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Friday 9<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, most of my time has been spent talking to parents of Year 6 children about secondary school choices and the Kent Test. Understandably, this is an anxious time for parents and children alike with the unavoidable delays not making the situation any easier. However, as I talk to parents, the message that is coming through very clearly is that children are calm, relaxed and in a position to do their best.

I'm also pleased to hear that this is being reflected in the conversations that have been taking place between parents and staff over the past two weeks. Our parental consultations have been very much focused on children's emotional wellbeing and their resilience rather than the gaps in their learning – especially in this early stage of return.

Whilst no-one would question the importance of addressing the gaps in learning that may have arisen over lockdown, it is heartening that we all recognise that the children's mental and emotional health need to come first.

## Harvest Celebrations

Over the course of the week, the children have been considering the season of Harvest and we are putting together a 'virtual' Collective Worship, including contributions from all classes, that we will be sharing with the children next week. Look out for a report on our school website next week!

Please could we have any Harvest donations in school by next Thursday please. Children can take these directly to their classroom and we'll be hoping to deliver these to the Canterbury Food Bank on the Friday.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Website Images Consent

As you know, we are not able to invite parents into school as much as we would normally wish to but we are still keen to share the children's learning with you. Teachers will be updating our school blogs regularly and we'd like to include more video in this but in order to do this, we would need consent from parents.

Updated consent forms for photos and videos on our school website will be coming home next week, please look out for these.

## School Flu Vaccine

You should have received a letter via ParentMail this week inviting you to give consent for your child to receive the flu vaccine in school on 25<sup>th</sup> November. Please could I ask all parents to complete this form even if it is to confirm that you do not consent so there can be no misunderstandings on the day. I spoke to a number of parents last year who just 'didn't get around to it' and so their child wasn't vaccinated and I wouldn't want the same to happen this year.

The link to the consent form is: <https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/forms/imms-consent-form/>



## Author Visit – C.S. Clifford

In a couple of weeks, we are fortunate enough to welcome local children's author C.S. Clifford to the school. Some of you may remember that he visited the school approximately five years ago and we're very pleased to welcome him back.

The children will participate in a question and answer session with the author followed by a presentation, an issuing of a writing challenge which will be followed up by class writing workshops linked to the visiting author's books.

Children may purchase a copy of one of C. S. Clifford's books on the day; or alternatively to secure a copy, they can order a copy in advance. To pre-order, please look at the following website: [www.csclifford.co.uk](http://www.csclifford.co.uk) to decide which book you wish to purchase. An order form will be coming home next week.

At the end of the day, Steve Clifford will be available to sign any purchased books and meet parents and children (socially distanced, of course!)



## School Governance

Just a reminder that nominations for parent governors need to be with me (via the school office) by Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October.

Information about this process can also be found on our [Parent Governor Election](#) page but please do speak to me if you have any questions.

With best wishes,

James Tibbles

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

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

Christmas Card/Mug designs  
should be back in school by  
21<sup>st</sup> October. Please email  
Jacqui with any questions.

## 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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| ☆ <b>Ada H (RAM)</b> for always showing kindness and compassion to her peers. <i>Miss Maw</i>  | ☆ <b>Stella B-W (4ST)</b> for super instruction writing using a wide range of interesting vocabulary. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Lily W (REC)</b> for showing resilience when practising letters. <i>Miss Cowley</i>   | ☆ <b>Harrison B (4JH)</b> for showing superb commitment and dedication to his learning in Maths. Harrison has been proactive in class making excellent contributions to class discussion. <i>Mr Harris</i> |
| ☆ <b>Lily G (1CS)</b> for writing a fantastic recount about our woodland walk. <i>Miss S Smith</i>   | ☆ <b>Devan P (5JP)</b> for demonstrating excellent knowledge in science and even spending his own time researching further information about bacteria and viruses. <i>Mr Perfect</i>                       |
| ☆ <b>Henry S (1LA)</b> for his excellent understanding of partitioning numbers in Maths this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i>   | ☆ <b>Ariel J (5JS)</b> for working really hard to improve his Maths, Writing and Reading and for having a very positive attitude towards his learning. <i>Miss J Smith</i>                                 |
| ☆ <b>Evie R-A (2FP)</b> writing a set of clear instructions using bossy verbs. <i>Mrs Franks</i>   | ☆ <b>Henry P-D (6NA)</b> for showing resilience and perseverance with his learning, particularly with long division this week! <i>Mrs Allen</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Lennon K (2FP)</b> for showing real enthusiasm and understanding for our Harvest theme. <i>Mrs Perfect</i>  | ☆ <b>Jack M (6MB)</b> for presenting a neat, highly creative and imaginative piece of writing on surviving Camp Green Lake in English. <i>Mr Beard</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Henry P (2GD)</b> for writing a clear set of instructions on how to make fairy cakes as well as remembering to use capital letters and full stops! <i>Mrs Dennett</i> |  |
| ☆ <b>Chloe W (3SA)</b> for excellent focus in maths and a fantastic 'History of Bridge' poster. <i>Mr Taylor</i>   |  |
| ☆ <b>Joe P (3HA)</b> for acting sensibly and maturely during the fire alarm practice! <i>Miss Allison</i>  |  |
| ☆ <b>Alexander L (4ST)</b> for his scientific explanations in our balloon investigation this week. <i>Mrs Saint</i>  |  |

## Times Table Rock Stars: Battle of the Bands

Obviously not content to be outdone by Year 5, we have an incredible performance from 6NA this week who won this week's tournament with 25,393 points. In second place was 5JP with 12,803 points and 6MB came in third with 11,070 points.

Certificates have also been awarded to the three children who scored the greatest number of points across the week:

- 1<sup>st</sup>: Soheil H (6NA)
- 2<sup>nd</sup>: Oliver G (6NA)
- 3<sup>rd</sup>: Nicholas G (6MB)

We're mixing things up a little bit for the next week's competition and we're having a whole-school competition: Boys vs Girls!

## Buster Book Club



Well done to 3SA who won the class 'Buster Book Club' award this week having read a total of 811 minutes between them (an average of 27 minutes each) and to 6MB who read a total of 1175 minutes (and average of 39 minutes each).



## Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from the week's selection of blog posts

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)

2<sup>nd</sup> October 2020



### Pen & Ink African Masks

This term, Year 6 are drawing cultural objects from around the world. They have been working on small scale drawings of traditional African masks. They first learnt about the masks and how they are used within African culture.

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5<sup>th</sup> October 2020



### Year 4 Field Trip into Bridge Village

Year 4 have enjoyed two separate field trips into Bridge and the surrounding countryside. We followed a map and identified various different places.

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7<sup>th</sup> October 2020



### Hanging Out with Russell

In Reception this week, pupils have continued to improve their fine-motor skills by making paper snakes outside in the autumn sunshine.

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### Year 2 Science

This week we have been learning about habitats. We started by going on a walk around the school grounds to see how many different habitats we could identify.

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## Upcoming Events

**CALENDAR >**

All dates and events can be found on our new school 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!

<b>Monday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Kent Test (11+)	
<b>Friday 16<sup>th</sup> October</b>		
<b>Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>	5JP Geography Field Trip around the village	
<b>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Steve Clifford (Children's Author) visiting Year 3/5	
<b>Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	Steve Clifford (Children's Author) visiting Year 4/6	5JS Geography Field Trip around the village
<b>Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Steve Clifford (Children's Author) visiting Year R, 1 & 2	
<b>Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> October (Last day of Term 1)</b>		
<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November</b>	School closed	
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> November</b>	School closed	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Cathedral Schools' Day (Year 6 taking part)	
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> November</b>		
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1)	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1)	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November</b>	4ST Trip to Museum of Kent Life	11am: Act of Remembrance
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> November</b>	Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1)	4JH Trip to Museum of Kent Life
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November</b>		