above and beyond that which the school budget allows.

Have a safe and enjoyable half term!  
Mark



### SPANISH WORDS OF THE WEEK

¿Qué tal tu semana? (How was your week?) Fenomenal (fantastic). Muy bien (very good). Bien (good).  
Keep using Buenos dias (good morning) and buenas tardes (good afternoon) with the appropriate title señor (Mr), señora (Mrs) and señorita (Miss).



### Well done Children!

"Today I covered the school crossing patrol at Sharmans Cross Road adjacent to the school. Please can I say what a pleasure it was to cross such lovely children across the road. Every child had a smile and every single child said thank you. So often we hear negative feedback about children and I just wanted to pass my thanks onto the children and say what a pleasure it was to carry out the patrol."  
Lorraine Doran Senior Road Safety Officer



### Message from Solihull Arden Club

#### COME AND PLAY SQUASH WITH YOUR FRIENDS THIS HALF TERM

Every Day Monday - Friday 1 - 3 pm Cost £2 (Junior Members £1)  
Phone John on 744 8832 to confirm your first session



### Soccer Start 3.30 - 4.45 pm

A new session of Soccer Start will begin after half term and run from Wednesday 2 November to Wednesday 7 December. For more information and a booking form please collect a form from the folder outside Miss Hoare's classroom.



### A message from Solihull Police about Halloween and Bonfire Night

Superintendent David Walker has asked schools to pass on the following message to parents and children:

'Halloween and Bonfire night are supposed to be fun and for the majority of people they are. However, on occasions the actions of a few people have gone beyond acceptable levels and caused people to suffer criminal damage, alarm and distress. Halloween and Bonfire night are not an excuse for anyone to roam the streets harassing people or motorists; such actions could be considered public disorder and offenders may be arrested.

I would ask for people to act responsibly and sensibly so as not to cause alarm or distress to members of the community and for everybody to have a safe and enjoyable time.'

He has also asked that parents discourage their children from 'Trick or Treating' without appropriate adult supervision.

Have a fun but safe Halloween and Bonfire Night!



### Medication in School

In the interests of safety, children should bring no medication, including cough or throat 'sweets', into school without the express consent of an adult. In the case of these lozenge style 'sweets', this should be sought verbally by the parent from the class teacher. Parents should also have a conversation with the child about these lozenges not being shared in any way with other children. Where these appear in school without consent, teachers will confiscate them and ask to speak to parents.

For all other medicines, the consent form available via the website must be completed and discussed with the school office.

