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Dear Parents/Carers,

It was good to see so many parents joining us (virtually) for our Meet the Team sessions over the past week. We've run these for a number of years now and I've had comments from parents about how useful they are. Whilst we can't replicate the opportunity to come into the classroom and meet the staff face-to-face, I hope that you still found them useful and, if you weren't able to watch live, these can all be found on our school website under the [Class Pages](#).

Coronavirus Update

I'm pleased to be able to report that we've had a much quieter week this week in respect of children's symptoms and the need to get testing. From speaking to parents, it appears that the best time to book a test is 8pm in the evening and most parents are getting results back within 48 hours – we even had one parent get their result in less than 24 hours this week.

Whilst the Prime Minister's address earlier this week did not have any direct implications for schools, we are continually reviewing our procedures to ensure that the children are as safe within the school whilst also trying to maintain an effective educational provision.

School-Aged Immunisation Programme

For a number of years now, the Kent and Medway Immunisation Service have been offering the flu vaccine to school-aged children. We are currently awaiting dates but I wanted to reassure you all that this will be taking place in socially-distanced manner. I will be writing to you again once we are allocated a date but in the meantime there is a [frequently asked questions](#) page on the School Public Health Service website.

October Half-Term Break

The last day of Term 1 will be on Friday 23rd October and the children will return to school on Wednesday 4th November as we have two staff training days at the beginning of the week.

Fireworks

As you would probably have expected by now, we are unable to hold our annual Fireworks event. This is a huge blow to the school and the community as this is not just a fantastic event but also our main fund-raising event

This Harvest

If you are thinking of donating, this is what we would appreciate most:

- sun cream
- coffee
- deodorant
- tinned peas
- tinned pies (e.g. Fray Bentos)
- instant mash (e.g. Smash)
- chocolate
- soap
- carrier bags
- household cleaning products
- washing up liquid
- laundry powder
- toilet paper
- toothbrushes

Thank you, but we do **not** currently need:
pasta, rice, beans, tea or soup

If you need support, please call 01227 936450 or email info@canterburyfoodbank.org

[FoodBankCanterbury](#)



Kent Teacher of the Year Awards

You may recall earlier this year Rob Moon was awarded Support Staff of the Year in the Canterbury District as part of the Kent Teacher of the Year Awards. I was very pleased to hear last week that Rob was also awarded Caretaker of the Year for the whole of Kent. I'm sure you'll agree with me that this is well deserved and I have included his nomination below.



I would like to nominate Rob Moon for this award as he frequently goes above and beyond to support the school and its children.

I am astounded by everything that he does for the community. Despite his role being that of a Site Manager he also supports in the kitchen when they are short-staffed - this is by no means an isolated incident and he can frequently be seen helping staff in his own time.

Until recently, he was also chair of the PTA and is also responsible for arranging the main fundraising event of the year - the Bridge Village Fireworks - a responsibility he has kept even after standing down as chair of the PTA

The fireworks event is one that brings the whole community together with all members of school community and wider attendees enjoying the display. This also raises a significant amount of money for the school - this year raised just over £7000! Money that impacts directly on the children of Bridge School.

If this wasn't enough, he has also supported the introduction of 'Messy Church' at Bridge School and can be found one Saturday a month in the school kitchen preparing meals for anything between 60 to 100 people - all voluntarily!

Throughout all this, he has a smile on his face (most days!) and is clearly dedicated to the village of Bridge, its school and its children.

Home-Learning Activities

Don't forget that children can practise their multiplication tables and spellings using Times Table Rock Stars and Spelling Shed. You should, by now, have received your children's log on details from their class teacher.

Each week, we'll be celebrating classes and children who have performed exceptionally well over the past week.

Times Table Rock Stars



In order to kick off the children using Times Table Rock Stars, we've set up a 'Battle of the Bands' which directly pits the classes against each other. Children in years 2 to 6 can earn points playing any game type. They can play in Garage, Rock Slam, Soundcheck, etc and earn 1 point per correct answer. There will be a prize for the winning class and certificates for the top three players. Who will win the Battle of the Bands?

Year 6 parents – don't forget to apply for secondary schools by Monday 2nd November

Parent Tours are taking place throughout Term 2 for September 2021 entrants. Call for an appointment.

The school photographer is in on Tuesday 6th October. There will be no family photos this year.

Star Pupils

Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ All children in REC and RAM for showing great resilience in their first 2 full weeks of school and sharing their creativity and excellence with their new friends. Well Done! <i>Miss Maw & Miss Cowley</i> | ☆ Kaatya T (4JH) for showing great creativity in English lessons as well as showing tremendous determination with her learning. <i>Mr Harris</i> |
| ☆ Ollie S (1CS) for trying really hard with his writing and not giving up. <i>Miss S Smith</i> | ☆ Nico H (4ST) for excellence in his attitude to learning and in the way he conducts himself. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Luke C (1LA) for his positive attitude and always trying his best in class. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Livinya C (4ST) for resilience in her learning as well as being a generous learning partner. <i>Mrs Saunders</i> |
| ☆ Ava B (2FP) for struggling with a maths activity one day, the next day, when faced with it again she tried really hard and succeeded in completing the whole challenge without help. <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Freddie K (5JP) for showing an abundance of resilience, never getting knocked-back when he gets something wrong and always trying his upmost to make corrections and improvements to his work. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Laurence S (2GD) for showing compassion to others when they are hurt at playtime and will stop his own game to make sure they are OK. <i>Mrs J Smith</i> | ☆ Roisin H (5JS) is always generous with her time, both with adults and her peers, and she always applies herself fully to any task set. Since returning to school this September, she has worked hard and shown that she is keen to learn. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Efi B (2GD) for working very hard in all areas of learning in particular her writing where she has shown resilience in taking on board feedback given to improve her writing. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Ellis E (6NA) has displayed an increasingly more mature approach towards his learning, producing a wonderful non-chronological report about yellow spotted lizards in English this week. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Harriett H (3SA) for using great descriptive writing techniques to build tension in her (slightly terrifying) mystery story writing this week. <i>Mr Taylor</i> | ☆ Ivy P (6MB) for showing resilience in her learning and for adapting to life in school so effortlessly. <i>Mr Beard</i> |
| ☆ Scarlett A (3HA) for her creative writing this week and her resilience in typing it up. <i>Miss Allison</i> | |

Messy Church

It has been many months since Messy Church has been able to be held but I'm very pleased that Bridge Church are able to offer a 'mini' Messy Church for our families.

Details are on the right-hand side and I hope that our families enjoy this and we can get back to 'normal' Messy Church as soon as possible.

With best wishes,



James Tibbles



Bridge Church, 4-5pm

Saturday 4th October—Harvest

Saturday 31st October—Light in the Darkness

- 6-8 families max, socially distanced from one another in the Church in an allocated space for each family (usual guidance re social distancing, hygiene, masks etc applies)
- Craft activities/games in family groups followed by story, prayer and blessing song
- Resources for older children especially those who have just moved up to Secondary school
- BYO snack and drink if wanted

Places will be allocated on a 'first come first served basis' so please do get in touch to book your family's place. When booking please give us your full contact details and the number of people and ages of the children in your group.

Call or email Estella on 01227 206272/ estellast@gmail.com

Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our new school calendar.

[CALENDAR >](#)

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

Monday 28th September	9am to 11am; 2pm to 5pm: Year 3 Parent Consultations	Year 6 CAT Testing	
Tuesday 29th September	9am to 11am; 2pm to 5pm: Year 2 Parent Consultations	Year 6 CAT Testing	
Wednesday 30th September	9am to 11am; 2pm to 5pm: Year 4 Parent Consultations	Year 3 Trip to the Old Work House	Year 1 Trip into Bridge Village
Thursday 1st October	9am to 11am; 2pm to 5pm: Year 1 Parent Consultations		4pm: Governing Body Meeting
Friday 2nd October			
Monday 5th October			
Tuesday 6th October	9am to 11am; 2pm to 5pm: Year 5 Parent Consultations	School Photographer in (Individuals only)	
Wednesday 7th October			4pm to 7pm: Whole School Parent Consultations
Thursday 8th October	9am to 11am; 2pm to 5pm: Year R Parent Consultations		
Friday 9th October			
Monday 12th October			
Tuesday 13th October			
Wednesday 14th October			
Thursday 15th October	Kent Test (11+)		
Friday 16th October			
Monday 19th October			
Tuesday 20th October	Steve Clifford visiting (Children's Author)		
Wednesday 21st October	Steve Clifford visiting (Children's Author)		
Thursday 22nd October	Steve Clifford visiting (Children's Author)		
Friday 23rd October (Last day of Term 1)			