
SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Thursday 7th December

Dear Parents, Grandparents and carers,

The last full week of term is nearly with us, and we have a lot of exciting activities to look forward to. You are all invited to join us at 2.30pm on Friday to sing together as we turn on our Christmas lights – a real Shipbourne tradition. Mince pies and mulled wine will be available to add to the festive spirit. Friday is also our pantomime trip and as we will return after 12.30pm, all children will require a packed lunch, please. Children should arrive in school in full uniform and with a bottle of water, ready to leave promptly on the coach at 9.15am. We are looking forward to the performances of 'It's a Baby' which will take place next week - staff and children in both Tinley and Hampton Class have been working very hard over the past weeks and are very excited that they will soon be able to share the result with everyone. Next Thursday, our school choir will head to the Farmers' Market ready to entertain all the customers. Please could you ensure that choir members come to school with a warm coat, hat, scarf and gloves as we will be singing outside.

During the final week of term, all children are invited to bring in board games on Monday 18th to share in a whole school games afternoon. On Tuesday 19th, we will be holding our Christmas party. Children may bring a change of clothes and a plate/bag of party food to enjoy during the afternoon. On the last day of term, Wednesday 20th December, no bags are required as we will be leaving from the church after our Christmas service which should be finished by 2.30pm. At the end of term, we will be saying good bye to Mrs Scott who is taking on a permanent post at a school in East Malling. We thank Mrs Scott for all the hard working she has put into teaching Tinley Class since the summer and wish her all the best in her new role. As we begin the new term, we welcome Miss Clare Singers to Tinley Class. Miss Singers will be sharing the role of class teacher with Mrs Reynolds who will return from adoption leave at the end of February. Until her return, Miss Singers will be working full time to ensure continuity.

Thank you for all your support in making the term so successful. A particular thank you must go to the PTA who so successfully ran our Fireworks night and more recently our film night. The money raised through these events is already helping to buy valuable resources to help all our children learn.

A Merry Christmas from all at Shipbourne School.

Mrs T Daters
Acting Head teacher
Shipbourne Primary School

Dates for your diary:

Term 2:

Composer of the Term – Einaude

Artist of the Term – Andy Warhol

Friday 8th - Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs at The Stag, Sevenoaks (school uniform, water and packed lunch)

Christmas tree lighting and carols 2.30pm to 3pm

Monday 11th December – Nativity dress rehearsal to whole school

Tuesday 12th and Wednesday 13th December – morning performance of Tinley and Hampton Nativity play 9.30am start with refreshments available in the hall beforehand

Wednesday 13th December – whole school Christmas dinner and Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation to Save the Children)

Thursday 14th December – choir at Farmers' Market 9.45am

Friday 15th December – Whole School BBC Ten Pieces music enrichment

Monday 18th December – whole school board games afternoon

Tuesday 19th December – Whole school Christmas Party (party food and own clothes for afternoon)

Wednesday 20th December – Christmas Service at St. Giles' Church 1.30pm (no school bags)

Advance Notice:

Return for term 3 – Thursday 4th January – Creative Day whole school enrichment

Composer of the Term – Evelyn Glennie

Artist of the Term – Andy Warhol continued

Year 6 SATS testing week – 14th May to 17th May

Year 2 SATs assessment week 21st May (provisional)

Year 1 Phonics Screening – week beginning 11th June
