

SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

What a year! As ever it has flown by so quickly, but we end it with so very much to be proud. Shipbourne School is truly a special place to work and learn thanks to the passion, love and commitment brought by pupils, staff, parents and wider family. Thank you! During our recent Ofsted inspection, we were very moved by the parent and pupil feedback that we received. Central to all comments was our nurture, inclusivity, kindness and care, all of which lie at the heart of all we do. We are so excited to be heading towards another year, welcoming with it new families placing their children into our care.

As we end the year, we are saying a fond goodbye and good luck to our year 6 pupils who will be dearly missed. We wish them well as they move to secondary school and hope that they keep in touch. Families who have been with us for a very long time are leaving with their children; we will miss you, also, and thank you for all you have given during your time with us. Goodbye, too, to Mrs Watts and thank you for all you have done during your time with us. We know we will still see you occasionally but wish you a well-earned rest as you start your long-awaited retirement fully.

As you relax over the summer, please take time to check and restock uniform and PE kits, making sure that everything fits and is clearly named and remains so all year. Children all require a water bottle every day – no other drinks, please - and if you are buying new bags and coats, please aim to make these as compact as practical as cloakrooms rarely hold all items if things are too bulky. Our uniform requirements, which we ask you to carefully adhere to, can be found here: <https://www.shipbourne.kent.sch.uk/uniform/>. Please note, leggings or casual trousers/shorts are not suitable for PE – tracksuit trousers and sports shorts only, and trainers should be black/and or white. Don't forget that earrings must always be removed for PE and swimming so piercing is best planned for the start of the summer break. Children in Hampton and Fairlawne Class require a pencil case with pencils, blue handwriting pens, scissors, glue stick and colouring pencils. These should be restocked every school break so that children have what they need for learning. We do have school stock for use in emergencies, but these quickly become depleted if children arrive in school regularly without their own equipment. All children may bring healthy snacks to school, but remember that fresh is preferred and nuts are not permitted – please do all you can to restrict processed and packaged foods at snack time and lunch time.

Teaching staff are already busy getting classrooms ready and planning next year's curriculum. Details can be found on our website and more information will be shared next term through Class Dojo, planned open events and parent meetings. Please look carefully at all the dates and attend those you can. As usual at this time of year, please take time to read all the associated school policies before signing the annual agreement and permissions form here: [Parent agreement form](#)

Year 6 children will once again be acting as buddies to our new Reception children: to support the start of the day, we would be very grateful if your year 6 child could be in school by 8.30am for the first two or three weeks (except where shown below).

Staffing for next year remains broadly the same, with some new additions and movement between classes:

Mrs Terri Daters	Headteacher – Teaching commitment in Fairlawne and Hampton
Mrs Jenny Maydon/ Mr Andrew Titershill	Joint Chair of Governors
Mrs Cherry Headon	School Business lead
Mrs Alison Holmes	Senior Teacher, Science/Art lead and Class Teacher for Year R / 1 Tinley Class (out of class Wednesdays)
Mrs Julie Harvey	Senior Teacher, English/Humanities lead and Class Teacher for Year 4 / 5 / 6 Fairlawne Class (Monday to Thursday)
Miss Clare Singers	Maths/DT lead and Class Teacher for Year 2 / 3 Hampton Class (Monday to Thursday)
Mrs Samantha Hayward	SENCO and Class Teacher for Year R / 1 Tinley Class (Wednesday afternoons)
Mrs Karen St Pier	Supply Teacher and tutor for intervention support
Mrs Anri Martis	Music Teacher (Fridays)
Mrs Lisa Atkinson	Higher level teaching assistant in Fairlawne Class plus Art and PHSE teaching across school (full time)
Mrs Lauren Ozbay	Teaching Assistant in Hampton Class (part time)
Miss Kathy Welsh	Teaching Assistant in Hampton Class (part time)
Mrs Lucy Grant	Teaching Assistant in Hampton Class (part time)
Mrs Kim Parsons	Teaching Assistant in Tinley Class (full time)
Mrs Justine Batley	Teaching Assistant in Tinley Class (full time)
Mr Anthony Fermor	Cleaning contractor
Mr Tom Burles	Pure Sports coach (Wednesdays and Fridays)
Mr Ollie Bruce	iRock coach
Mrs Amy Miller	Caterlink lunch server

Please do not hesitate to ask if you spot any issues or have any questions; there is a lot of information this year.

Have a fantastic summer!

Mrs Daters
Headteacher

Term 1 and 2 dates:

Swimming	Hampton (A): 20.9.24, 4.10.25, 18.10.25, 8.11.25, 22.11.25, 6.12.25	Fairlawne (B): 13.9.25, 27.9.25, 11.10.25, 25.10.25, 15.11.25, 29.11.25, 13.12.25
Yoga (Term 2)	Tinley every Monday	
	Fairlawne: 4.11.24, 18.11.24, 2.12.24, 16.2.24	Hampton: 11.11.24, 25.11.24, 9.2.24
After school enrichment clubs (free of charge)	Start Tuesday 2nd September and end Wednesday 18th December from 3.15pm to 4.15pm Please sign up here by 2nd September: Booking form here	
Breakfast Club	Open from 7.45am Back Lane Gate Closes at 8am £2.50 a session	Book and pay via Parent Mail
After School Childcare	Collection from Stumble Hill Gate by 5.30pm £5 a session	
Monday 2 nd September	INSET day – school open to staff only for Safeguarding training	
Tuesday 3 rd September	First day of Term 1 – Year R 9am to 12pm (buddies on gate by 8.40am)	
Wednesday 4 th September	Year R 9am to 12pm (buddies on gate by 8.40am)	
Thursday 5 th September	Year R 8.45am to 1.15pm (buddies on gate by 8.30am) – Back Lane gate opens at 8.30am	
Friday 6 th September	Year R 8.45am to 1.15pm (buddies on gate by 8.30am) - Back Lane gate opens at 8.30am	
Sunday 8 th September	PTA Social – Scavenger Hunt on Common (time tbc)	
Monday 9 th September	Year R 8.45am to 3.15pm – Back Lane gate opens at 8.30am and 3.10pm Fairlawne Settlements Day at Horton Kirby – own clothes; weather appropriate gear; lunch; water; snacks; travel by minibus driven by Mrs Daters or Mrs Batley (pay £12 and consent on Parent Mail)	
Tuesday 10 th September	Hampton Nature Day at Horton Kirby - own clothes; weather appropriate gear; lunch; water; snacks; travel by minibus driven by Mrs Daters or Mrs Batley (pay £12 and consent on Parent Mail) In class parent talks at 3.20pm – welcome to the year	
Thursday 12 th September	Kent test (11 plus) for Year 6 applicants	
Wednesday 25 th September	MacMillan parent coffee morning in Hall till 9.30am run by PDT	
Tuesday 1 st October	Harvest Festival in Church at 2pm with parent pick up from Church at 3pm (clubs will still run)	
Thursday 10 th October	Prospective parents open event 9.30am	
Tuesday 22 nd October	Fairlawne to Science Museum – drop off at Tonbridge Station 9.20am; pick up from station tbc; pay £12 and consent on Parent Mail	
Friday 25 th October	End of term 1 PTA stay and play and parent social from 2.30pm to 4.15pm Clubs will still run	
Monday 4 th November	Start of term 2 Prospective parents open event 1.30pm	
Tuesday 5th November	Fairlawne trip to Churchill War Rooms – London; drop off at Tonbridge Station 9.20am; pick up from station tbc; pay £15 and consent on Parent Mail	
Saturday 9 th November	PTA Fireworks 4.15pm to 6pm in Back Lane field	
Wb Monday 11 th November	Parent consultation meetings including SEN reviews	
Friday 15 th November	Flu vaccinations Children in Need own clothes day; parent coffee morning to 9.30am and pupil events run by PDT; donations on Parent Mail	
Wednesday 27th November	No Pens Day – donations on Parent Mail for Speech and Language UK to help the 1.9 million children struggling with talking and understanding words	
Wednesday 4 th December	Prospective parents open event 11.00am	
Wb Monday 9 th December	Tinley and Hampton Nativity week	
Thursday 12 th December	Fairlawne Carols at Farmers' Market 9.45am; Christmas Jumper Day – donations on Parent Mail; school Christmas Lunch	
Wednesday 18 th December	Church service @ 9.30am (rehearsal 16.12.24 9.15am) Party and PTA craft afternoon	
Thursday 19 th December	End of term 2 Panto Snow White EM Forster 10am with parent drop off at Tonbridge School Athletics Centre car park at 9.30am and pick up at 12.30pm approx. – pay £15 and consent on Parent Mail Breakfast club pupils by minibus if required End of term 2	
Friday 20 th December	INSET day – school closed to pupils for staff training	

Advance dates:

Monday 6 th January	Start of term 3
Monday 13 th January	Open classrooms 2.30pm
Wednesday 5 th February	Choir to Young Voices @ O2
Friday 14 th February	PTA stay and play and parent social from 2.30pm to 4.15pm Clubs will still run End of term 3
Monday 24 th February	Start of term 4
Wb Monday 3 rd March	Parent meetings including SEN reviews
Tuesday 1 st April	Easter Service in Church at 2pm with parent pick up from Church at 3pm (clubs will still run)
Thursday 3 rd April	PTA Easter Egg Hunt and Disco
Friday 4 th April	End of term 4 Pupils finish at 1.30pm No clubs
Monday 21 st April	Start of term 5 EHCP annual review meetings
Monday 28 th April to Tuesday 29 th April	Year 3 / 4 Grosvenor Hall overnight stay: new pupils can be added – please ask
Wb 12 th May	Year 6 SATS week
Monday 19 th May	Open Classrooms 9.30am
Friday 23 rd May	End of term 5 PTA stay and play and parent social from 2.30pm to 4.15pm
Monday 2 nd June	INSET day – staff closed to pupils for staff training
Tuesday 3 rd June	Start of term 6
Monday 9 th June	Year 4 MTP check Year 1 phonics screening
Sunday 22 nd June to Wednesday 26 th June	Year 5/6 to Grosvenor Hall
Wb Monday 30 th June	SEN parent review meetings
Wednesday 9 th July (or Friday 11 th July)	Sports morning (back up date)
Friday 11 th July	Open classrooms 2.30pm
Tuesday 15 th July	Year 6 bus trip to Tonbridge
Thursday 17 th July	Whole school trip to Knockhatch
Friday 18 th July	Leavers' service @ 11.30am followed by picnic Term 6 ends at 1.30pm
Monday 21 st July and Tuesday 22 nd July	INSET day - school closed to pupils