
SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

There is a festive feeling in the air in school once again, and we are all looking forward to the various Christmas events planned for the end of term. Please do check the dates below as there is a lot going on.

Next Friday, 6th December, as well as turning on the lights and singing carols, we will also be making Christingles and lighting them as part of our celebrations. We would be grateful if you could provide your child with a medium –sized orange on the day so that they can make their own Christingle. All other parts will be provided by school. During the following week, children may wear a Christmas jumper over their school uniform on the day of our Christmas lunch and then when we go to the pantomime. This year, as part of their Christmas Jumper Week, we are asking for donations for Hospice in the Weald. Stockings made by Fairlawne Class and filled with chocolate will be for sale after school during the last week of term at £1 each, with all monies raised also going to the Hospice.

As the mornings and evenings are getting darker, please ensure the safety of all our community by leaving the zig-zag lines on Back Lane clear. A number of people use this space as a drop-off zone which is not what it should be used for. May I also ask that children are provided with correct winter PE kits, including track suit trousers, track suit jumpers and proper trainers. Wearing school jumpers is not permitted in PE for hygiene reasons but also because if they get wet, the children have nothing to change in to.

We are continually grateful for our PTA and parent support. This year's fireworks event raised £995 and plans are already underway for a number of events next year. We are using some of the money raised to improve our stock of reading books and to develop the learning environment for our Early Years children. We are also grateful to our proactive School Council led by Mrs Leafe. This year, with your help, we raised £220 for Children in Need. The children all had a great day and we hope those of you who joined us for the coffee morning had a good time, too.

It was good to see many of you during this week's parent meetings. If you wish to discuss anything further, whether with me, your child's class teacher or our SENCO, Sharon Vanns, please get in touch so that we can organise an appointment.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs T Daters

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Dates for your diary:

Friday 6th December – Fairlawne last swim until 10th January

- Tree lighting, carols and Christingle at 2.45pm on the playground

Tuesday 10th December / Wednesday 11th December – Tinley and Hampton Nativity 9.30am

Wednesday 11th December – Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day 1

Thursday 12th December – Fairlawne Class singing at the Farmers' Market

Friday 13th December – Whole school trip to see Peter Pan at The Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells and Christmas Jumper Day 2 –packed lunch please

Week beginning Monday 16th December – no clubs

Tuesday 17th December – Whole school Christmas Party and PTA film night

Wednesday 18th December – Christmas Service 1.30 to 2.30pm at St Giles's Church

Thursday 19th December – last day of term 2 (1.30pm finish) ** **PACKED LUNCH** as no school meals available

Monday 6th January – first day of term 3

Wednesday 15th January – whole school flu immunisation

Advanced Notice

Year 6 SATS week beginning 11th May 2020

Year 5/6 residential to Windmill Hill week beginning 6th July 2020