



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

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Dates for your diary:

2014

September

1 - INSET
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3 - Back to school
3 - Y3 Coffee Morning
5 - Coffee Morning
8 - Y3 Stardust Dance Taster
11 - Y3 Judo Taster
17 - Y4 - Professor McGinty
18 - Y3 Info Evening
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 - PTA MacMillan Coffee Morning
29/30/1/2/3 - Y6 at Redridge

October

29/30/1/2/3 - Y6 at Redridge
1 - Y5 class to Woodgate Valley Country Park
1 - School Council Mtg
3 - Coffee Morning
6 - Open Day
9 - Parents Forum
15 - School Council Mtg
16 - Open Day
17 - 21 Anti Bullying Week
20-24 - One World Week
21 - Y6 Professor McGinty
22 - Open Day
24 - PTA Bonfire Extravaganza

Welcome back after what has hopefully been a restful and enjoyable Summer!

Children arrived back on Wednesday and I have been really impressed with the positive attitude they have shown to learning and school life in general. Lots of smiley faces around school have definitely made me glad to be back! Can I say a particular well done to new children who have arrived in school this week. Year 3 have made a fantastic start and despite getting lost a few times, I'm sure, have now got used to the Sharmans routines. During my assemblies I talked about the changes that have happened to both myself and my family over the past week and I hope they enjoyed the photographs of the changes that have happened throughout my life (thankfully these will not be going into the newsletter). We explored the feelings associated with change and how we can cope with these feelings and support each other; this has definitely been evident in school over the past few days.

Finally, can I please make you aware of a date for the diaries. As some of you will have seen in the press over the holidays, a fundraising event will be held at school on the 19th September to support one of our Families and to raise money for Butterfly AVM Charity, Brain Tumour Charity and Birmingham Children's Hospital. With lots of activities taking place, I have no doubt that this will be a fun event for both old and young and would hope to see many of you there.

Have a great weekend!

Jane Ferguson

Parking

Could we please remind parents to park considerately and consider the safety of all children. Just to remind people that there are yellow lines on Woodlea Drive and parents should not park on these lines.



All new students should have received a ParentPay Activation letter this week via their class teacher. Please could this account be activated as soon as possible. If you have any problems with the activation process please do not hesitate to either call or pop into the school office and speak to Mrs Trumper.

Sharmans Loves Reading!

To celebrate our love of reading, we invited children to take a photo of themselves reading in a strange place over the holidays. Thanks for all of the photos so far! If you still have a photo, please email them to Miss Boon at s45tboon@sharmans-cross.solihull.sch.uk by Friday 12th September! We will use these photos to make a display in our library, and there will be prizes for the most unusual places. I can't wait to see your entries!
Miss Boon

Bugsy Malone DVD's

Previously ordered Bugsy Malone DVD's for our July 2014 Year 6 leavers are now available from the School Reception.

Uniform

We are currently still observing the summer uniform policy. This means that ties are optional, polo shirts may be worn, girls can wear gingham dresses and boys can wear grey short trousers.

The winter uniform of shirt and tie for boys and blouse or shirt and tie for girls will begin from Monday 3rd November.

Healthy Snacks

Please note that children should bring only fruit into school for a breaktime snack from Monday to Thursday. On a Friday, they can bring any small snack of their choice (snack size), ie a chocolate biscuit, packet of crisps or a cheesy string.

Nut Allergies

Please be advised that we do have several children in school who have significant allergies to nuts. Whilst we do not ban nut products from school, we do strongly suggest to parents that any food sent into school should be as nut free as possible in order to avoid serious incidents.

We thank you for your co-operation.

Curriculum Information

We will be sending out curriculum fliers to parents by the 19th September. These will outline those areas that your child will be learning about this term. To further support you with this, we will also be holding information evenings. Y3 invite parents in on 18th September at 6.00pm, Y4 on the 23rd September at 6.00pm, Y5 on the 24th September at 6.00pm and Year 6 on the 24th September at 7.00pm.

Clubs

We are currently putting together a comprehensive list of clubs for each term. Letters for these will come out shortly.

Communication

We communicate with parents via our school website, www.sharmans-cross.com; Twitter, [www.twitter.com/sxjs](https://twitter.com/sxjs); a weekly emailed or online newsletter; an automated text messaging service or through the Home/School diaries. You can also contact the school by phone or email.

Should you wish to receive a paper copy of newsletters, please contact the school office directly to arrange but new starters will receive a paper copy until Autumn half term.

Generally we only send out communications on a Friday so as to avoid any confusion. However, occasionally we will need to contact you more urgently than that.

Please make sure that the school has the latest contact information for you, including mobile and email addresses.

Thanks!