
SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I am writing this letter having returned from our wonderful Christmas Service. It is always a real privilege to see the children embrace everything with such joy and enthusiasm; we are so proud of them all. Many thanks for your generous donations to Hospice in the Weald – we have raised £153 to date.

The past term has been an immensely rewarding one. After a period of transition and change, it is now clear to all that we are moving onwards and upwards with so much best practice now embedded across what is a fabulous team of staff. This shows in so many ways, but most importantly in the new energy and learning that is evident as I walk around the school, speak with the children and take a look through their books. We continue to strive to provide a rich curriculum and this term have successfully focused on developing music, art, history and geography whilst maintaining high standards in maths, English, science and PE. Next term we plan to develop children's learning in design technology, computing and French. We have also cemented our collaborative work with Hadlow School and much is planned for the rest of the year, including joint professional development for staff and enrichment sessions for the children to enjoy. We could do none of this without the support from all of you and for this we are very grateful.

As you take a moment to catch your breath over the Christmas holiday, we would be grateful for your help in ensuring that your child's PE kit, school uniform and pencil cases are fully equipped ready for 6th January – pencils and pens make great stocking fillers!

Finally, a message from our governors who continue to selflessly give of their time to lead both schools:

We've had a really busy few months working together in the Partnership. The Governors have really enjoyed getting to know both schools, and we've had some super visits both admiring the children's work and getting to know them. The Nativities were as wonderful as ever, huge congratulations to all children and staff involved, you never cease to impress us with your lovely singing and acting. The carol singing has been beautiful; it really brings out the Christmas spirit in all of us. A huge thank you to all children, staff and parents for your ongoing fantastic support for the schools. Have a wonderful Christmas.

Merry Christmas and a healthy and happy start to the New Decade.

Yours faithfully,

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Dates for your diary:

- Monday 6th January – First day of term 3
Year 5/6 PGL payment of £50 due
- Friday 10th January – Fairlawne swimming begins
- Week beginning Monday 13th January – clubs (except netball) begin
- Wednesday 15th January – whole school flu immunisation
home netball match against Stocks' Green (no netball club)
- Monday 20th January – final year student teacher joining Fairlawne Class (Ms Armstrong)
- Friday 7th February – Year 6 to Stocks' Green for ADAD 'Wasted' performance (drop off by parents at 9.15am – letter to follow)
- Tuesday 11th February - Safer Internet Day
- Friday 14th February – Creative morning for whole school: 'The Lost Words' poetry and illustration
- Final swim for Fairlawne
- PTA Valentine's Disco after school (letter to follow)
- End of term 3
- Monday 24th February - first day of term 4
- Friday 28th February - First swim for Hampton (letter to follow)
- Week beginning Monday 2nd March – Book Week
- Thursday 5th March - World Book Day (book character costumes please)
- Friday 6th March - Year 5/6 PGL payment of £50 due
- Monday 9th March - Ten Pieces morning for whole school: Vivaldi 'Winter'
- Friday 20th March - Ms Armstrong's final day in Fairlawne
- Week beginning Monday 23rd March – book fair in school from 3pm to 4.30pm every day
Last week of clubs
- Wednesday 26th March - Parent consultation appointments (Fairlawne from 1.30pm to 6.30pm/ Tinley and Hampton 3.15pm to 6.30pm)
- Monday 30th March - Year 5/6 PGL payment of £50 due
- Tuesday 31st March - PTA Easter Egg Hunt and Film Night
- Wednesday 1st April - Spring Service at St Giles' Church 1.30pm to 2.30pm (early finish)
End of Term 4
- Thursday 16th and Friday 17th April – no school INSET days
- Monday 20th April - Term 5 begins

Advanced Notice

Year 6 SATS week beginning 11th May 2020

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