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Dear Parents/Carers,

Parking

With the odd exception, parking has been much better this week – thank you. Although I didn't see them myself, I understand that there were enforcement officers out in the week. Please can I continue to stress that parents should not park down School Road nor on the zigzag lines on Conyngham Lane? All it does is cause bad feeling amongst parents and no one wants that.

Relationships, Health & Sex Education Policy

Thank you to those who submitted comments on this – we will be meeting after school on Monday to discuss these and will feedback to parents next week.

School Dinners

About 90% of our parents are now booking their school dinners through ParentMail – thank you very much as this makes things a lot easier in our school office. This also means that the kitchen has a much better idea of numbers and there will be less food waste.

From next term, if your child is asking for a school dinner and this hasn't been booked on ParentMail, we will be calling to confirm so it's easier for everyone if dinners are booked in advance.

As I've mentioned previously, I use this system at my daughter's school and I find it really useful as we know they she isn't eating the same thing day in day out (i.e. a jacket potato!)

Red Nose Day

Thank you again for all your donations last week. One of our parents, who volunteers at the food bank, kindly took these for us earlier in the week and we've also received a total of £170 in financial donations which has also gone to the food bank.

Year 5 Parent Meeting – PESE & Kent Test

On Wednesday 21st April, I will be holding a Year 5 parents meeting on Zoom at 4pm to go through the Procedure for Entry into Secondary Education (PESE) and the Kent Test. This session will be recorded for any parents who are not able to attend. If there are any specific questions you have, then please feel free to email me in advance of this meeting and I can answer your questions during this session. You will also be able to ask questions during the session through the chat function.



Staff News

Sadly, at the end of next week, we will be saying farewell to Clare Readman.

Clare has been working as our School Business Manager for the past year whilst Jess was on her maternity leave and although many of you would not have had direct contact with her, she has been instrumental to the running of the school over the past year and, as much as I'm looking forward to welcoming Jess back, I will be sad to see Clare go.

I'm very pleased that she has secured the position of School Business Manager at another school and we all wish her well.

Residential Visits

Year 5 Trip to Bore Place

I'm very sorry to announce that this trip has been cancelled. Bore Place contacted us last week to say that this was not able to go ahead. No money will be lost as any payments that Year 5 parents have made will go towards the cost of the Year 6 residential trip in September.

I know the children will be disappointed and so Mr Perfect and Miss Smith will be organising some activity days for the Year 5 children and information about this will be coming out next week.

Year 6 Trip to PGL

It is still hoped and planned that this will go ahead but the date has been pushed back from May and will now take place on **Friday 9th July to Monday 12th July**. Having visited the centre myself and attended many PGL residentials over the years, I am fully confident that we can maintain our year group bubble whilst on residential.

Some parents have not yet signed up to the Year 6 residential and I will be writing to these parents individually as I wouldn't want any child to miss out on this experience if at all possible.

Bridge Bees

BASC

Term 5 bookings are now open. It is really helpful to get an idea of numbers before the Easter holidays so please I can I ask, if possible, parents to book their spaces sooner rather than later. Due to staffing ratios, we do have a booking cap of 60 children per session.

Holiday Club

This has been very popular this time around and we're now fully booked on several days as we have a booking limit of 12 spaces. We do still have sessions available so please book via ParentMail ASAP if you would like to book.



Foodshare Bridge Update

The Foodshare Bridge pilot scheme is going well so we would like to be able to expand the team.

If you would like to get involved and help us to ensure that those who need it can access this resource we are looking for volunteers who could spare an hour or so on a Wednesday evening or Saturday morning. If you can help please get in touch with Rev'd Estella either by email estellalast@gmail.com or by calling 01227 206272.

What is Foodshare Bridge?

Foodshare is about everyone having access to healthy food The pandemic has forced all of us to make difficult decisions We believe good food shouldn't be a financial burden! Each Wednesday we get a delivery from Fareshare Kent Come to St Peter's Church, Bridge between 7–8pm Fill a bag with the food you need That's it You can leave a donation if you'd like to If you can't make it at that time, contact us in confidence to make an alternate arrangement



A Time to Reflect

This week, in their Collective Worship, the children have been exploring Easter inspired by paintings from the Ethiopian artist Nebiyu Assefa. Feel free to ask the children what they have felt listening to the story this week? I wonder what the disciples might have been thinking or feeling?





Wishing you all a good weekend.

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James Tibbles Headteacher









Celebration

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.

- ☆ Nate B-W (RAM) for showing great kindness and consideration to his peers this week. *Miss Maw*
- Rory B-C (REC) for his fantastic creative writing and his excellent attitude to learning. *Miss Cowley*
- Thea G (1CS) for growing in confidence and producing some excellent independent work. Miss S Smith
- Arianna S (1LA) for her excellent skills shown in dance class this week. Miss Andrews
- Stanley V-L (2FP) for service this term Stanley has been helping the children to log on to Word Shark and has been trouble shooting all of the problems that arise which is no mean feat. *Mrs Franks*
- Imogen B (2GD) for writing a creative and imaginative letter in role as the Pesky Rat. Mrs Dennett
- Lily T (3SA) for being a kind and compassionate friend and for always trying her best in all of her work. Mrs Amelia
- Ella J (3HA) for showing resilience in computing. Miss Allison
- Scarlett A (3HA) for excellent Maths work this week and explaining her reasoning when solving problems with fractions. *Mr Tibbles*
- Stella B-W (4ST) for helping with jobs after tennis and in the classroom and always doing it with a smile. Mrs Saint

- Livinya C (4ST) for her generosity and patience in teaching Mrs Saunders and Sophia how to count to 10 in Chinese. *Mrs Saunders*
- Tom A (4JH) for generosity in helping his classmates during Maths lessons. *Miss Briggs*
- Devon C (4JH) for producing excellent work in maths and playing well with others. *Mr Harris*
- Milo D (5JP) for showing great service to charity by independently creating and selling an Arabic and Indian inspired menu to raise money for Red Nose Day. Very well done! Mr Perfect
- Renee T (5JS) for being compassionate to her peers and for demonstrating maturity in tennis. Miss J Smith
- Alf K (6NA) for displaying an excellent attitude towards his work and making a great effort with his presentation. Mrs Allen
- Harry A (6NA) for always being the first to offer to help at BASC. *Mrs Haynes*
- Andrew D (6NA) for effort and participation in French lessons this term. *Mrs Hughes*
- James N (6MB) for effort and participation in French lessons this term. *Mrs Hughes*
- Kyle W (6MB) for taking ownership of his learning and producing a fantastic piece of writing this week. Mr Beard

Million Word Readers

I'm very pleased that we have four more children who have joined our 'Million Word Reader Hall of Fame'. Well done to Hanish, Eva H, Hari D and William S who each receive a god badge as well as a £10 book voucher.

We have Easter coming up so there's plenty of time to get reading!



Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
Eva 숬	Hanish 5		
William 숬	Hari D 숬		

Sporting Success

Despite the lockdown, our children have been keeping physically active and taken part in virtual competitions organised by the Canterbury Academy.



Darwin RAM – 1st place in the Key Stage 1 male novice dance competition. Darwin choreographed and performed his own routine including a mixture of compulsory and individual moves. Very well done!



Arianna 1LA – 1st place in the Key Stage 1 female novice dance competition. Arianna choreographed and performed his own routine including a mixture of compulsory and individual moves. Very well done!



Virtual League Trophy – Bridge and Patrixbourne are the proud winners of the 2020/2021 Virtual League for Canterbury District. We won by a clear margin and the participation from every child in the school was excellent. We have here the Year 6 Sports Crew, proudly lifting the trophy.

Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our 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!

Monday 29 th March		
Tuesday 30 th March	Easter Services in Church	4pm: GB Meeting: Teaching & Learning
Wednesday 31 st March	Easter Services in Church	
Thursday 1 st April	LAST DAY OF TERM	
Friday 2 nd April		

EASTER HOLIDAY

Monday 19 th April	Year 3 Rocks Study Day		
Tuesday 20 th April			
Wednesday 21 st April	Year 3 Rocks Study Day	Year 5 Parent Meeting (PESE & Kent Test)	
Thursday 22 nd April			4pm: FGB Meeting
Friday 23 rd April			
Monday 26 th April			
Tuesday 27 th April			
Wednesday 28 th April			
Thursday 29 th April		1pm: Gloria Barnett (Author) visiting Year 6	
Friday 30 th April			
Monday 3 rd May BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY			
Tuesday 4 th May	Year 5 PESE/Kent Test Consultations		
Wednesday 5 th May	Year 5 PESE/Kent Test Consultations		
Thursday 6 th May			
Friday 7 th May			

CALENDAR >

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Easter Junior



6th - 9th April 8am - 10am At Bridge Tennis Club

Sessions include: -Tennis -Fun competitions and games -Athletics on the field

Sign up now for 1 day or all 4, there is no charge for attending

Let us know if you want to come by emailing info@sadiebristowfoundation.org.uk