



Dates for your diary:

November

- 10 - Parents Forum [7-9]
- 11 - School Bank
- 11 - Cake Sale 4CH
- 11 - School Nurse Drop in
8.30 am - 10 am
- 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

Will the planet weigh less when all of the oil is used up?

Welcome back!! I hope that you all had an enjoyable half term!

This half term has lots going on, including several 'charity' events. As a school, we have always been committed to supporting good causes, showing the children the importance of helping those less fortunate than ourselves and those in need.

As part of this commitment we will in the next few weeks be supporting Children in Need on the 18th November and the Joseph Foote Trust, a local charity in honour of a boy who died from a brain tumour, through our weekly cake sales. In addition to these, we have our own Christmas Fayre and a plea from Y5 children who want to raise awareness of water conservation as part of their lessons.

For Children in Need, we have decided to go with the official tagline of *Show your spots and raise lots*. We are encouraging everyone to get involved by turning up to school in spots on that day. Children can then make a donation to the communal pot. As always we do not ask for a specific amount, but ask everyone to consider what donation they feel appropriate. Some children may merely wish to turn up in spots but make no donation at all.

On November 25th we are having another non-uniform day, this time with no theme. On this occasion the PTA ask for donations in support of the Christmas Fayre, normally bottles, cakes, chocolates, etc. More details of this will follow shortly.

Our final non-uniform day of the term will be *Blue Day*. As part of the work going on in Y5, the children have been considering environmental issues. They would like to raise awareness about water conservation and shortage. They have asked for children to come to school in blue, making a donation to the WaterAid charity. Again, as with the Children in Need appeal, this would be purely voluntary according to people's own choices and feelings. This is planned for the 9th December.

Whilst I fully appreciate the amount of requests in a short period of time, I would certainly wish to reiterate our policy that charity is a very personal thing. We would merely want to provide the opportunity to support charities and raise awareness for the need to do so. All donations after that are entirely discretionary. Children who want to dress up to take part but do not wish to donate are still supporting the charity through raising awareness of the need.

Have a good weekend!
Mark



SPANISH WORDS OF THE WEEK

This week we are promoting good manners!

Por favor (please), gracias (thank you), you're welcome (de nada), excuse me (permiso, disculpe).



REMINDERS

School Nurse: The next drop in session for the school nurse will be on Friday 11 November between 8.30 and 10 o'clock. If you have any concerns about your child do feel free to pop in and have a chat with her.

School Bank: The next school bank will be on Friday 11 November



Morrison's Gardening Vouchers

Please check your pockets and purses and bring your Gardening Vouchers in to school. This offer has now finished and we will shortly be sending off our order. Many thanks



Soccer Start 3.30 - 4.45 pm

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 Bonfire Night

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

'Bonfire night is supposed to be fun and for the majority of people it is. However, on occasions the actions of a few people have gone beyond acceptable levels and caused people to suffer criminal damage, alarm and distress. Bonfire night is 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.'

We would also add our advice to enjoy fire and fireworks safely! We would encourage everyone to attend officially organised events or buy fireworks from reputable dealers. At the very, very least please observe the firework code - Keep in a metal box; use a torch to read instructions; light at arms length; stand well back; never return to a lit firework; don't throw fireworks; keep a bucket of water to hand.

Have a fun, but safe Bonfire Night!



Outdoor Learning

As the weather begins to turn wetter and colder Miss Carter would like to make the following requests with regard to our outdoor learning work.

1. Bring a spare pair of waterproof shoes to change in and out of so that feet remain dry.
2. Wear old, sensible clothes suitable for being out in the wet and cold.
3. Remember that jeans retain water and cling to legs, leaving the wearer wet and cold.
4. Waterproof coats are essential at this time of year.

Many thanks!!