



# Sharmans Cross Junior School

*Striving for Excellence*

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## Dates for your diary:

### 2014

#### July

14/15/16 - Y6 at Solihull School  
14/15/16/17/18 - Y3 swimming  
16 - Y6 Performance at Solihull School  
17 - Leavers' Tea  
17 - Leavers' Disco  
18 - Leavers' Assembly  
21 - **INSET**  
22 - **Summer Holiday**

#### Term Dates for 2014/2015

##### Autumn Term

**Start -**

Mon 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

**Half Term -**

27<sup>th</sup> - 31<sup>st</sup> October 2014

**End -**

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2014

##### Spring Term

**Start -**

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015

**Half Term -**

16<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup> February 2015

**End -**

Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2015

##### Summer Term

**Start -**

Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2015

**Half Term -**

25<sup>th</sup> - 29<sup>th</sup> May 2015

**End -**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2015

##### INSET

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2014

Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2014

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2015

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2015

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2015

#### September

1 - **INSET**

2 - **INSET**

3 - Back to school

3 - Y3 coffee morning

5 - Coffee morning

There are three fantastic community events to share with you this week!

Firstly, we held our annual Summer Fair last Friday evening. It was fabulous! Having taken the decision early to bring the event indoors due to the weather forecast, the rain duly arrived, albeit lightly, at 5.30. This meant that the school corridors, classrooms and hall were all jammed with excited people eager to participate and spend their money in support of the school. This year's chosen project is to replace the old wooden stage area in the Y3 / 4 playground with brand new, shiny fitness equipment for the children to both play on and use as part of their PE entitlement across the school.

The hall was a hub of noise and merriment as people socialised together over food and drink. In the background, we were delighted to welcome and showcase the talents of the younger generation as a series of acts played and sang for our pleasure. I know that having spoken to them they found this both enjoyable and useful as they potentially get set to embark on professional careers. Who knows, we might even get cited as a future star's first gigging experience!! My thanks to the young people who participated so fantastically!

Tuesday saw our annual Sports Day. Again, concerns about the weather were raised, but this time we decided to plough on and enjoy the afternoon. Again, crowds of parents and grandparents turned out to support their children and the school and again they were royally entertained! All competitors gave of their best and for the first time in many a year the trophy was taken by...Ulverley!!

In an addition to tradition, this year saw the introduction of music throughout the afternoon, provided by Mr Mander and races for moms, dads and teachers. Everything combined beautifully, including the weather to make this event a relaxed, well drilled and enjoyable event.

Finally, Wednesday evening was our end of year Open Evening. This year, all of the year groups not only opened their classrooms to showcase what fabulous things have been happening, but also made the most of the fine weather by stepping outside and performing a range of activities for the parents' delights. Another great success!

As ever, my many thanks go out to all of those involved in organising these critical community events that draw us all together as one.

Have a good weekend!

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## Year 6 Leavers



In the past, Year 6 children have asked if they may donate a new book to our library with a short message or their name inside, in order to share their favourite stories with future Sharmans Cross children. We always appreciate any age-appropriate new donations to our library, and this is a lovely way for Year 6 children to leave their mark! If you would like to do this, please give your book to Miss Boon, and she will provide you with a sticker to write your name and a short message. Thanks!

## Lost Property

We have again accumulated an enormous amount of lost property over this half term. Please could you encourage your children to come along and check the lost property box in school if they have lost any items of clothing. Parents are also welcome to come into reception and check the lost property box. Any items remaining in lost property after the end of term (Friday 18<sup>th</sup> July) will be donated to the school's textile recycling programme.

## Year 6 Leavers Disco Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July 6.30 - 8.30pm - Dress to Impress

During the evening the children will be provided with a hot dog, crisps and drinks. Nut free and vegetarian options will be available but please let us know if you do not wish your child to eat any of these items.

Children do not need to bring any money with them.

We hope to see all Year 6 there on the night to mark this special occasion.

## Walk to Solihull School for Y6 Performance

As you should be aware we are planning for Y4 and Y5 to walk to Solihull School on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> in the afternoon to watch the Year 6 children perform their leavers show 'Bugsy Malone'. If any Y4 or Y5 parents are willing or able to assist with the walk to and from Solihull School on the afternoon of Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July could they please let either their child's class teacher or any member of the office staff know as soon as possible.

Many thanks.

## Parent Helpers required!

Would you like to become a parent helper? Maybe helping out in the classroom or in the library or helping on school trips? This could either be on a regular basis or on an occasional basis. If so could you please call into the office and collect a DBS instruction sheet. You will then be required to complete the DBS form online and then bring into school your identification documents for verification.

A clear DBS will be needed for all parents helping out in school next term.