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Dear Parents, Grandparents and carers,

This term is flying by and there is lots of exciting activity happening in school. Miss Singers has settled in seamlessly and has made some fantastic developments in Tinley Class. Thank you to all those parents who were able to stay after school last Wednesday to say 'hello' and take a peek at what has been going on. Plans are in place for Mrs Reynolds to visit the children towards half term, ready for her start shortly after the mid-term break.

Plans are underway in Fairlawne Class for the much anticipated Farmers' Breakfast at the Chaser, which year 5 and 6 will be cooking and enjoying on Thursday. This initiative is organised by our local Farmers' Market which is held between 9 and 11am every Thursday at the church. Look out for the photos of this event which will be posted on our website. Fairlawne are also taking part in an international project, thanks to Mrs Pople. The children will be painting pictures of what the future might look like on squares of fabric, which will then be taken and put on display in the Parish of San Vendemiano, a little town in the north-east of Italy, alongside work from 15 other schools from Europe. This project hopes to promote interactive knowledge and cultural exchange among people living in their local area that come from different countries around the world.

Coming home with this letter is a leaflet advertising a company who will be running a club after school on a Monday during Term 4 plus 2 weeks in term 5 for Year R to Year 2, and during Term 5/6 for Year 3 to 6. This company has come highly recommended by some of our parents, and I would encourage you to take a look and book as soon as possible if your child is interested. The cost is £5 per session, payable at the beginning of the term, and the dates are shown on the slip at the end of this letter. Please do come to speak with me in confidence if this cost is difficult to meet.

This term, School Council will be highlighting the importance of recycling and restarting a fresh initiative in school to ensure that we minimise our waste. This is a good project for your children to help you with at home, too.

We have recently been contacted by KCC as our Autumn Term attendance figure slipped below the expected minimum of 96%. The majority of absences were completely unavoidable, but as we look ahead to the better weather and hopefully less incidences of illness, may we ask that medical appointments and holidays are booked in school holiday weeks to avoid your child missing out on vital learning. Should an absence be unavoidable due to family situations, I would encourage you to discuss this with me.

I am available from 9am on Tuesday should anyone wish to pop in and chat through any concerns or queries and a parent forum will be held in the school hall between 9 and 9.30 am on Tuesday 30th to give you the opportunity to talk things through with me or other parents. Perhaps you have some exciting ideas for the school community or would like to make some suggestions as to how we can further improve things. Coffee, tea and biscuits will be available, too.

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

Tuesday 30th January – Parent forum in school hall 9-9.30am

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/ School Disco/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

FAO: Mrs Daters

I would like to register my child for a place at the Creatables Drama Club:

Name of child:

Monday 19th February to Monday 26th March for Year R to Year 2 – total cost £30 (6 weeks) **payable by 7th February**
Monday 16th April to Monday 9th July (excluding 7th May, 4th June, 25th June) – total cost £45 (9 weeks) **payable by 28th March.**

Cheques payables to 'Creatables'.

Signed: