
SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Monday 4th November

Dear Parents,

This month's newsletter starts with an enormous **THANK YOU** for the hard work and commitment that went into

making this year's bonfire and firework party a huge success once again (despite the awful weather!). It is always a privilege to welcome so many people to the event and see them have such a good time. None of this would happen without the months of planning and hard work from our team of volunteers, and all of us at Shipbourne School are truly grateful.

Thanks also go to the team of parents who sanded, polished and oiled the hall floor over half term. What a transformation! The final stage of our decorating programme is now planned, with the corridors set to receive a fresh coat of paint over the Christmas break.

This week is Parliament Week and all children will be learning more about Parliament, before focusing on how debate and balloting can lead to decision making. House teams will be using their debating skills before voting for a reward for the team with the most points at the end of term. Parliament Week will conclude with a visit from the MP for Tonbridge and Malling, Mr Tom Tugendhat. Some of our School Council members will be chosen to show Tom around our school before meeting with him to discuss life at Shipbourne.

Our School Council is also busy planning for Children in Need on Friday 15th November. Children may come to school on the day dressed in home clothes, including something yellow, in exchange for a £1 donation. You are all invited to join the School Council for tea, coffee and cakes in the hall from drop-off until 9.30am. Donations of cakes are welcomed from 13th onwards and may be left in the office. Activities will take place during the morning and children are asked to bring in up to £2 in change if they wish to take part. Following this charity event, we will then begin to plan fundraising opportunities for Hospice in the Weald, our chosen charity for this year. We will start by making stockings to be filled with chocolate and sold on the playground in December. On Wednesday 13th November, we would like to take Fairlawne Class to the Hospice to take part in a clay heart making workshop for this year's 'Heart to Heart' fundraiser. These hearts will be purchased later in the year by members of the public, after being displayed at a dedication ceremony in memory of lost loved ones. This is a project I have been taking part in for a few years (formerly 'Forget-Me Not Appeal'), and I am really looking forward to involving Shipbourne pupils this year. If you are happy for your child (Fairlawne only) to take part in this and be transported to and from the Hospice by seat-belted minibus or private car, please sign and return the attached slip by Friday 8th November. Finally, we are also supporting the Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child 'Shoebbox' Appeal this month. Children will be bringing home a box and information today. If you would like to fill a box, please ensure that it is returned to school by 18th November, so that we can drop it off at our local collection point in time.

As part of our commitment to safeguarding, we have today practised an evacuation of the playground and lockdown of the school. We prepared the children in advanced, setting the imaginary context of a local fire that was filling the air with dangerous fumes. The bell on the playground rang continuously and all children were taken into the hall, where the events were discussed again to ensure all children understood the procedure. It is always a fine balance ensuring that safe systems are in place and practiced without causing undue anxiety. If you feel that your child is unduly worried following this drill, please do not hesitate to discuss this with either me or your child's class teacher. This drill will be repeated again in the spring.

Yours faithfully,

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Week beginning 4th November – year R parent meetings – details to follow

Friday 8th November – Year 5/6 PGL payment £50

Friday 15th November – Children in Need coffee morning and own clothes day

Monday 18th November – Flu vaccines for whole school

Wednesday 27th November – year 1 to 6 parent consultations

Thursday 28th November – year 4 to 6 parent consultations (2)

Friday 6th December – Fairlawne last swim until 10th January

Tuesday 10th December / Wednesday 11th December – Tinley and Hampton Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 11th December – Whole school Christmas Lunch

Friday 13th December – Whole school trip to see Peter Pan at The Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells

Week beginning Monday 16th December – no clubs

Tuesday 17th December – Whole school Christmas Party and PTA film night

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Service 1.30 to 2.30pm at St Giles’s Church

Thursday 19th December – last day of term 2 (1.30pm finish)

Advanced Notice

Year 6 SATS week beginning 11th May 2020

Year 5/6 residential to Windmill Hill week beginning 6th July 2020

Fairlawne only

I give permission for my child..... to travel to the Hospice in the Weald, Pembury, by seat-belted minibus or private car on Wednesday 13th November.

I am able to help, including the transportation of pupils.

In the event of an emergency that may arise, I delegate to the person responsible for the trip the right to decide upon appropriate medical treatment, including the administration of anaesthetic and x-ray.

Signed:.....Name.....