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Dear Parents/Carers,

New staff

We have had a few new members of staff join our Bridge team this week. Mr Wren will be teaching in 6NA for the remainder of the year whilst Mrs Allen is shielding and then on maternity leave; Mrs David will be supporting the learning in 5JS; Mrs Ross joins us from the Specialist Teaching & Learning Service in supporting our children with educational needs and Mr Fawke has today been appointed as our new Site Manager and will be taking up his position as soon as possible. No doubt you'll see these new faces out and about the school so please do welcome them.

COVID Update

Over the past week, I have written to parents twice already to update you on our protocols following guidance from DfE and you can also find these on the [COVID-19 Protocols](#) section of our school website. Can I, in particular, draw your attention to the section on face coverings? If you are in a group of people and especially if you are speaking face-to-face, then you should be wearing a face covering.

I would also like to highlight one piece of guidance I have received today that since the Omicron variant appears to be affecting the upper airways then it is advisable to do a throat swab as well as nostrils when doing an LFD test. This advice comes from Dr Matt Butler (a consultant from the COVID Assessment Unit at Cambridge University Hospitals).

Kent Teacher of the Year Awards 2022

Once again it's that time of year when the KM group open nominations for the Kent Teacher of the Year award. These are a great way of recognising any member of school staff that you feel goes the extra mile or you appreciate. There is no financial award but the nomination itself is appreciated as these are all shared with the nominees.

We have a history of doing well at this event with Stewart Bristow being honoured last year and Rob Moon being the overall county champion the year before.

"This has been another difficult year, with challenges continuing to present themselves. However it has also been a year of opportunity as we have learned to live with the pandemic and adapt to a new way of life.

You and your colleagues in the education sector, have continued to work tirelessly to ensure our children have been taught, inspired and motivated, and deserve recognition for everything you have achieved.

We at the KM Charity Team deliver the Kent Teacher of the Year Awards and we would love your help in spreading the word to everyone in your school and community to nominate a member of your school community.



This is not a popularity contest, it's not measured on the number of votes. It is judged by a panel of judges who read the content of every entry and then have the difficult task of selecting the winners.

Anyone can nominate and it's not just teachers who are recognised – these awards celebrate every role in schools from school secretaries to caretakers, heads and volunteers.

To nominate, go to www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/awards/toty and complete the online nomination form.”

Messy Church

Once again we have made the precautionary decision not to run Messy Church this weekend. We are all very disappointed but feel that it is the best course of action. We are all hoping that we can run this in February 12th.

Year 6 Production

The children were informed at the end of last term that their Year 6 production this year will be 'Matilda'. We're very much looking forward to taking the children to see the West End performance next week. Please could I ask that all children take a LFD test on Wednesday morning.

Thank you and have a good weekend.

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 'J' and 'T'.

James Tibbles

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 10th January
Tuesday 11th January
Wednesday 12th January Year 6 Trip to Matilda
Thursday 13th January
Friday 14th January

Monday 17th January
Tuesday 18th January
Wednesday 19th January
Thursday 20th January
Friday 21st January

Monday 24th January
Tuesday 25th January
Wednesday 26th January
Thursday 27th January 9.30am PTA Meeting
Friday 28th January

Monday 31st January
Tuesday 1st February
Wednesday 2nd February
Thursday 3rd February
Friday 4th February

Celebration

Star Pupils

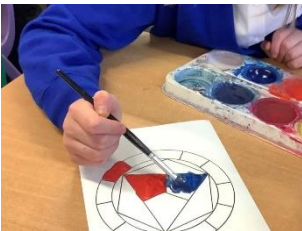
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Ernest R (1CS) for his excellent contributions to class discussions and superb writing. <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Alfred K (4ST) for always trying his best and taking part in conversations. <i>Mrs Saint</i> |
| ☆ Nate B-W (1LA) for his fantastic recount of his holiday in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Milo E (5HA) for consistently being positive example of how to be a great friend and learner. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Ivy M (2FP) for her excellent concentration and conducting skills in music and for a huge improvement on her spelling score! <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Anesu M (5JS) for consistently challenging himself during lessons, always giving 100% to everything he does and for just being an all-round superstar!. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Jake H (2GD) for having confidence in his own mathematical ability when come completing new tasks. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Sophia-Rose D (6NA) for the amazing research that she completed at home on Floella Benjamin. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Stanley V-L (3JA) for his creative similes when describing appearance in English this week! <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Robyn B (6JP) for her excellent understanding, contributions and labelled diagram in science about blood and the four main components that make blood up. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Finn J (3SA) for his amazing reasoning in Maths, not just this week, but the whole of Year 3 so far! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Noah M (6JP) for his excellent understanding, contributions and labelled diagram in science about blood and the four main components that make blood up. <i>Mrs Brooks</i> |
| ☆ Logan T-B (4JH) for his excellent effort investigating factors in maths this week. <i>Mr Harris</i> | |
| ☆ Oliver F (4ST) for a very thoughtful piece of writing on the subject of freedom. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | |

News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

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Newton's colour wheel - art and science

This week, Year 5 have been learning about the artist's colour wheel. The modern colour-wheel is based on Sir Isaac Newton's experimentation with light. While Professor of Mathematics at Cambridge University, he experimented by shining white light (daylight) through a glass prism. [Read more...](#)



Sam's Olympic Hockey Experience

It was fantastic to hear that just before Christmas that Sam, year 4, took part in the Indoor Hockey Championships at the end of December, playing for Canterbury U10 Boys. The event took place at the Copper Box Arena at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park in Stratford. They were pleased to come away with a bronze medal, just missing silver due to goal differences. Congratulations on a fantastic achievement Sam, we are all very proud of you! [Read more...](#)