
SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

The summer is nearly upon us and the sun is shining (most of the time). We are all looking forward to the holidays so we can recharge our batteries ready to return in September. The new Year 3 children are keen to welcome the new Year 2 children to Hampton and take them under their wing.

During the holiday, you may like to take part in Hampton's shoe box activity. Please fill a shoe box with items, pictures, postcards or writing that you collect throughout the summer break. The box could be decorated in any way you wish and will be used for display and to inspire writing at the beginning of term. Preparing and sharing these will help bring our learning to life and has in the past been a really good way to start the term.

So that your child is prepared for their day in school, could you please ensure that they have a named pencil case stocked with pencils, a handwriting pen, eraser, ruler, sharpener, glue stick and colouring pencils (all named please). Felt-tipped pens and gel pens are not required and are best left at home. Pencil cases will be sent home each holiday to be re-stocked as necessary. Children's uniform should also be clearly labelled so that any lost items can be returned quickly. Please could you also ensure that PE kits, including tracksuit trousers, jackets, spare socks and trainers are available in school every day and, once again, that they are clearly labelled. All children will need a named water bottle with a sports cap so that they can drink in class whenever they wish to. Every Thursday Hampton Class will continue to go swimming at Carroty Wood pool. They will be driven by seat belted minibus and will be taught by a qualified swimming instructor. A letter will be sent home with more details. Your co-operation in helping your child to be fully resourced is really appreciated and helps the school day to run smoothly.

In the Autumn term our topic will be 'What's the attraction?' We will be exploring the surrounding area and sketching some of the beautiful scenery we are lucky enough to have on our doorstep. We will combine this with our geography topic which focuses on compass and grid references. We will have fun creating maps of the local area and have a go at orienteering. These skills will be useful on our visit to the Bedgebury Pinetum, details of which will follow later.

In order to go through class routines and expectations, you are invited to our 'Meet the Teacher' evening on Wednesday 6th September from 3.15 to 3.45pm. During this meeting, homework will be explained and you will be given the opportunity to share any queries or concerns. Homework next term will focus on spelling, times tables, English and Maths and will be set from the week beginning 11th September. We also encourage you to share reading with your child as regularly as possible, recording this in their diaries which will also contain logins to access sites such as Mathletics, and details of weekly homework tasks. We will also email you details of homework tasks on a weekly basis. Homework does not have to take longer than the time limit stated, and we ask that you use your judgement to decide when your child has done enough.

After half term you will have the opportunity to visit us and discuss your child's progress and targets. However, should you have any concerns prior to this, then please pop in after school or make an appointment via Mrs Headon in the office.

We would like to thank you for your ongoing support and hope you have a very enjoyable and relaxing summer. We look forward to seeing you on Tuesday 5th September and hearing all about your holidays and summer trips.

Mrs Pattanshetti and Mrs Bass

Homework Schedule

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
15 minutes reading Practise tables Practise spellings	15 minutes reading Practise tables Practise spellings Homework Book returned to school.	15 minutes reading Practise tables Practise spellings Spelling tests	15 minutes reading Practise tables Practise spellings Homework tasks set in books. New spellings given out. Mathletics or mental maths books will also be used periodically.	15 minutes reading Practise tables Practise spellings Times tables test New times table set

