
SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Grandparents and carers,

Welcome back to a new term at Shipbourne School. I hope that you all had a lovely Christmas break and are looking forward to signs of Spring emerging over the coming weeks. I will certainly be glad to see the last of the dark mornings.

The children have already made an enthusiastic start to learning and enjoyed an art day on Thursday, looking at the work of Andy Warhol. We will spend today's assembly learning about the composer and musician Evelyn Glennie, using this to learn more about how different people overcome disability and set personal challenges. This term also brings the excitement of breakfast at the Chaser for our year 5 and 6 children, the Young Voices concert for our school choir and we will all be enjoying a Circus Skills morning – see dates below.

We welcome Mrs Holmes back this term and also Miss Clare Singers, who is now teaching full-time in Tinley Class. Mrs Reynolds plans to return from adoption leave after half term and will job-share with Miss Singers.

All clubs and swimming for Hampton Class commence this week and will run for the entire term. As always, we ask that all children are collected from clubs on time and also that a renewed effort is made to ensure that everyone is at school in the morning ready for the bell at 8.55am and collected at 3.05/3.15pm if they are not attending a club. The gate for breakfast club will continue to shut at 8.10am; children arriving after this time should be accompanied to the Stumble Hill entrance.

As always, up-to-date information can be found on our school website. If you have an opportunity, please could you use the Parentview link under the School Community and Information section to complete a short questionnaire as the feedback we receive is always valuable and will help inform Ofsted when they next visit.

I look forward to catching up with as many of you as possible over the coming week.

Kind regards,

Mrs T Daters
Acting Head teacher
Shipbourne Primary School

Dates for your diary:

Term 3:

Composer of the Term – Evelyn Glennie

Artist of the Term – Andy Warhol

Thursday 18th January- Year 5/6 visit to Farmers' Market

Thursday 25th January – Year 5/6 Farmers' Market and breakfast at the Chaser

Wednesday 31st January – Hampton and Fairlawne: Great Fire Play by Steps in Time

Monday 5th February – choir at the O2 (late start on Tuesday 10am)

Thursday 8th February – whole school Circus Skills workshop

Friday 9th February – BBC Ten Pieces Day/ end of term

Advance Notice:

Return for term 4 – Monday 19th February

Year 6 SATS testing week – 14th May to 17th May

Year 2 SATs assessment week 21st May (provisional)

Year 1 Phonics Screening – week beginning 11th June
