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Friday 16th October 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

Harvest Celebrations

This year the focus of our Harvest theme has been thankfulness and, as a school, we have been thinking about our local farmers and food suppliers who kept us all supplied with food - particularly during the recent national lockdown.



This week, we were able to share our virtual Collective Worship with the children to which all classes contributed. I'm also pleased to be able to share this with you and this can be found on the [News Page](#) of our school website.

Thank you for your generosity of gifts over the past few days. Mr Moon very kindly delivered your offerings to the Canterbury Food Bank this morning and I know that they were well-received.

Pupil Data Collection Forms

Every year, we send home Pupil Data Collection Sheets where we ask parents to check and confirm their contact details for the school office. This is a huge amount of work for the school office (and Morny in particular) and so we have made the decision that we'll be spacing these out across the year, i.e. one year group per term.

Next week, children in Year 1 will be bringing home their Pupil Data Collection Sheets and we'll be asking all parents to sign and return these to the class teacher, making any necessary changes. **Please return these even if there are no changes.**

Parent Governor Election

Just a reminder that any nomination forms need to be returned to me by Monday 19th October. Any forms that are received after this date cannot be considered. These can be emailed directly to me or handed to me at the school office. I will be writing to all parents early next week.

Christmas Card/Mug Designs

A reminder from Jacqui in the office that Christmas card and mug designs need to be back with her by Wednesday 21st. We haven't had as many as usual so we just want to make sure that no one misses out.

Library Support

We are fortunate indeed to have a dedicated school librarian and I know that some of our parents have been contacting Emma asking for advice. Whilst Emma is more than happy to answer parental queries, please could I ask that such contact is not made via Facebook or social media – Emma can be contacted via her email address which is librarian@bridge.kent.sch.uk



October Half-Term Holiday Club

Bookings for holiday club are now open and can be made with Clare Readman in the school office.

School Photos

Your child will be bringing their school photo proof home today. All orders are now to be done online **directly** with Braiswick. The instructions for ordering your photographs are on the proof. The deadline has been extended to 29th October - if you order after this date there will be a £4.00 service charge to pay.

Year 6 PGL Trip

Information about payments towards the Year 6 PGL trip will be coming home shortly and there will soon be a letter coming home for the Year 5 parents about their trips to Bore Place in May and PGL in October.

Author Visit – C.S. Clifford

Next week, we welcome C.S. Clifford to the school and remember that you are able to purchase a copy of one of his books. Order forms came home last week and any orders should be in by Monday.



Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October 2020
08:00 – 17:00 Daily cost: £30 Weekly cost: £100
Sports · Films · Indoors · Outdoors · Competitions
Games · Activities · Cooking · Colouring · Art

KEY STAGE 2 VISITING AUTHOR AND WRITING WORKSHOPS



THE WALKING WITH SERIES FOR 8-13 YEAR OLDS at £6.99



THE NAVAJO SPIRIT SERIES FOR OLDER READERS at £7.99



CANAL CAPER SERIES FOR 6-9 YEAR OLDS at £7.99



TRAWLER TALE SERIES FOR 6-9 YEAR OLDS at £5.99

(More detail at www.csclifford.co.uk)

Remember that 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!)

With best wishes,



James Tibbles

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.

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

Child Flu vaccinations will take place on 25th November. Have you completed the form?

Nominations for parent governor need to be in by Monday 19th October.

Please could Year 1 Pupil Data Collection Sheets be returned by Friday 23rd October.

Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from the week's selection of blog posts

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)

12th October 2020



Glorious Gases

Our Science this term has been all about 'changing materials.' We have investigated how some changes such as freezing ice are reversible and some are irreversible like boiling an egg.

[CONTINUE READING >](#)

15th October 2020



Year 6 are Monsters

A group of Year 6 pupils have been using their imagination this week and have created some monsters! Using the work of artists Shaun Tan and John Kenn Mortensen as inspiration...

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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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| ☆ Jack M (RAM) for showing great resilience this week and coming into school in excellent fashion. <i>Miss Maw</i> | ☆ Amelie P (4ST) for perseverance and determination in succeeding in exchanges in her maths. <i>Mrs Saint</i> |
| ☆ Ernest R (REC) for coming up with super creative ideas to inspire his model making. <i>Miss Cowley</i> | ☆ Lois H (4ST) for her bread-making skills and also for her thoughtful evaluation. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Roisin G (1CS) for becoming confident to take on independent tasks in her writing. <i>Miss S Smith</i> | ☆ Ali G (4JH) for making superb contributions to class discussions especially in Maths. <i>Mr Harris</i> |
| ☆ Amelie (1LA) for showing kindness and compassion towards others in the class. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Rudy M (5JP) for making huge improvements to his behaviours for learning. Very well done and remember to keep this up! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Imogen M (2FP) for all her excellent learning in place value this term. <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Thomas D (5JS) for showing true compassion and generosity of spirit to his peers during a class activity. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Tessa P (2GD) for having greater confidence in completing her work especially in phonics and maths! <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Vivienne L (6NA) for always being ready to learn, particularly during Morning Work, and being an excellent role model for others. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Kiera H (3SA) for showing great focus and determination with her maths this week. Keep up the hard work Keira. <i>Mr Taylor</i> | ☆ Lila M (6MB) for persevering with a challenging square number problem in Mathematics. <i>Mr Beard</i> |
| ☆ Aiofe G (3HA) for having a positive attitude in all aspects of her school life and being totally awesome! We'll miss you! <i>Miss Allison</i> | |

Times Table Rock Stars: Battle of the Bands

This week, we've been running a competition between the boys and girls across the school in Times Table Rock Stars and I'm pleased to announce that the **girls** have won this competition by a significant margin.

1	All Girls	44,469
2	All Boys	33,971

Boys

- 1st Nicholas G (6MB)
- 2nd Kyle W (6MB)
- 3rd Noah M (5JS)

Girls

- 1st: Sofia S (6MB)
- 2nd Maya P (2GD)
- 3rd Polly P (3SA)



Next week's competition will be slightly different as we'll be inviting the children to challenge the teachers in a Rock Slam. How many questions can they get correct in 60 seconds? Can the children beat the staff team? The staff are fighting for their reputation – who will be victorious?

Children can challenge any of the teachers (not necessarily their own) and can attempt the Rock Slam as many times as they like and their highest score over the course of the week will be counted.

Buster Book Club



Well done to 3SA who won the class 'Buster Book Club' award again this week having read a total of 747 minutes between them (an average of 25 minutes each) and to 4ST who read a total of 1162 minutes (and average of 39 minutes each).

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 19th October	5JP Geography Field Trip around the village	
Tuesday 20th October	Steve Clifford (Children's Author) visiting Year 3/5	
Wednesday 21st October	Steve Clifford (Children's Author) visiting Year 4/6	5JS Geography Field Trip around the village
Thursday 22nd October	Steve Clifford (Children's Author) visiting Year R, 1 & 2	
Friday 23rd October (Last day of Term 1)		
Monday 2nd November		
	School closed	
Tuesday 3rd November		
	School closed	
Wednesday 4th November		
	Cathedral Schools' Day (Year 6 taking part)	
Thursday 5th November		
Friday 6th November		
Monday 9th November		
	Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1)	
Tuesday 10th November		
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Wednesday 11th November	4ST Trip to Museum of Kent Life	11am: Act of Remembrance
Thursday 12th November	Year 5 Bikeability (Level 1)	4JH Trip to Museum of Kent Life
Friday 13th November		
Monday 16th November		
Tuesday 17th November		
Wednesday 18th November		
Thursday 19th November		
Friday 20th November		