



Sharmans Cross Junior School

Striving for Excellence

Dates for your diary:

2014

November

17 - 21 - Anti Bullying Week
19 - School Council Meeting
20 - ASD Coffee Morning (9.00am)
20 - 4KW Parents Evening (4.00-6.00pm)
21 - School Bank open
21 - Y6 Black Country Museum
24 - 4KW Cycling Proficiency
25 - 4VW Cycling Proficiency
25-28 Travelling Book Fair
26 - 4LS Cycling Proficiency
26 - School Council Meeting
27 - Parents Evening

December

1st - 3LS Lego Community Project
3rd - School Council Meeting
5th - Coffee Morning
5th - PTA Christmas Fair
8th - Dance Assembly
10th - School Council Meeting
12th - School Bank open
12th - Christmas Lunch
17th - School Council meeting
17th - Year 3 Christmas Play at Shirley Baptist Church (7.00pm)
18th - Christmas Parties
19th - School Bank open
19th - TERM ENDS!!

January 2015

5th - INSET
6th - Children return to school
7th - School Council
9th - Coffee Morning
13th - Y 5 Space Centre Trip
13th - Y3 Cornelius and Jones
14th - School Council
21st - School Council
28th - School Council

February 2015

4th - School Council
5th - Parents Forum
6th - Coffee Morning
10th - Safer Internet Day
11th - School Council
12th - PTA Disco
16th - 20th Half Term

Parents have had a number of opportunities to attend school this week and it has been wonderful to see lots of you make the most of these occasions. On Monday and Thursday evening we held our Assessing Without Levels Information Evenings covering changes that will affect our current Y3-Y5 children. Here the aim was to inform parents of national changes to the way in which we assess children as well as explaining how we will track children here at Sharmans Cross. It was good to have such a big turn out on these evenings and I really hope they were useful, even if you did leave with lots of information to digest! We very much valued your feedback completed after these and have already started looking at your suggestions and questions in order to improve our system of information sharing further. If you were unable to attend the evening, or just need a refresher as to what was discussed, powerpoints from the assessment evenings are now available on the website through the homework wiki. Go to [www.sharmans-cross.com/curriculum/class pages/wikispaces homework link/ Year 3, 4 or 5 Parent info](http://www.sharmans-cross.com/curriculum/class%20pages/wikispaces homework link/Year%203,%204%20or%205%20Parent%20info). Answers to the questions posed after the event will follow shortly.

Also this week, Year 3 held their family workshops and again these were a great success. For year 3 the focus was maths related; children were able to make a times table game and ideas for how to practise times tables in a fun way at home was shared with parents. Again I thought it would be worthwhile sharing with you a few comments from both parents and children:

What worked particularly well?

Working with my dad

The games and the booklet

I enjoyed making the cloud picture and working with my mum

Gaining an understanding of what is expected of the children from their homework

The workshop was good fun and well structures. Great for the kids to think of different ways of remembering times tables

Coming up with ideas together which will then be used in future homeworks

What would have improved the workshop?

Nothing!

To have more time

Other comments:

It has helped me learn my times tables

10,000 out of 10,000

I wish I'd had more when I was learning maths!

Really good morning, thank you

It's lovely to see my child working within school - she really enjoyed it too!

Well done and thank you to the year 3 team for your hard work in planning and organising and thank you, once again, to all those parents who attended.

Have a super weekend!

Jane Ferguson

SC Kids Club - Week Commencing 17th November 2014

Due to high demand we are fully booked on the following days and cannot accept any further bookings :

SC Kids Breakfast Club

SC Kids Club

Tuesday - FULL

Limited spaces available all week

Wednesday - FULL

Thursday - FULL

Adhoc invoices for October have been delayed slightly. Please accept our apologies, they will be sent out next week along with December invoices.

Also please note that SC Kids will close on Friday 19th December and re-open again for INSET day on Monday 5th January 2015. Booking forms for this date will be available from next week.

Many thanks for your co-operation.

SC Kids Club

Parent Partnership Meeting

Please note that the next Parent Partnership Meeting is on Thursday 5th February 2015 at 7.00pm.

There will be no meeting on Thursday 20th November 2014.

Operation Christmas Child

We are excited to be supporting the great work carried out by Samaritans Purse again this Christmas! Since 1990, more than 113 million boys and girls in over 130 countries have been blessed through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child. We are inviting you to put together a shoe box to be given to a child this Christmas and would like to thank you in advance for your support and generosity with this!

Mrs Harrison

PTA 100 Club

Please don't forget to submit your application for the PTA 100 Club. A further copy of the details can be found under the letters page on our Website. If you would prefer not to send the completed standing order mandate back into school, you can set up your own standing order directly with your Bank or via online banking.

DBS Disclosures (formally known as CRB)

Any parents/volunteers wishing to help within school or on any trips now require an enhanced DBS disclosure to be completed. A 'List 99 check' will no longer be sufficient. If you would like to make an up to date disclosure application, please go to www.disclosure.capitarvs.co.uk/solihull/ click on 'Start Application', in the organisation reference field enter 'SCHSHA', click 'Enter' and leave the password empty. You should then be able to enter your own details and submit your application. Thereafter, you will need to bring three forms of identification into school for verification by ourselves. NB in addition to the standard DBS police checks, we will also request a check on the Children's Barred Listing. In order to keep a DBS certificate live, you need to sign into school once every three months. This could be for a number of reasons including helping in the class, the library, attending a trip, helping with a PTA event set up, attending the children's workshops etc.

Value of the week for week beginning 17th November

Value of the Week is Forgiveness