

# SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

I hope that the start to your half term has gone really well, and that this week gives you all the opportunity to relax and enjoy time together. Please do use this week to ensure that all PE kit fits, is named and ready for winter. All pupils require non-slip trainers and long trousers. NB. **plimsols are not suitable** for outdoor PE and spare socks are appreciated, particularly if your child wears tights. Tracksuit tops or fleeces are also required as school uniform is not permitted to be worn over PE kits. Please also ensure that your child comes to school every day with a waterproof coat, water bottle (filled only with water) and only healthy snacks eg: fresh or dried fruit, fresh vegetables, cheese, rice cakes or breadsticks. From the beginning of the new term, we request that **no pre-packaged snacks**, including Yo-Yos, are sent in with pupils and that packed lunches no longer contain sweets or bars of chocolate. Water and milk are available in school for every pupil and fresh fruit is available for at least every KS1 pupil. The pupil development team will be working with all classes to raise the profile of healthy eating, and we value your support in ensuring that what is brought to school fits within these guidelines and those that follow soon.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/healthier-snacks/>  
<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

The PTA committee and an eager team of volunteers have already been busy setting up the bonfire and will remain busy during the week leading up to our very popular Fireworks event on 4<sup>th</sup> November. If you haven't already, please let us know if you can help. We will also be holding our AGM in November to which you are all invited, even if you are unable to volunteer for events. Please come if you can (invitation to follow shortly).

Attached with this newsletter are this year's draft Mobile and Smart Technology and Social Media policies. Please be aware that mobile and smart technology, including phones and smart watches, are not permitted for pupils in school. Should devices be needed for after school events, they must be handed in to the office by an adult at the start of the day and will only be passed to an adult at the end of the day. Any pupil devices located in school will be kept safe in the school office for adult collection and may be subject to staff screening if we suspect photos or recordings have been taken. Adults are permitted to bring devices into school, but phones must be switched off, or Bluetooth disabled on wearable devices, when in classrooms or with pupils,

Finally, and most importantly, the end of an era is nearing at Shipbourne School. Mrs Leafe, who has been with us for over 20 years, having started as a parent volunteer, will be retiring at Easter so is going to be stepping away from the classroom gradually from January, when she will only be with us on a Wednesday afternoon teaching Art to Hampton and Fairlawne classes. We will be holding a celebratory event at the end of the Spring Term to mark the occasion and to ensure that Mrs Leafe gets the best send-off that we can give her!

Yours faithfully,  
Mrs T Daters  
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**Term 2 dates:**

<b>Fairlawne swimming:</b>	31 <sup>st</sup> October, 13 <sup>th</sup> November, 27 <sup>th</sup> November, 11 <sup>th</sup> December
<b>Hampton swimming:</b>	6 <sup>th</sup> November, 20 <sup>th</sup> November, 4 <sup>th</sup> December
Monday 30 <sup>th</sup> October	Start of term 2; flu vaccine for all pupils unless opted out
Tuesday 31 <sup>st</sup> October	Prospective parents tour 1.30pm (volunteer parents to join coffee beforehand)
Thursday 2 <sup>nd</sup> November	Year R and 6 health screening unless opted out
Saturday 4 <sup>th</sup> November	Fireworks and Bonfire Party
Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> November -	Fairlawne to Tower of London (Crime and Punishment workshop as part of termly History topic 'Off with her Head'; please pay £13 and consent on Parentmail when available; school uniform plus jacket; packed lunch, snacks and water; meet outside Tonbridge Station between 9.15am and 9.25am parking carefully; pick up from station around 4pm (confirmed nearer the time)
Monday 13 <sup>th</sup> November	Payment deadline for Year 3-6 summer trip to see The Lion King Prospective parents tour 9.15am (volunteer parents to join coffee beforehand)
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> November	Individual photos (pre-school siblings from 8.30am)
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Parent tea, coffee and cake at 8.45am for Children in Need
Friday 17 <sup>th</sup> November	Children in Need – dotty, spotty, stripy own clothes (Parentmail fundraiser)
Tuesday 21 <sup>st</sup> November	Hampton to Museum of Kent Life – Stone Age Day (costume encouraged) – please pay £10 and consent on Parentmail.
Wb. 27 <sup>th</sup> November	Assessment week for all pupils
Thursday 30 <sup>th</sup> November	Open classrooms for all parents 9.00am followed by parent forum
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> December	Christmas tree service 2.45pm on playground – all welcome
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup> December	Prospective parents tour 11.00am (volunteer parents to join coffee beforehand)
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> December	PTA Christmas wreath making evening social Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch; Parent Coffee with Jenny Maydon (Parent Counselling Service and Partnership governor) 8.45am; Fairlawne and Choir Carols at the Farmers Market 10.00am
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> December	Carol service at church 2.00pm with pupils leaving from church at 3.00pm; no school bags today.
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> December	Bauble making workshops for whole school provided by PTA; Party lunch provided by PTA; Whole school trip to Aladdin at EM Forster theatre – collection from Tonbridge School sports centre car park at approximately 3.30pm; please pay £13 and consent on Parent mail when available
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Term 2 ends; 1.30pm pick up; whole school to bring board games; yoga workshops for whole school; own cloths suitable for yoga to be worn all day.

NB. No Lightning Squad or clubs except Breakfast Club week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> December or 1<sup>st</sup> January.

**Advance dates:**

27 <sup>th</sup> March	Fairlawne to Frameless Gallery (Marblearch, London)
Wednesday 17 <sup>th</sup> January	Choir to O2 (audience tickets and t shirts via Parentmail in September)
Wb. 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Parent meetings
Wb. 4 <sup>th</sup> March	Year 4/5 CAT online testing
Wb. 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Assessment week
Wb 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Parent meetings
Wb. 13 <sup>th</sup> May	KS2 SATS week
June	Year 4 times table check; Year 1 phonics screening
12 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 3-6 to see The Lion King
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