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Friday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

One of the perks of headship is that I get to 'shotgun' any trips that I want to go on and I was really pleased to be able to join the Year 6 children (and adults) on their trip to see Matilda earlier this week. Later this year, the children will be performing this as their end-of-year production and given the excitement exhibited by the children this week, I don't doubt that it will be an incredible performance.



### COVID Update

Once again we have had another change in the guidance from central government and DfE – this time in relation to a further shortening of the self-isolation period to five days which comes into effect from Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January.

For the avoidance of any doubt, please be reminded that Day 0 is the day symptoms start or an LFD test gives a positive result (it is not Day 1) and that children can return to school on Day 6 assuming that they have had two negative LFD test results at least 24 hours apart, i.e. early morning on Day 5 and again on Day 6.

Please continue to refer to the **COVID-19 Protocols** section of our school website which now also includes a summary of the government guidance.

### Jill Thomas

Some of you may remember Jill Thomas who was a governor at Bridge School for many years before her death in December 2020. In memory of Jill, and with the support of her family, it has been decided that we will be establishing an award in her honour – the Jill Thomas Award for Service.

Jill was a proud proponent and an excellent role model of service in the community and I remember her being particularly pleased when we adopted 'service' as one of our Christian values.

This award will be another method by which we can thank and recognise members of our community for what they do for our children. Anyone can be a recipient: a child, a parent, a volunteer, a member of staff or a governor.

You can nominate someone for an award using the linked form and a panel will look at all nominations to determine who should be the recipient. The link to the form is here: <https://forms.office.com/r/vGsDBk4VQb>

Please consider the following questions:

- Why do you think this person should receive an award?
- What contribution has this person made within the community and/or school?

The nomination form will be open for the next three weeks and the panel will meet to discuss all nominations in the last week of term. This is not a popularity contest, all nominations will be shared and discussed and we look forward to presenting the inaugural award in four weeks' time.



### Parking and School Transport

You will all know the problems that every school has with parking and I have been contacted by a parent who has asked about the possibility of establishing a school bus service between South Canterbury and Bridge School. This is something that I briefly investigated with KCC when I first started at the school but it was a non-starter. However, we have a few parents who would like to gauge interest in a private bus service and have asked me to share the survey below. If this is something you would be interested in, then I would encourage you to complete the survey below.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/WX8DKNC>

Thank you and have a good weekend.

With best wishes,



James Tibbles

**The Bridge Group Parish**

*Family Service*

with  
**Rev Estella, Rev Miriam and Mr Luck!**

**Sunday 16th January**  
4pm at St Peter's Bridge



A family friendly service for all ages.  
For more information contact [estellalast@gmail.com](mailto:estellalast@gmail.com)  
Socially distanced seating available



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!

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> January</b>

<b>Monday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> January</b>
<b>Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January</b> 9.30am PTA Meeting
<b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January</b>

<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February</b>
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> February</b>
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> February</b>

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> February</b> Safer Internet Day
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> February</b>
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> February</b> LAST DAY OF TERM

## 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>Leo B (1CS)</b> for working hard and writing an excellent poem. <i>Mrs Cork</i>  | ☆ <b>Poppy S (4JH)</b> for helping others and working hard in maths. <i>Mr Harris</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Kaylon F (1LA)</b> for his fantastic maths when learning about tens and ones in numbers this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i>                     | ☆ <b>Iris G (4ST)</b> for her imaginative writing in English and participation in drama lessons. <i>Mrs Saint</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Njasha M (2FP)</b> is always keen and ready to learn and is an excellent role model to other. <i>Mrs Franks</i>                            | ☆ <b>Stella B-W (5HA)</b> for her input into class discussions and working independently and showing resilience in maths. <i>Miss Allison</i>                       |
| ☆ <b>Harry B (2GD)</b> for his excellent attitude towards all of his learning this week especially in his maths and reading. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ <b>Mia S (5JS)</b> for showing great confidence and understanding with short division and for working extremely hard in class this week. <i>Miss J Smith</i>      |
| ☆ <b>Callum B-J (3JA)</b> for showing resilience with his column multiplication this week! <i>Mr Ablett</i>                                     | ☆ <b>Theo H (6NA)</b> for his fantastic attitude and perseverance when dividing fractions in maths. <i>Mr Wren</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Lennon K (3JA)</b> for having lots of great ideas and really engaging with lessons with week! <i>Mrs Holdaway</i>                          | ☆ <b>Stefan P (6JP)</b> for his greatly increased focus during morning work and being a kind and helpful member of the class. <i>Mrs Brooks</i>                     |
| ☆ <b>Olivia T (3SA)</b> for a really great start to Term 3 and striving for excellence in her work. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>                           | ☆ <b>Lily D (6JP)</b> for her attention to detail when using a range of punctuation (including brackets) during our biography writing in English. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |

## News and Blogs

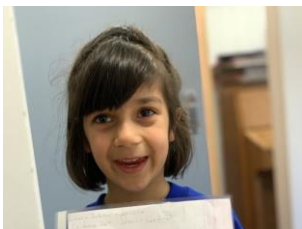
Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)



### Year 4 International Mask Exhibition

At the beginning of Term 2, Year 4 children were challenged to make a mask as part of an exhibition for the 'V & A Local' at Bridge School. The children studied the ancient Maya people and culture as part of their history topic. They learnt that the Maya had different types of masks for different occasions such as: celebratory masks, warrior masks and death masks. The children were asked to create a mask either for a celebration, festival or for courage and bravery. [Read more...](#)



### Princess Trust

Earlier this week, I was visited by Elara who wanted to share her contribution to charity from just before Christmas.

"I went to the hairdresser to get my hair cut. It was so so long that I donated it to a charity called The Princess Trust, they make wigs for sick children. My ponytail was 23 centimetres long." [Read more...](#)