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Friday 24<sup>th</sup> September 2021

Dear Parents/Carers,

I hope that you have all taken the opportunity to book a parental consultation with your child's class teacher. Apologies for the slight delay in getting 6NA bookings up and running – we're not quite sure what happened there! If you have not yet booked a slot then you can do this via ParentMail.

### Clubs

We have had an extra-ordinary response to our after-school clubs offer this term and this has unfortunately meant that many children have not been able to be offered a club. As I mentioned last week, we will prioritise these children when the next round of extra-curricular clubs is offered to ensure that they do get their choices next time,

### Children Swapping Toys

This week, we appear to have a bit of an influx in children bringing small toys into school to 'trade' or 'swap' at breaktimes (e.g. fidget pops, tangle toys, etc). Whilst none of these are particularly valuable, this has caused some upset amongst the children when they want to swap back. We are speaking to the children not bringing these toys to school but we would be grateful if this could also be reinforced at home.

### School Lunches

Over the past couple of weeks we have begun experiencing some problems with our suppliers for our school meals. This means that we don't always receive the goods that we order and may necessitate a change in menu. We will always do our best to inform you in advance of a change but in where this does happen we will always strive to let you know the day before so, if there is a change in your child's preferences, you can update this on the ParentMail school dinner booking system.

### Year R Welcome Service

A date for your diaries for our new Year R families. We will be taking the children down to the church to familiarise them with the walk and the building itself.

We are aiming to arrive at the church at 2.30pm where Rev. Estella will lead a short welcome service for the children and parents are more than welcome to join us.

At the end of the service, parents are welcome to collect their children directly from the church, otherwise we will walk them back to school. If you are planning to collect your child from church then please let the school office or class teacher know.



## Harvest Services

In a few weeks' time, we will be taking the children to celebrate Harvest at St. Peter's Church in Bridge and parents are welcome to join us.

- Year 2 and 3: 9.30am to 10.15am
- Year R and 1: 10.30am to 11am
- Year 4 to 6: 11.15am to 12pm

Please could we have any Harvest donations in school on the last week of term please. Children can take these directly to their classroom and we'll be hoping to deliver these to the Canterbury Food Bank on the Wednesday or Thursday.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

## Staffing News

I'm very pleased to be able to share with the school community that Mrs Allen is expecting and will be going on maternity leave later this year; please join me in offering her our congratulations. We will be advertising for a maternity cover shortly.

We are also losing Dan Corfield from our Bridge Bees BASC provision. He is starting his Initial Teacher Training at CCCU and we wish him all the best.

## Bridge Bees Holiday Club

We will once again be running our holiday club over the October half-term break and this will also include the INSET days on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October. Bookings will open next Friday and we're asking that everyone books by 14<sup>th</sup>. Invoices will be sent out on the 15<sup>th</sup> October to be paid the following week.

Daily sessions will run from 8am to 5pm and the price will remain at £30. We are offering a discount if you book the whole week which will cost £120.

## Year R Phonics Talk

In a few weeks' time, Miss Cowley and Mrs Harvey-Maw will be leading a presentation on Zoom for parents of Year R children which will give you more information about how phonics (letters and sounds) is taught in the school and what parents can do at home to support this. This is planned for 5pm on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October but this will be recorded and placed on the school website for any parents unable to attend.

## Fireworks

I know that many of you look forward to the community event that is our annual fireworks but it is with a great deal of regret that I have to let everyone know that we are unable to do this. Due to the restrictions earlier in the year, we were unable to get enough people to receive the requisite training. I would love to get this back up and running next year and we'll be putting a call out for volunteers to be trained after Christmas.

## Applying for Secondary Schools (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>



The poster features the word 'HARVEST' in large, white, block letters against a yellow background. Various food and household items are arranged around the letters, including a cup of soup, coffee, juice, ham, mash, rice pudding, dog food, milk, and cleaning products. Below the title, it lists items appreciated: instant mash, canned potatoes, cup soup, long life juice, long life whole milk, canned ham, rice pudding, jam, instant coffee, dog food, large nappies (sizes 5, 5+, 6, 6+), cleaning sprays, washing up liquid, and toiletries (all). It also provides contact information for the Canterbury Food Bank, including a phone number, email, and website, along with social media icons for Facebook, Instagram, and Twitter. The logo for Food Bank Canterbury & District is also present.

This Harvest we would appreciate:

- instant mash
- canned potatoes
- cup soup
- long life juice
- long life whole milk
- canned ham
- rice pudding
- jam
- instant coffee
- dog food
- large nappies (sizes 5, 5+, 6, 6+)
- cleaning sprays
- washing up liquid
- toiletries (all)

Donations can be left in our supermarket collection bins. See our website for a full list of locations.

*We have good stocks of pasta, rice, beans, soup, tinned tomatoes and tea at the moment, thank you*

If you need support, please call 01227 936450 or email [info@canterburyfoodbank.org](mailto:info@canterburyfoodbank.org)

[canterburyfoodbank.org](http://canterburyfoodbank.org)

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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 8<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm and Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October at 9am. You are, of course, also welcome to speak to her on Sundays following her church services.

### A Time to Reflect

In Collective Worship this week, the children have been learning about the book of Proverbs from the Bible and considering some of the wisdom that can be found within. Today, we reflected upon what this meant:

*"People show what they are by what they do. You will know what people are like by the fruit they bear."*

*Proverbs 20:11*

The children have been learning about the 'Fruits of the Spirit': *love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self control* and how you can tell what type of person someone is by their actions.

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,



James Tibbles

#### From Revd. Estella

##### 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](mailto:bridgeoffice23@gmail.com).

##### Friday Prayer Group

'Every Friday from 8.45 join us in Bridge Church for coffee, chat and prayers. Members of the ministry team will be there to listen and lead us in prayer'

## 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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| ☆ <b>Elodie C (1CS)</b> for persevering with her map of our school. <i>Mrs M Smith</i>   | ☆ <b>Eldon B (4ST)</b> for showing resilience, trying his best and being a super partner on our trip to Creed. <i>Mrs Moon</i>                             |
| ☆ <b>Ruben T (1LA)</b> for his excellent Maths this week comparing numbers. <i>Miss Andrews</i>  | ☆ <b>Rio B (4ST)</b> continuing his success at getting a bulls eye in archery at Creed yesterday into his writing a recount today. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>      |
| ☆ <b>Aidan A (2FP)</b> for an excellent attitude towards his learning all week! <i>Mrs Franks</i>  | ☆ <b>Eleanor N (5HA)</b> for the amazing attitude towards your learning this week. You are 'on fire' Eleanor keep it up! <i>Miss Allison</i>               |
| ☆ <b>Niamh N (2GD)</b> for being a caring and reliable member of the class. She is always willing to help others especially in computing. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>           | ☆ <b>Kiyo H (5JS)</b> for always contributing to class discussions and showing compassion and respect to his friends. <i>Miss J Smith</i>                  |
| ☆ <b>Imogen M (3JA)</b> for showing the resilience and confidence to ask an adult for help when she needed it. Well done for being so honest Imogen!! <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ <b>Milo D (6NA)</b> for excellent subject knowledge and enthusiasm for our work on balanced arguments. <i>Mrs Allen</i>                                  |
| ☆ <b>Kaitlyn F-B (3SA)</b> for her excellent enthusiasm and great contributions to class discussions. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>  | ☆ <b>Bella B (6JP)</b> for writing an excellent balanced argument in English this week and using a range of cohesive devices. Well done! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ <b>Ivy P (4JH)</b> for always trying her best and her enthusiasm to learning. <i>Mr Harris</i>   |  |

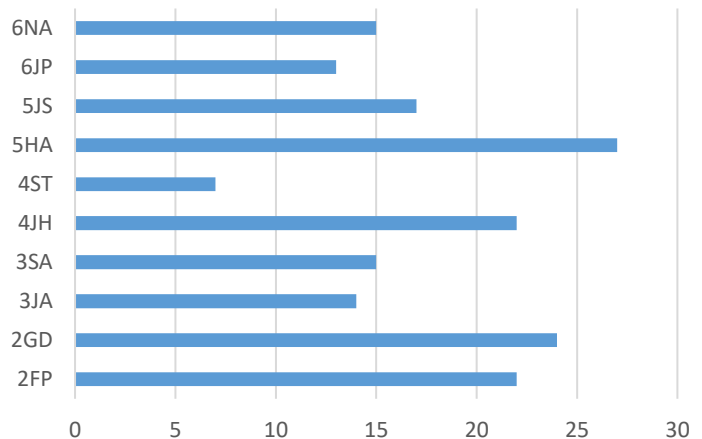


### Buster Book Club

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, **5HA** are the clear winners this week with 27 of the children reading (I think bribed/cajoled/threatened by Miss Allison!) although they are closely followed by 2GD.

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 >](#)

24<sup>th</sup> September 2021



### Mysterious Moments

Recently I received a visit from Amelie who told me about what she was doing to raise money for cancer treatment for her Aunty.

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17<sup>th</sup> September 2021



### Folkestone Triennial Trip

The Folkestone Art Triennial is a project run by Creative Folkestone and is the largest exhibition of newly commissioned work presented in the UK.

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## Upcoming Events

**CALENDAR >**

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar (it's working now!)

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

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

<b>Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 3)		
<b>Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 2)	<i>Year 5 Trip to Bore Place</i>	Year 6 Tag Rugby
<b>Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year 4)	<i>Year 5 Trip to Bore Place</i>	
<b>Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> October</b>	9am - 11am; 2pm - 5pm: Parent Consultations (Year R)	<i>Year 5 Trip to Bore Place</i>	
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> October</b>			

<b>Monday 18<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Fire Safety Talk		
<b>Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October</b>			5pm: Phonics Talk for Year R parents
<b>Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Harvest Services in Church		
<b>Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> October</b>	<i>Staff Training Day</i> <i>School closed to pupils</i>		
<b>Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	<i>Staff Training Day</i> <i>School closed to pupils</i>		

*All readers are valued and all reading  
is valuable...*

Reading volunteers old, pending and new, are welcome to join me for a coffee and chat on Friday October 1<sup>st</sup> at 9am.

We are pleased to let you know that we can now invite reading volunteers back into school to listen to the children read. Some of you have already been in touch last year, had the necessary checks and are awaiting the green light. Some that have been with us a while, are already back in school and we are (as always) seeking out new volunteers. If you feel that you, or someone else you know has a little time to spare each week and would like to find out a little bit more about what being a volunteer looks like please come along; it will be great to talk about reading over a coffee.

If you would like to come, can you please let the office ladies know before next Wednesday, so that I can arrange numbers. It would be lovely to have some male volunteers too!

Thanks for your support as always and I look forward to seeing you.

Helen Allison