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Friday 17th September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I write this having just returned from a school trip touring some of the art works around Folkestone as part of the Folkestone Triennial (if you haven't been, I can recommend it!) It's been great to be able to bring back the 'enrichment' part of our curriculum this term and I'm looking forward to many more opportunities such as this over the course of the year.

Punctuality Plea

Over the past 18 months, we have been operating a 'soft' end to the day where parents could collect anytime between 3.15pm and 3.30pm. Now that we are getting back to 'normal', could I ask that children are collected as close to 3.15pm as possible please? Quite often we have meetings after school (and with clubs starting soon) it is only fair that staff have a quick opportunity for a comfort break and a conversation with their colleagues before our own after-school activities.

Also, a reminder that our school register does close at 8.55am and anyone arriving after this time should be registered as being 'late' and will have to enter through the school office. We are making a small allowance for Year R parents at the moment (they have until 9am) but we will need to revert to closing the gate at 8.55am.

Meet the Team Sessions

Thank you for joining us for the Meet the Team sessions and I hope that you found these informative. If you missed the presentation then you can find these on the [pupil pages](#) of the school website.

COVID-19

Please could I remind parents that, whilst schools are open with less restrictions, if your child has any of the main symptoms of COVID-19, (even if they're mild) they should:

- Get a PCR test (test that is sent to a lab) to check if they have COVID-19 as soon as possible.
- Your child should stay at home and not have visitors (self-isolate) until you get the test result – they can only leave home to have the test. Check if you and anyone else your child lives with need to self-isolate.

It is important that we all adhere to this in order to avoid positive cases in school (which could lead to the re-introduction of bubbles or class closures).

PTA Update

The PTA have set up a new [Bridge PTA Website](#) to promote upcoming events, call out for volunteers and let you know how you can support with our fundraising efforts. Updates will appear in the school newsletter but it is well worth checking out the new website as it contains information about upcoming events such as the Year R Social and the Quiz Night which we hope are both events that you will enjoy.



Parent Consultations

In a few weeks' time, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher(s) to discuss how well your children have settled into school and how the school and parents can work together to get the best out of your child. After feedback from parents, we will be keeping these on Zoom as this allows working parents to join in.

Invitations to book a slot will be sent out on Monday.

	Morning Slot	Afternoon Slot	Evening Slot
Year R	Thursday 14 th October 9am to 11am	Thursday 14 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 6 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 1	Thursday 7 th October 9am to 11am	Thursday 7 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 6 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 2	Tuesday 12 th October 9am to 11am	Tuesday 12 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 6 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 3	Monday 11 th October 9am to 11am	Monday 11 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 6 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 4	Wednesday 13 th October 9am to 11am	Wednesday 13 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 6 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 5	Tuesday 5 th October 9am to 11am	Tuesday 5 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 6 th October 4pm to 7pm
Year 6	Monday 4 th October 9am to 11am	Monday 4 th October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 6 th October 4pm to 7pm

Clubs

By now, all parents should have received a letter (via ParentMail) of the extra-curricular clubs on offer this term. Just a reminder that these will begin from Monday 27th September and run for 8 weeks (4 weeks before half-term, 4 weeks after). Jacqui is busily allocating clubs and will be in contact next week with those who have been successful.

There will, undoubtedly, be some children who are not offered a club due to high demand. If this is the case, we will prioritise those children when the next round of extra-curricular clubs is offered to ensure that they do get their choices next time,

Applying for Secondary Schools (news for Year 6 parents)

Applications for secondary schools are open and close on Monday 1st November (the link is below). If you would like any advice about this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

If you are considering naming St. Anselm's as an option, they ask that parents get a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) completed including information about faith status and/or baptism with a minister confirming regular religious practice.

Revd. Estella has offered to meet parents who wish to discuss this with her and will be holding two 'drop-in' sessions in the school on Friday 8th October at 2.30pm and Tuesday 12th October at 9am. You are, of course, also welcome to speak to her on Sundays following her church services.

Bridge Toddler Group

For those of you with little ones, Little Lambs Toddler Group meet in Bridge Pavilion each Thursday during term time and are looking for volunteers to help serve refreshments. For more information email bridgeoffice23@gmail.com.

A Time to Reflect

In Collective Worship this week, the children have been considering 'wisdom' and the difference between having knowledge and wisdom. This is illustrated by the parable of the foolish builder who built his house upon the sand; he had the knowledge of how to build a house but what he chose to do with that knowledge lacked wisdom.

We children have also looked at the wisdom that can be found in the Book of Proverbs and we considered if any of these sayings could help us live more wisely in school or at home.

Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

Matthew 7:24

As always we ended our Collective Worship today with our school prayer. Any child that did not want to join in the prayer was simply asked to sit quietly and reflect upon what we had spoken about.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Tibbles

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.

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| ☆ Cohen (1CS) for an excellent attitude to his learning. <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Seb C (4ST) for his service to learning by helping others in Computing and for contributing to class discussions. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ James S (1LA) for his excellent writing and remembering his finger spaces in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Alfred (4ST) for his service to others as he is always ready to lend his pencils and help other children. <i>Mrs Saint</i> |
| ☆ Ruby M (2FP) having an excellent attitude and showing resilience in her learning this week! <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Ethan C (5HA) for an amazing piece of descriptive writing which demonstrated both resilience and creativity. Well done! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Noah T (2GD) for having a positive attitude towards his learning and for always showing compassion towards others. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Ellie S (5JS) for an amazing start to Year 5; for always being a supportive friend to her peers and for just being an absolute pleasure to have around the classroom. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Arya N (3JA) for being such a positive and active learner - keep it up! <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Ruby O (6NA) for showing excellent attention to detail in her work. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Amaya D (3SA) for showing resilience in her independent writing and producing an excellent setting description. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Bella B (6JP) for always volunteering for different things, answering questions thoughtfully and consistently giving her utmost. <i>Mrs Evans</i> |
| ☆ Sam H (4JH) for always working hard and supporting others. <i>Mr Harris</i> | |

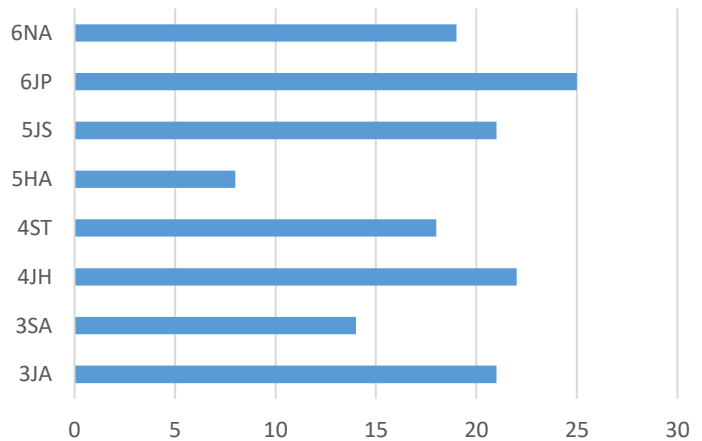


Buster Book Club

This week, as part of our Buster Book Club, we are celebrating not just the total number of minutes read but also the number of children who have read in each class.

As you can see from the graph on the right, **6JP** are the clear winners this week with 25 of the children reading although closely followed by 4JH, 5JS and 3JA.

Adults in class are monitoring how often children read and it would be great to see classes where every child is regularly reading.



Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from the week's selection of blog posts.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)

15th September 2021



£1 a box for the NHS

Many of our children engage in charity to work to raise money and awareness for both local and national charities and today we were very pleased to hear about what Cara has been doing to support our NHS.

[CONTINUE READING >](#)


15th September 2021



Year 1 Mark-Making

Year One pupils have been exploring mark-making techniques this term. They have used a variety of objects - forks, spatulas, feathers, nail brushes and sponges are among the tools used.

[CONTINUE READING >](#)



Quiz night

hosted by the Bridge Group Parish

Paul Kelly-Moore and Miriam Westendarp present a quiz evening in aid of the destitute street children of Maua, Central Kenya.

Come along to enjoy yourself, and discover that you have brought safety, education and joy to a needy child as well!


There will be plenty of other opportunities to win prizes during the evening - come prepared for Goodies and Giving!

October 15th 7 for 7.30pm start
Lower Hardres Village Hall

Tickets £5

Tables of 6 or 8 - come in groups or come alone and join in with others.
Bring your own food and drink - share with friends.

To book your tickets please contact the Church office by email bridgeoffice23@gmail.com or speak to one of the Churchwardens.



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 20th September		
Tuesday 21st September		4pm: Year 5 Parents' Meeting re: residential
Wednesday 22nd September		
Thursday 23rd September	4ST trip to Creed Activity Centre	4JH Bridge Village Walk
Friday 24th September	4JH trip to Creed Activity Centre	Year 3 Bridge Village Walk 4ST Bridge Village Walk

Monday 27th September	<i>Year 6 Residential (all week)</i>	Kent Music Roadshow (Year 3, 4 and 5)
Tuesday 28th September		
Wednesday 29th September		
Thursday 30th October		2.30pm: Year R Welcome Service at St. Peter's Church
Friday 1st October		

Monday 4th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 6)		
Tuesday 5th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 5)	School Photographer in (individual photos)	11.30am: Year 5 and 6 Handball @ Cant. Academy
Wednesday 6th October			4pm to 7pm: Parental Consultations (Whole School)
Thursday 7th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 1)		6pm: PTA Social for New Year R parents
Friday 8th October			4pm: Messy Church on Saturday

Monday 11th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 3)		
Tuesday 12th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 2)	<i>Year 5 Trip to Bore Place</i>	
Wednesday 13th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 4)	<i>Year 5 Trip to Bore Place</i>	
Thursday 14th October	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year R)	<i>Year 5 Trip to Bore Place</i>	
Friday 15th October			

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All profits will be split between Bridge school PTA & SUDC (Sudden unexplained death in childhood) charity

FRIDAY, 12th November 2021
DOORS OPEN 7PM FOR A 7.30 START

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