

SHIPBOURNE SCHOOL

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Dear Parents,

We have had a busy and very successful start to the school year. Having wandered the school on a number of occasions, I have seen fantastic teaching and learning in newly refreshed and stimulating learning environments. Credit must go to the hard work of all our staff and pupils for such a fantastic start to a new school year. Thank you to you, too, for ensuring that your children have been so eager and ready for their next steps. Our new pupils, and staff, have settled beautifully and it has been such a pleasure getting to know you all.

As anticipated, we have recently seen a lot of illness; we are extremely grateful for the cautious approach you are all taking, particularly in ensuring that PCR tests are taken. I know that this is a real inconvenience and never a nice procedure, but we are heartened by the efforts you are all making to keep our community safe. Work will always be available on class Teams pages should your child need to isolate. Please ask if clarification is required.

In two weeks' time, we have organised for wellbeing drop-ins should you wish to discuss with your child's class teacher any concerns or queries you may have. These are not academic progress meetings and are completely optional. Should you wish to book an appointment, please sign up below. Progress meetings for Reception pupils will be scheduled after half term and after Christmas for the rest of the school.

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Hampton:

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Fairlawne:

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Many thanks to those of you who attended last weeks' PTA meeting and the social on The Common yesterday. We are very grateful to our old and new PTA chairs and committee for working hard to ensure that PTA events can go ahead successfully after such a disrupted few years. Bonfire and Firework Party tickets for members of the school will soon be available on Parent Mail with external visitors able to purchase tickets on Ticket Source – watch this space!

On Friday, we sent an invitation for a new parent governor. We would be delighted if you were able to consider joining our Governing Board. Nomination forms will be sent out shortly, but in the meantime, should you have any questions, do not hesitate to get in touch,

Finally, a reminder that you are all invited to join us for our Mac Millan Coffee and Cake afternoon on the playground at 2.30pm this Friday. We have received plenty of offers for cake baking – thank you!

Yours faithfully,
Terri Daters
Head of School

Dates for this term:

Friday 1st October – Steps in Time for Hampton and Fairlawne (£4 donation by Parent Mail, please)

Wb 4th October – optional pupil wellbeing 'drop ins' (booking details above)

Tuesday 5th October – Fairlawne Victorians trip to Horton Kirby (details to follow this week)

Wednesday 6th October – Open morning for September 2022 families

Monday 11th October – After school parent workshop for phonics and reading (details to follow)

Wednesday 14th October – Hampton trip to Lullingstone Roman Villa (booking details to follow)

Monday 18th October – whole school flu vaccines

Wednesday 20th October – 10am Harvest Festival at St Giles's Church with collection for local food bank

Friday 22nd October – end of term (usual finish times)

Term 2 Term Dates

Monday 1st November – term 2 begins

Wednesday 3rd November - 2022 new families tour (spread the word)

Friday 5th November – Year 5/6 optional trip to Giselle at the Royal Opera House; Whole School Enrichment Day

Saturday 6th November – PTA Family Bonfire and Fireworks party; volunteers very welcome – please let me, Mrs Crowhurst or Mrs Elliff know asap.

Thursday 11th November – Remembrance Assembly

Wb 26th November – whole school assessment week

Friday 3rd December – Christmas Tree Service @2.45pm on playground (provisional)

Wb 6th December – optional pupil wellbeing 'drop ins' (booking details to follow); provisional week for whole school trip to pantomime

Wednesday 8th December - 2022 new families tour (spread the word)

Wb 13th December – Tinley and Hampton Nativity week

Wednesday 15th December – whole school Christmas lunch (provisional)

Thursday 16th December – whole school Christmas Party and film night after school

Friday 17th December – Christmas Service at St Giles's 12.30pm; term ends at 1.30pm straight from church