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Dear Parents, Grandparents and carers,

Just as this term feels like it is getting started, we are suddenly looking forward to the next half-term break. Despite the term being short, the children have all been very busy continuing their learning. We have been visited by both The Dogs' Trust and the NSPCC, organisations who have helped us learn to stay safe in different situations. We are also very proud of the support for our Race for Life in aid of Cancer Research, for which you raised just over £1000! Thank you so much for your generosity and support.

This week, the year 6 children have been taking end of Key Stage 2 'SATs' for which they have worked very hard and tackled with real determination to do their very best - we are very proud of them all. Year 2 will complete end of Key Stage 1 assessments next week, much of which is based on moderation of work completed in class but will also involve short test papers delivered as part of subject lessons. We hope that this will not cause any undue anxiety but do not hesitate to pop in if you have any concerns.

We have welcomed Miss Molly Pitcher as class teacher in Hampton Class this term. She has already settled in as part of our teaching team, and we hope that you have had the opportunity to meet her by now – if not, please do feel free to say 'hello'. Mrs Lisa Bradford, our new teacher for Tinley Class starting in September, has also now been in to visit the children as she begins to prepare for the coming year. It is always exciting to welcome new staff, and we are confident that our new team will continue to drive the school forward.

Thank you to those parents who attended our recent meeting as part of the consultation process towards a possible federation with Hadlow Primary School. The consultation closes on 11th June: if you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to ask before the deadline arrives.

Next term is very busy so please do keep a note of the dates below. You will notice that the dates for the Fairlawne drama performance have changed due to an extra commitment being added to the school diary – we hope that this does not cause any problems. We hope that the weather will soon warm-up properly so that we can enjoy our fabulous surroundings as much as possible. Please do remember sun protection, including hats, lotions and plenty of water once the summer weather arrives.

Many thanks for your continued support, smiles and conversations on the playground. It continues to be a pleasure working with all the children and families at Shipbourne – our happy community was recognised as a real strength in our recent Ofsted inspection, and we all truly believe it is what makes us such a unique and special school.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs T. Daters

Interim Headteacher

Term 5 (begins Tuesday 23rd April) - Composers of the Term – Sibelius and Katherine Jenkins

- 13th May to 16th May - Year 6 SATS week
- Thursday 16th May - Year 2/3 1st swim
- 20th May to 24th May - Year 2 assessment week
- Friday 24th May - Whole School Creative Day: 'The Lost Words'

Term 6 (begins Tuesday 4th June) - Composers of the Term – Carl Orff and Mike Oldfield

- Tuesday 4th June - Class and Year 6 photos
- 4th June to 6th June - DT week (Mayan History week in Fairlawne)
- Friday 7th June - Whole school 'Ten Pieces' music day
- Tuesday 11th June - Hampton class to Dover Transport Museum
- Wednesday 12th June - Whole school Bhangra Dance day
- Friday 21st June - Year 6 ADAD Moving Up Drama at Stocks' Green
- Year 3 / 4 / 5 to Kidenza – Peter and the Timber Wolf at New Beacon School
- Monday 24th June - Year 6 bus trip to Tonbridge
- Wednesday 26th June - Open Classroom afternoon
- Inter-schools netball tournament at Shipbourne
- Thursday 27th June - Whole school Sports' Morning and family picnic
- Friday 28th June - Year 6 to Kent Police Open Day in Maidstone
- Saturday 29th June - PTA Summer Fayre
- Wednesday 3rd July - Year 5 / 6 Tonbridge School Community Day
- Friday 5th July - Teddy Bears' Picnic: Tinley Class and Year 5 buddies
- Wednesday 10th July - Fairlawne Production matinee performance**
- Thursday 11th July - Fairlawne Production evening performance**
- Friday 12th July - End of year reports home
- Saturday 13th July - Leavers' BBQ
- Tuesday 16th July - Whole school trip to Groombridge Place
- Friday 19th July - Leavers' Service and end of school year