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Dear Parents,

I would like to open this week's newsletter by congratulating Samuel, Jacob and their families for organising and completing a 10 mile bike ride. They have raised over an amazing £700, which will now be used to purchase valuable resources for Tinley Class. Well done and thank you!

Many thanks for giving such valuable and positive feedback about homework via Survey Monkey. This platform has transformed the ease at which feedback can be gained and will definitely be used more regularly in the future. I will be discussing areas such as feedback, communication of expectations and task choice with class teachers once the survey has closed. Having read the comments so far, I wanted to point you in the direction of our website that continues to include Yearly and Block Plans which outline details of all topics covered in class <http://www.shipbourne.kent.sch.uk/curriculum-information/>. You may also access further details in your class Microsoft Teams files. In terms of measuring what children should be achieving in each year group, the National Curriculum is available to view on line, and our progression documents on the website break this down into detail for every subject. In January, current core subject attainment, progress and personal targets will be shared with you and your child.

Thank you also for helping to prepare for all the different events and lessons that are taking place over the next few weeks. It is such a lovely time of year to share with the children, and we are determined to celebrate Christmas as much as possible despite it remaining a very difficult year for us all.

You will likely have read on local social media, or heard via concerned friends and family, of a very frightening incident involving a year 6 pupil from a local school who was approached by a man in a car whilst she was walking to school. We regularly discuss Stranger Danger with all pupils and support them in how to stay safe when out and about. There is a fine balance between equipping them to stay safe without making them feel that the world is a scary place. It is important that all children know what to do if they are worried and the following resources may support you in these conversations at home: <https://schoolbeat.cymru/en/parents/know-what-could-affect-your-child/personal-safety/what-you-need-to-know/stranger-danger/> <http://www.personalsafetyadvice.co.uk/what-stranger-danger.html> <https://www.safety4kids.com.au/>

As I write this letter, I am following the news on the BBC and have just seen that Kent has entered Covid Tier 3. As it stands, this news should not dramatically change how we operate on a daily basis in school, but we urge you once again to follow all rules and advice very carefully so as not to put our community at risk. I will keep you updated should anything change.

Finally, we have been visited this week by representatives from the local council who are monitoring speed and parking outside the school following the letter sent to our local MP. Please do remember that there are double yellow lines on the corner of Back Lane – we hope that as a consequence of the visit, these will be repainted, along with the disabled parking bay which should officially be kept empty unless you hold a Blue Badge. As stated at the beginning of the year, if parking in the layby opposite the houses, please do reverse park where you can. Please also avoid turning in Back Lane, complying with the voluntary one way system to relieve the pressure on the lane and avoiding any accidents. When waiting at the gate, please queue away from the road, allowing pupils returning to cars to pass with parents on the outside. Standing in the road, whilst appreciated for social distancing purposes, is too risky.

Stay safe and have a lovely weekend.

Yours faithfully,

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Dates for the Term:

Wb. Monday 7th December Whole school assessment week
Wb. Monday 7th December Tinley and Hampton Nativity week
Friday 11th January Year 5/6 PGL payment due (if appropriate)
Deadline for [Operation Christmas Child](#) shoeboxes
Thursday 17th December Christmas party, Christmas lunch and film afternoon (see Newsletter 3)
Friday 18th December Last Day of Term – Christmas Services in class or at church if possible
Early pick up from school as detailed in Newsletter 3

Term 3:
Monday 4th January Term 3 begins
Wb. 11th January Parent Consultations (please email tdaters@bournepartnership.org with completed forms by 11th December)
Friday 12th February End of term 3
Film afternoon in classes unless Valentine’s Disco is possible

Parent Consultation Availability Form

Child(ren)’s Name(s).....

I am available to attend an appointment (most likely via Teams) with my child’s class teacher(s) during the following slots:

	1.30pm – 2.45pm	3.30pm-4.30pm	4.30pm-5.30pm
Monday 11 th January			
Tuesday 12 th January			
Wednesday 13 th January			
Thursday 14 th January			