SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents, Grandparents and Carers,

What a changeable April we have had – making it feel as if we've been back a lot longer than three weeks! All the children have settled back in to school with enthusiasm and are all working hard. We began the term with our poetry day which unearthed some talented poets across the school! Tinley class visited Home Farm for lambing, and years 5 and 6 have begun weekly golf lessons at Poult Wood. Some year 5 & 6's represented the school at the annual maths challenge at Tonbridge Grammar School and achieved a very respectable 6th place. In Hampton class we have the benefit of a teacher training student, Miss Gould, with us until 18th May. Yesterday, Thursday 3rd May we had our class photographs taken, and on Friday year 6 are out for their 'Safety in Action' day. Already so much happening!

This year's Summer Fair is on Saturday 16th June – earlier than previous years, so we are asking for donations of raffle prizes with an own clothes day next Friday, 11th May, and bottles on Friday 25th – also an own clothes day. Thank you in advance!

As you are aware our netball team have been very successful over the last few years, and Mrs Gardiner has been in touch with Phil Harvey from England Netball who has offered to come to school to provide us with some tips on shooting! This should take place early next week – how exciting!! Thank you Mrs Gardiner.

Please see below for further dates for the diary – please note that our Open afternoon is now on Wednesday 18th July, and leaver's service is now on Thursday 19th at 1.30pm.

Friday 4th May – Year 6 Safety In Action Day

Thursday 10th May – Year 6 bus trip to Tonbridge

w/b Monday 14th May - Year 6 SAT's week

Friday 18th May - Whole School Royal Wedding Tea Party

w/b 21st May - Year 2 SAT's week/Year 4 CAT testing

Monday 21st May – Fairlawne trip to Horton Kirby; WW2

Thursday 24th May – Year 5/6 swimming (no swimming for Hampton)

Friday 25th May – Ten pieces day Music – whole school

Monday 4th June - INSET

W/b 11th June – Year 1 Phonics Screening

Tuesday 5th June - Whole School DT week

Thursday 7th June – Year 5/6 swimming – and gala for the team in the evening.

Tuesday 12th June Evening meeting for new entrants parents

Wednesday 13th June – Stay and Play – New entrants/Transition day for Year 1 and Year 3

Friday 15th – Whole School Creative day: artist

Thursday 21st June – Whole School Sports Morning and picnic (10.30 – approx. 1pm)

Friday 22nd June – Year 6 ADAD transition workshop at Stocks Green/New entrants in – transition for Year 1 and Year 3

Monday 25th June - Year 5/6 residential for the week

Tuesday 26th June – New entrants/transition for Year 1 and Year 3

Tuesday 4th July – Years 2, 3 and 4 to Igtham Mote/Year 5 &6 Tonbridge School Community Day

Thursday 5th/12th Year 5/6 swimming – TBC

Friday 6th July – Year 5 Buddies with new entrants for Teddy Bear Picnic

Friday 13th Whole school Ten Pieces Day/Reports home to parents

Tuesday 17th July – Whole School trip to Knockhatch

Wednesday 18th July – Whole School Open Afternoon

Thursday 19th July – Leavers Service at the church 1.30pm

Friday 20th July – Last day of term; Early finish at 2pm.

I'm sure there will be more to add – but this is what we have so far!

Thank you for continued support for the school,

Mrs Karen Dodd