
SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Friday 14th February

Dear Parents, Grandparents and carers,

We have reached the half-way point of the school year and there are signs of spring beginning to show. The sun yesterday was a real treat, and we hope that half term has more to offer! We are all looking forward to next term, which as usual is packed full of exciting learning.

We have had a very productive term, with children continuing to enjoy our Creative Days, Ten Pieces Days and Outdoor Afternoons as well as their daily class-based learning. In assemblies, we have focused on our school values, linking these with key British Values. The children are always very eager to take part in discussions during our assembly time and during class PHSE sessions. This term, we have focused particularly on healthy eating and online safety – both very important areas. Next term, we hope to offer a parent workshop in online safety – more information will follow shortly.

This term has finished well, with all children taking part in a Skipping Workshop: the skills developed were amazing to watch, and it was great to see everyone enjoying more skipping on the playground, too. Children may continue to bring ropes in for playtimes, as long as they are named to avoid any confusion when they get lost. Everyone is also very excited about our annual Valentine's Disco – I hope the children don't come home too tired tonight.

This term also saw our older children representing the school beautifully at both the Young Voices concert at the O2, and during the Versatility Netball Tournament at Kent College. It is always a pleasure to take the children to these events and we continue to be very grateful for your support in making them such a success. I would also like to take the opportunity to thank all our staff who continue to work tirelessly to ensure that Shipbourne remains a special place.

As well as enjoying well-earned rest over the half-term break, please could you help your child by ensuring their PE kits and pencil cases are fully stocked. We return on Monday 25th February – have a fantastic week off!

Yours faithfully,

Mrs T. Daters

Interim Headteacher

Term 4:**Composers of the Term – Henry Purcell and Mylene Klass**

First day of term – Monday 25th February

DT week – Monday 25th January to Friday 29th January

Whole School Ten Pieces Music Day – Friday 1st March

Hampton Class Trip to Notcutts Garden Centre – Monday 11th March

Fairlawne trip to Tonbridge Castle and Parish Church – Tuesday 12th March

Comic Relief Own Clothes Day and Parent Coffee Morning (9am-9.30am) – Friday 15th March

Outdoor Afternoon (change of clothes, please) – Friday 22nd March

Fairlawne trip to Carroty Wood: Orienteering / Tinley Stay and Play Afternoon– Friday 29th March

Parent Consultation Meetings – Tuesday 2nd April and Wednesday 3rd April

Easter Egg Hunt and Film Night– Thursday 4th April

Last day of term and Easter Service at St Giles's – Friday 5th April at 1.30pm

Advance Notice:

Year 6 SATS testing week – 13th May to 16th May

Year 2 SATs assessment week 20th May (provisional)

Year 1 Phonics Screening – week beginning 10th June