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Dear Parents/Carers,

Many of you would have had the opportunity by now to have met with your child's class teacher to discuss how they have settled in to school – I hope that you have found these discussions fruitful. We have made the decision to keep these on Zoom for the time being as there are distinct advantages but we do recognise that some parents prefer a face-to-face discussion. We will be reviewing this for the next round of consultations in the Spring Term.

We've also had some very positive feedback about the children's work which was displayed as part of the Art in Bridge exhibition last weekend – *the work was commendable and inspiring*. We also received a very thoughtful thank you gift from the organisers – the book 'The Lost Spells' which will be placed in our school library. It has been a privilege to be able to share the children's artwork with the wider community and this is something that we will continue to do for many years to come.



Year One were very grateful for the support of parents and grandparents who made it possible to take the children out of school on what turned out to be a perfect autumn morning. The children had a fabulous time on their first field trip, which took them across the fields and through the woods, walking for two hours without any complaints. In fact, on their return pupils were asking when they could go again! The children were learning about features of the countryside and looking for signs of Autumn; they also collected leaves which will be inspiring their next Art project, which they can't wait to start.

PTA Update

Last night, the PTA held an event for the parents of our new Year R children to introduce themselves and they work that the PTA do to raise money for the school and ultimately, the children. I'd like to take this opportunity to thank the committee members of the PTA for their time and work.

The minutes of last week's PTA meeting are now published on the [PTA](#) section of our school website. Don't forget that the PTA also have [their own dedicated website](#) where you can find much more information about upcoming events and future plans.



Anti-Racism

You may recall that, last year, I wrote to all parents following the racist abuse that was hurled at some of the players of the England football team condemning this behaviour and how we had addressed this with the children at the time. Miss Allison (teaching her Year 3 class at the time) wrote, with her children, to Gareth Southgate to express their support for the team and we received this reply last week. This is just another example of Gareth Southgate's excellent leadership and a great role model to our children.

You may be aware that October is Black History Month and I'm looking forward to sharing some of the learning that the children have been doing around this.



Messy Church

This Saturday, we are inviting all our families to Messy Church next Saturday (9th October). This starts from 4pm and lasts until 5.30pm. There will be craft activities, drinks and snacks followed by a short worship led by Revd. Estella.

Year R and 1 Phonics Talk

We were planning a short talk to Year R parents about the teaching of Phonics to take place before the half-term break. We have had a slight change of plan and will be running sessions for Year R and Year 1 parents which will now be after the half-term break. Dates will be finalised and shared with you before half-term.

Canterbury Mosque Appeal for Refugees

Last week, I wrote about our local mosque supporting Afghan refugees and are desperately seeking donations of toiletries and other sanitary items. If you can help with any of these items I know that they would be greatly appreciated. Please bring any donations to the school office by Friday 15th October.

- Shaving kits
- Shampoo
- Soap
- Sanitary pads
- Nappies
- Toothpaste

It's Good to Grow

Thank you to those parents who have registered with our school for the Good to Grow scheme at Morrisons. By collecting tokens for us, we can get free gardening equipment for our developing Forest School and Outdoor Learning Area.

If you have not yet registered, or just wish to find out more information about the school, then you can do so here: [Morrisons It's Good to Grow \(itsgoodtogrow.co.uk\)](https://itsgoodtogrow.co.uk)

The scheme closes on the 24th October so there's not long to go!



Year 6 Kent Test Results

In two weeks' time, on Thursday 21st, parents of Year 6 children who took the Kent Test will be receiving their results. I will be making myself available to meet with parents via Zoom on the Friday morning should any parents wish to discuss next steps. If you would like to take advantage of this then please email me following receipt of your results and we can arrange an appointment.

A Time to Reflect

This week, in Collective Worship, the children have been learning about El Roi – another name given to God which means 'who sees'. We discussed that God watches over us because he loves us like a loving parent watches over their children.

"⁷ The Lord will keep you from all harm - he will watch over your life; ⁸ the Lord will watch over your coming and going both now and forevermore.

Psalm 121 7-8

We then took some time to think about who else watches over us in different ways, both in school and beyond. We ended our worship by giving thanks to those people who watch over us individually and as part of wider society.

With best wishes,

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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Rory (1CS) for excellent participation in music. <i>Mrs M Smith</i> ☆ Finn (1LA) for his fantastic maths this week - learning to use a number line. <i>Miss Andrews</i> ☆ Heidi N (2FP) for being really creative with related facts in maths. <i>Mrs Franks</i> ☆ Elodie B (2GD) for being a caring member of the class and having an excellent attitude towards her learning. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> ☆ Ava B (3JA) for her amazing effort in all lessons, but especially her spellings both at school and at home. <i>Mr Ablett</i> ☆ Talya Y (3SA) for her excellent attitude towards her learning and consistently showing her amazing creative skills. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Sophia M (4JH) for showing compassion to others and working extremely hard all week. <i>Mr Harris</i> ☆ Sienna W (4ST) for being a kind and compassionate friend at lunch time and for always doing her best. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> ☆ Sophia S (5HA) for showing bravery, maturity and resilience in circle time this week. <i>Miss Allison</i> ☆ Deven C (5JS) for becoming much more independent with his learning and always showing care and consideration to his friends and teachers. <i>Miss J Smith</i> ☆ Hope F (6NA) for great perseverance in Maths when dividing 4 digits by a 1-digit number (including remainders). <i>Mrs Allen</i> ☆ Millie C-J (6JP) for writing an excellent descriptive paragraph using concise, expanded noun phrases. Well done! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
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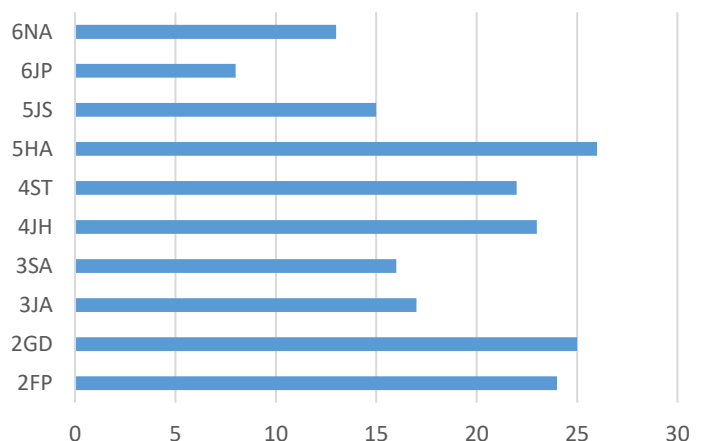


Buster Book Club

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.

We're shaking things up a little bit this week and looking at which year group has the greatest numbers of readers (rather than just an individual class) and I'd like to say well done to **Year 2** who had 49 children read at least three times this week!

There been a huge increase in reading this week – let's keep it up!



Reminders (these have already been mentioned in previous newsletters)

Harvest Services

On Wednesday 20th October, 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.

Rag-Bag Scheme for Bridge Village Playgroup

Bridge Village Playgroup are starting up a 'rag-bag collection' and collecting all unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and belts, which the council will then recycle and make a cash donation back to the preschool. We don't yet have a collection date for this but please bear this in mind and maybe have a clear out of those pre-loved clothes?

Flu Vaccines

We have had parents asking about the NHS Flu Vaccination programme and just a heads-up that this is currently scheduled for November 24th. More information will be coming out closer to the time.

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>



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
canterburyfoodbank.org

Canterbury Food Bank is a registered charity (1151279)

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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.

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'

Latest Blog Posts

Highlights from the week's selection of blog posts.

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7th October 2021



Tennis Superstars

During Terms 5 and 6 last year, children from all year groups took part in the Canterbury schools games tennis skills challenge.

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Book Club

We had a lovely session at KS2 book club this week. We brought in our favourite animal books and created new front covers for them.

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Upcoming Events

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

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 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>	Year 6 Tag Rugby
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	Year R Walk around Bridge Village		

Monday 18th October	Fire Safety Talk		
Tuesday 19th October			
Wednesday 20th October	Harvest Services in Church		
Thursday 21st October	<i>Staff Training Day</i> <i>School closed to pupils</i>	<i>Kent Test Results to parents</i>	
Friday 22nd October	<i>Staff Training Day</i> <i>School closed to pupils</i>		

Monday 1st November			
Tuesday 2nd November			
Wednesday 3rd November			
Thursday 4th November			
Friday 5th November			

Monday 8th November			
Tuesday 9th November			
Wednesday 10th November			
Thursday 11th November	11am: Remembrance Service		
Friday 12th November			4pm: Messy Church on Saturday