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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week starting with some unwelcome drama as one of our pupils had an accident on the school field and slipped whilst running resulting in her breaking a bone in her leg. This resulting in an ambulance being called and the young girl being taken to William Harvey Hospital. I'm pleased to be able to let you know that she is doing well and will soon be back at school, albeit on crutches. We all, of course, wish her a speedy recovery.

Having spoken to Mum, I would like to publically thank Mrs Crozier, Miss Allison and Miss J Smith for their actions and support on Monday.

Keeping Safe Online

Earlier this week was Safer Internet Day and on Tuesday, all classes spent some time thinking about this year's theme 'All Fun and Games' – this theme got the children thinking about two things: having fun online, like playing their favourite games or watching their favourite shows, and how they behave with other people online.

KS1 children discussed the different technology they use at home (iPads/tablets/laptops etc) and the various games that they play. Children were posed the question 'Why is it important to be kind online?' – this led to lots of discussion and the use of emojis to express how they feel if someone wasn't kind. The children learned that whatever they're doing online, whether it's playing games or anything else, it's so important to think about the feelings of others. In the same way we all try to be kind offline, we should also do this when we're online.

KS2 were first asked to think about the word 'respect' and what it means. Children were asked to look at different scenarios that may occur and decide if the final message is okay or not okay to send. Does it look respectful or not? Through discussion, the children looked at what 'being respectful' online means.

Thank you to Miss J Smith who organised the activities and you can see examples of the children's work on our School News Page: [Safer Internet Day 2022 | Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School](#)

COVID Update

Thankfully, we have seen a significant decrease in the number of cases in school over the past week. This has also been reflected in the number of staff that we have had absent. We are really hoping that we can get back to 'normal service' after the half-term break.

At the time of writing this, we don't yet know what the government's plans are for the end of COVID restrictions as there has been mention of bringing this forward by a month. If there are any announcements which means that we will be changing our in-school protocols then I will write to parents on the last weekend of the half-term break and update our COVID Protocols on the school website: [COVID-19 Protocols | Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School](#)



World Book Day

On Thursday 3rd March, we will be taking part in World Book Day. We have not been able to do this for the past couple of years but children are invited to come into school dressed as a character from a book.

In school, the children will be working in their classes and entering a competition to create their own picture book. Judging their entries will be acclaimed author and illustrator Sarah McIntyre (Grumpycorn, The New Neighbours and Pugs of the Frozen North).



Winners won't be announced until June but we're sure that the children will enjoy creating their book regardless and we look forward to sharing these with you on our school website.

Parent Consultations

In a few weeks' time, we will be holding consultations for you to meet with your child's class teacher. The times and dates are listed below and we will be keeping these consultations on Zoom. Bookings for these consultations opens at 9am on Monday morning.

	Class	Times
Monday 28th February	6JP & 6NA	9.00 – 11.00 14.00 – 17.00
Tuesday 1st March	2FP & 2GD	9.00 – 11.00 14.00 – 17.00
Wednesday 2nd March	All classes	16.00 – 19.00
Thursday 3rd March	RAM & REC	9.00 – 11.00 14.00 – 17.00
Monday 7th March	3SA & 3JA	9.00 – 11.00 14.00 – 17.00
Tuesday 8th March	5HA & 5JS	9.00 – 11.00 14.00 – 17.00
Wednesday 9th March	4ST & 4JH	9.00 – 11.00 14.00 – 17.00
Thursday 10th March	1LA & 1CS	9.00 – 11.00 14.00 – 17.00

Road Closure

We have received notice that Bifron's Hill will be closed on the first week back at school after half-term. There will be a diversion in place so traffic may be a little more congested than normal.

Wishing you all a restful half-term break.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles
Headteacher

Upcoming Events

All dates and events can be found on our 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 21st February		
Tuesday 22nd February		
Wednesday 23rd February		
Thursday 24th February	PTA Meeting	Year 6 Football Match vs Canterbury Academy
Friday 25th February	Parent ASD Coffee Afternoon	

Monday 28 th February	Parental Consultations (all week)	
	Year 3 Rocks Workshop	
Tuesday 1 st March	Year 3 Rocks Workshop	
Wednesday 2 nd March		
Thursday 3 rd March	World Book Day	Year 6 Football Match vs. Blean School
Friday 4 th March		

Monday 7 th March	Parental Consultations (all week)	
Tuesday 8 th March	Year 3 to 6 Cross Country Competition	
Wednesday 9 th March		
Thursday 10 th March		
Friday 11 th March	Messy Church on Saturday	

Monday 14 th March	4JH Trip to Museum of Kent Life
Tuesday 15 th March	4ST Trip to Museum of Kent Life
Wednesday 16 th March	
Thursday 17 th March	2RF Trip to Canterbury Cathedral
Friday 18 th March	

Celebration

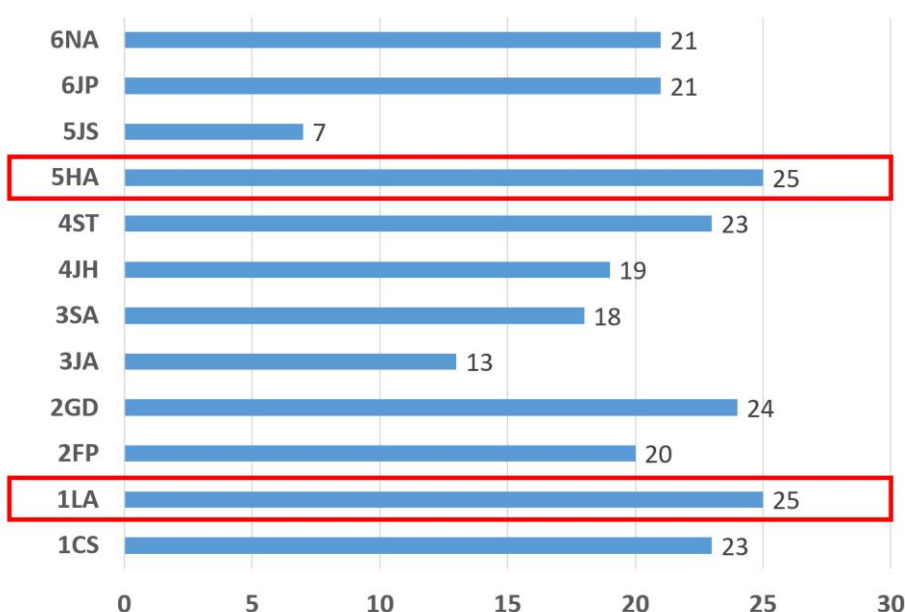
Star Pupils

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"> ☆ Leon L (1CS) for excellent writing and a super attitude to learning. <i>Mrs Cork</i> ☆ Lexie K (1LA) for her fantastic independent letter writing this week - remembering all her punctuation and trying hard with her spellings! <i>Miss Andrews</i> ☆ Bella H (2FP) for her excellent running away letter. <i>Mrs Franks</i> ☆ Dylan M (2FP) for coming into school with a beaming smile on his face every day this week. <i>Mrs Smith</i> ☆ Mari M (2GD) for her confidence in standing up in the front of the class and sharing in detail how she cares for her pet snake Ripples. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> ☆ Rene M (3JA) for always challenging herself in lessons and having a positive outlook on her learning! <i>Mrs Holdaway</i> ☆ Henry T (3JA) for applying himself excellently in English lessons to write a brilliant poem about fish. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Tessa P (3SA) for writing a great independent poem despite missing the planning stages! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> ☆ Gabriel C (3SA) for writing a fantastic independent poem, following the rhyming structure. <i>Mrs Hellyar</i> ☆ Lily S (4JH) for always trying her very best and creating a fantastic piece of artwork. <i>Mr Harris</i> ☆ Hattie H (4ST) for writing a fabulously engaging biography and always helping others. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> ☆ Amelie T (4ST) for a brilliant attitude to learning and doing some fantastic research for her biography when isolating at home. <i>Mrs Saint</i> ☆ Lily D (5HA) for writing an amazing adventure story which took me to the Amazon through her use of descriptive language. <i>Miss Allison</i> ☆ Poppy-Mae L (5JS) for writing a descriptive and well-thought out story which included all the writing rainbow lenses we have looked at this term. <i>Miss J Smith</i> ☆ Sammy L (6NA) for his resilience when comparing fractions, decimals and percentages. <i>Mr Wren</i> ☆ Ellen L (6JP) for her excellent listening and contributions during RE this week. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
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Buster Book Club

Well done to **1LA** and **5HA** who have won this week's Buster Book Club competition.



News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)



Dodgeball Tournament - Year 6

A short time ago, 14 children from Year 6 took part in a District Dodgeball tournament. They all had a great time and cheered each other on as much as they could.

[Read more...](#)



Year 3 Wicked Worms

'Worms are thin, and they've got a little grin.

We love worms so much, we don't know where to begin!'

Over the past few weeks we have been exploring animal poetry to link with our science learning about different animals. [Read more...](#)



Year 3 Mountain Mayhem!

This term in Geography we have been learning about the features of rivers and mountains. Today we combined this knowledge and were set the challenge to design and construct a mountain with a flowing river down it. We labelled our models with the features we have been learning about and had a lot of fun working in teams to complete the challenge. [Read more...](#)



Infant Agility Competition - Year 2

On Tuesday 1st February, 10 children from Year 2 competed in the Infant Agility competition at Canterbury Academy. The children were an absolute delight to take out and performed really well, finishing 6th overall in the competition.

[Read more...](#)



Waterstones Book Trip

Four children from Year 4 had a lovely afternoon selecting books for our book corner. Our surprise trip to Waterstones was to spend reward money for doing so much reading last term and being top of the school reading chart! We asked the class for their choices and tried to buy a variety of genres and authors. It was a great afternoon and we are looking forward to sharing our choices! [Read more...](#)

Family Service
Sunday 20th February 4pm
St Peter's Bridge



Jesus calms the storm