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Dear Parents,

What a term we have all enjoyed! Thank you all once again for everything you continue to give to our very special school. The last few weeks have seen some super events, with Open Classrooms showcasing all the fantastic learning that the children have completed, exceptionally well attended prospective parent tours, a very well supported and positive Parent Forum and PTA AGM, PTA wreath-making, a very special Christmas Service and, today, an exciting bauble making workshop, which we hope will result in cherished mementos that will bring back memories for many years to come. Tomorrow we are off to the panto (oh, yes we are!) after our class party lunches, and we finish on Friday with yoga workshops and board games.

We are so proud of the dedication and hard work that all our staff and pupils have put into this term. Our curriculum is going from strength to strength, is enriched with so many visitors and trips, and we have received such positive feedback from visitors, parents and pupils. Please do complete the Ofsted Parent View survey so that this positivity can be shared: <https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>

As I shared yesterday at Church, today we are saying goodbye to Mrs Metin who has worked with us since the summer, supporting a number of pupils with their learning. We thank Mrs Metin for her commitment and wish her well as she expands her work in adult education and in her own studies. We are also saying goodbye and thank you to Miss Cable, a student from CCCU who has been teaching in Tinley Class this term. Miss Cable will shortly qualify as a teacher, and so we wish her the very best in her future teaching career. Most significantly, Mrs Leafe also finishes as Higher-Level Teaching Assistant tomorrow, returning for terms 3 and 4 to teach art in Hampton and Fairlawne before retiring fully at Easter. Mrs Leafe has been a truly amazing and committed member of Shipbourne staff for the past 24 years and our school will not be the same without her. Please do make a note of the date of the retirement party we have planned, as we would love as many of you as possible to join us in sending Mrs Leafe into retirement in the best possible way.

Staffing next term will be as follows:

Tinley - Mrs Holmes and Mrs Watts (Wednesday mornings) supported by Miss Atkinson (HLTA - full time) and Mrs Parsons (TA – afternoons)

Hampton – Miss Singers (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs St Pier (Fridays) supported by Mrs Batley and Miss Meharg (TAs – full time)

Fairlawne – Mrs Harvey (Monday to Thursday) and Mrs Daters (Fridays) supported by Mrs Parsons (TA- mornings)

Music – Mrs Martis (Fridays)

PE – Mr Grant (Wednesdays and Fridays)

Art – Mrs Leafe (alt. Wednesdays in Hampton and Fairlawne)

PHSE – Miss Atkinson (alt. Mondays or Wednesdays in Hampton and Fairlawne)

iRock – Ollie Bruce

Year 6 guitar – Vic Hyland Ikaro music charity

We hope that you all have a wonderful Christmas holiday and look forward to seeing you in 2024! Please use the time over the break to ensure that pencil cases, PE kits and uniform is ready for the first day back – it makes such a difference.

Yours faithfully,
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Term 3 and 4 dates:**Fairlawne swimming:****Hampton swimming:**

8th January, 22nd January, 5th February, 26th February, 11th March, 25th March
 15th January, 29th January, 19th February, 4th March, 18th March

NB. No Lightning Squad or clubs except Breakfast Club weeks beginning 1st January or 25th March.

Wednesday 3 rd January	Term 3 begins
Wednesday 17 th January	Choir to O2
Wb. 15 th January	Parent meetings by appointment
Thursday 25 th January	Tea and Coffee with Jenny Maydon, school governor and parent counsellor, at 8.45am
Thursday 1 st February	Year 5/6 Farmers' Breakfast at the Chaser (small packed lunch only as they will be full); Fairlawne to Hadlow College by minibus in the afternoon as part of Geography 'Sow, Grow and Farm'.
Wednesday 7 th February	PTA Committee meeting at 7.30pm
Friday 9 th February	End of Term 3; PTA stay and play from 2.30pm to 4pm (parents expected for all pupils by 3.15pm at the latest)
Monday 19 th February	Term 4 begins
Friday 23 rd February	Whole school yoga
Wb. 4 th March	Year 4/5 CAT online testing; Book Week
Thursday 7 th March	Dress up as a favourite book character
Wednesday 13 th March	Fairlawne to Greenwich Observatory by minibus – pay £7 and consent via Parentmail
Friday 15 th March	Comic Relief Red Nose Day – dress up in red and/or fun outfits for donation via Parentmail
Wb. 18 th March	Assessment week
Tuesday 19 th March	Parent Forum at 2.00pm then Open Classrooms from 2.30pm to 3.30pm
Friday 22 nd March	PTA Easter Egg Hunt and Disco to 5pm – please pay £7 by Parentmail
Tuesday 26 th March	Easter Service at 2pm at St Giles' with 3pm pick up from Church
Wednesday 27 th March	Fairlawne to Frameless Gallery (Marblearch, London) from Tonbridge Station at 9.15am to 9.25am – please pay £13 and consent via Parentmail
Thursday 28 th March	End of Term 4; Mrs Leafe's Retirement Party from 12.30pm; pupils may leave from 1.30pm but party will continue all afternoon (pupils supervised by parents/carers)

Term 5 and 5 dates:**Fairlawne swimming:****Hampton swimming:**

22nd April, 20th May, 10th June, 24th June, 8th July
 15th April, 29th April, 13th May, 17th June, 1st July, 15th July

Monday 15 th April	Start of Term 5; no clubs until 22 nd April
Friday 19 th April	Sublime Science Workshops
Wb 22 nd April	Parent meetings
Thursday 2 nd May	Year 3 / 4 to Living Land at Detling Showground by minibus
Wb. 13 th May	KS2 SATS week
Friday 17 th May	PTA Own Clothes Day for bric-a-brac/gifts
Wednesday 22 nd May	PTA Committee Meeting and fete prep at 7.30pm
Friday 24 th May	PTA Own Clothes Day for cuddly toys; whole school yoga; end of term 5; PTA stay and play from 2.30pm to 4pm (parents expected for all pupils by 3.15pm at the latest)
Monday 3 rd June	INSET – school closed to pupils
Tuesday 4 th June	Term 6 begins
Friday 7 th June	PTA Own Clothes Day for jars filled with sweets
Wb 10 th June	Year 4 times table check; Year 1 phonics screening
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 3-6 to The Lion King (already paid)
Thursday 13 th June	Open classrooms from 9am followed by Parent Forum at 9.45am
Friday 14 th June	PTA Own Clothes Day for bottles of alcohol or soft drinks
Saturday 15 th June	PTA Summer Fete 11am to 2pm
Wb. 17 th June	Assessment week
Wednesday 26 th June	Fairlawne RSE day
Friday 5 th July	Sports Morning on The Common from 9.30am
Tuesday 9 th July	Year R/1/5 Teddy Bears' Picnic
Friday 12 th July	Whole school yoga; end of year reports sent home
Wb. 8 th or 15 th July (TBC)	Fairlawne Production Week
Wb. 15 th July	No clubs except Breakfast Club
Tuesday 16 th July	Year 6 bus trip to Tonbridge
Wednesday 17 th July	Whole school inflatable fun and ice cream day
Thursday 18 th July	Whole school trip
Friday 19 th July	Leavers' Service 11.30am at St Giles' followed by family picnic on The Common; pupils may leave from 1.15pm