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Dear Parents/Carers,

You will all be aware by now that the Prime Minister has announced that he hopes all children will be able to return to school from Monday 8th March. Whilst it is not the half-term return that we all hoped for, I am pleased that we now have a date to which we can plan towards and, to give credit where it is due, the government and NHS appears to be on-track to meet its target of vaccinating the four most vulnerable groups by 15th February. Obviously there are no guarantees but, with rates going down in the Canterbury area and vaccinations continuing apace, perhaps there is reason to feel some small amount of optimism.

Remote Learning Survey

With the assumption/hope that we do return on Monday 8th March, we have now reached the mid-way point of this period of Remote Education and this is a good time for us, as a school, to reflect upon what is working well and if there are any improvements that we could make.



When we planned our Remote Learning Offer, we considered the feedback from the last survey (below) and the over-riding feedback we have been receiving from parents is that they are very appreciative of what Bridge School is providing but it would be helpful to gather viewpoints from as many parents as possible.

Please scan the QR code or click on this [Remote Learning – Parent Survey](#) link to complete the survey. The survey will be open for a week.

What would you like to highlight?	What could we have done differently/better?
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact and support from class teachers • Clear and transparent communication from leadership • Quality and range of weekly learning activities • Weekly videos • Optional Learning Challenges • 1:1 Zoom/Phone calls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide live/video lessons • Provide a greater range of curriculum subjects • Provide greater guidance on how to schedule learning throughout the day • Arrange class video calls • Provide more specific support for children with SEN

February Half-Term Holiday Club

With thanks to Elena, Charley, Tia and Dan, we are able to offer a holiday club over the half-term break. Details are on ParentMail and you will be able to book from later on today.

Holiday Club

08:00 – 17:00 Daily cost: £30 Weekly cost: £100

Sports · Films · Indoors · Outdoors · Competitions
Games · Activities · Cooking · Colouring · Art



Keeping Children Safe Online

In a couple of weeks' time it is Safer Internet Day and I think that this year more than ever we are reliant on the Internet to maintain those relationships we have with each other; my daughter has certainly been spending more time on FaceTime and iMessage with her friends and family.

As with anything, it is important that we, as parents, are aware of the risks that our children face when using the Internet and I want to draw your attention to the **Parent Info** section of our school website.



It can be found under the **Safeguarding** section and includes articles, tips and expert advice on keeping our children safe. I would recommend that every parent regularly checks this as it contains some very useful information.

Kent Adult Education

I've been asked to share an opportunity for parents to get involved in some free adult education workshops. Parents (or any adult) can book themselves on by following the link below and there are some specific courses which are designed to be fun, boost learning and just provide a bit of variety to a tough period of lockdown.

<https://www.kentadulthoodeducation.co.uk/course-areas/family-courses/>

- Exploring Behaviour Strategies
- Yoga to Support You and Your Child's Wellbeing
- The English Education System
- Autism Awareness
- Chocolate Easter Nests
- Building Family Resilience



Parental Consultations

We have arranged parental consultations which will run from 1pm to 5pm on two afternoons over the next couple of weeks. Due to the current workload that staff are now facing, we've made the decision not to offer an evening session at this time although we will revert to having an evening session in future consultations.

If you have not yet booked your appointment, it's not too late. Appointments can be booked via ParentMail from tomorrow morning at 9am and these will all be held via Zoom or phone call.

The focus of these sessions will be to share your child's attainment data from December as well as discussing how they are doing during this period of remote learning. Teachers may also suggest specific activities that you can do at home to support any individual learning needs and support writing (as we know this was a concern over the summer remote learning period).

Monday 1 st Feb	Tuesday 2 nd Feb	Wednesday 3 rd Feb	Thursday 4 th Feb	Friday 5 th Feb
	Year R Year 4	Year 4 Year 5	Year 5 Year R	
Monday 8 th Feb	Tuesday 9 th Feb	Wednesday 10 th Feb	Thursday 11 th Feb	Friday 12 th Feb
Year 3 Year 6	Year 3 Year 6	Year 1 Year 2	Year 1 Year 2	

Flu Immunisations

Despite our best efforts, the school immunisation team have just contacted the school to inform us that sadly they will not be able to come back into school for flu immunisation. However, there are two opportunities to get the immunisation if you are still waiting for one, please see the details below.

If you have any questions please contact them directly for further information.

Location: Exchange House, Hersden, Kent, CT3 4NH

Dates: Saturday 30th January - *please call 0300 123 5205 to book your place*
Sunday 7th February - *this is a drop-in session between 1pm-4pm; no need to book*

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial 'J'.

James Tibbles
Headteacher