

SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Friday 6th November

Dear Parents,

I hope that you all had a lovely half term! Everyone has very quickly slipped back into a school routine this week, and we are all very pleased that we have been able to stay open, despite the new lockdown beginning yesterday. We will continue to tightly follow all guidelines in school and really value your commitment to following the new restrictions outside of school. Please ensure that when dropping off and collecting your child that you:

- Wear a mask
- Maintain a 2 metre distance from others
- Move away quickly to leave space for others

Unfortunately, our piano teacher is now unable to visit school, but otherwise there have been no changes to our timetable. Currently, swimming is due to start next term but this may well change.

By now, you should all have received email confirmation that you have been added to a Microsoft Teams class (unless I haven't received your User Agreement). Please action the email, then you will be able to find the relevant planning files ready for any remote learning. This will be regularly added to as things evolve. Teachers will also be adding current homework to this portal should you require access to it, and weekly timetables will also give you an idea of what is currently being covered in class.

Thank you so much for your generous financial contributions to our PTA. We have been amazed by the response! To support the school further, two of our year 1 pupils will be taking part in a sponsored bike ride separately with their families on 21st November. The boys have organised this event to raise funds specifically for Tinley Class. If you would like to contribute, please visit Just Giving <https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/shipbourne-bikeride>.

In previous years, we have supported Operation Christmas Child. If you would like to take part in this once again, we have plenty of flat-packed boxes in school – please ask. Filled boxes can be returned to school by 11th December, when I will drop them off at our local collection point. <https://www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child/how-to-pack-a-shoebox/>

In collaboration with staff, pupils and our Parent Forum, last term we rewrote our school vision and values. Please see the final result (attached) and email me should you have any feedback. The next step is to create a more visually appealing format ready for presentation in school and on our website. Next term, we will begin to learn more about the values in class assemblies and hope to involve as many of you as possible through the sharing of life stories and experiences.

Finally, a 'virtual tour' of the school should soon be available on our website. Applications for next year's Reception Class are now open; we would love you to spread the word and let all your friends, family and neighbours know about us. Thank you so much to those of you who shared testimonials – they were lovely to read and have been included on the tour. In December, we hope to hold small group tours on site, but in the meantime we are available for telephone or Teams discussions should anyone you know require further information.

General reminders are as follows:

- Coats, boots and waterproofs
- Water bottles
- Healthy nut-free snacks
- Forest School clothing for Tinley Class and Year 2 on Wednesdays
- Full winter PE kit, including spare socks if girls are wearing tights on Tuesdays and Thursdays

Yours faithfully,

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Dates for the Term:

Friday 6th November

Hampton – Stone Age drama by Steps in Time (£7 Parent Mail)

Wb. Monday 9th November

Fairlawne – Tudor's drama by Steps in Time (£7 Parent Mail)

Pupil wellbeing calls via Teams (please email tdaters@bournepartnership.org)

Friday 13th November

Children in Need – pyjamas optional; in class activities; cake sale; drawing competition and raffle – please kindly donate directly to: <https://donate.bbcchildreninneed.co.uk/>

Wb. Monday 7th December

Whole school assessment week

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Tinley and Hampton Nativity week

Tuesday 15th December

Christmas party and film – in class

Friday 18th December

Last Day of Term – Christmas Services in class