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Dear Parents/Carers,

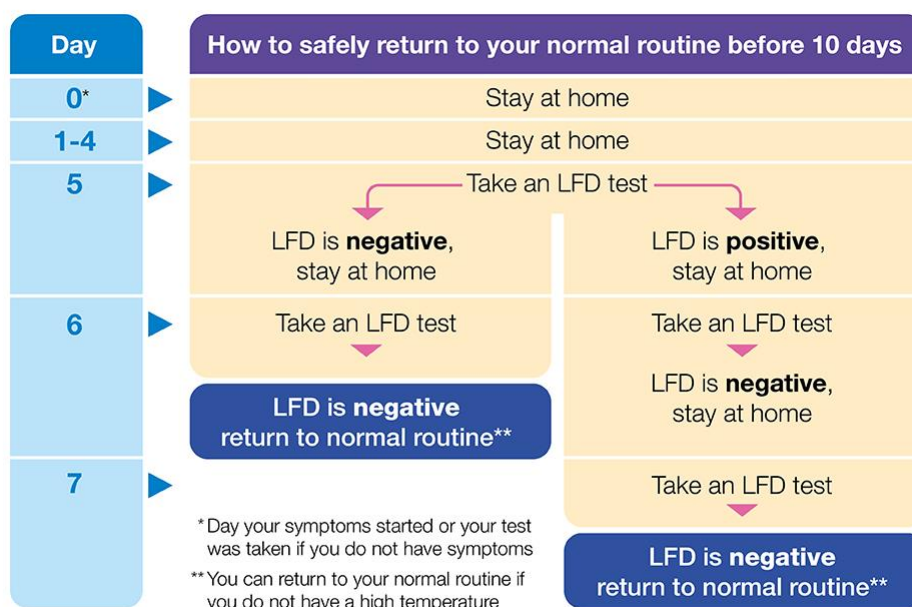
I trust that you all enjoyed the half-term break. I know that some families were impacted by COVID but thankfully numbers have continued to drop. I have had very positive feedback about the Buzzers holiday club that operated over the half-term and am pleased to say that they will also be offering an Easter club for these two weeks (with the exception of Good Friday) – more details closer to the time.

COVID Update

This week started with the Prime Minister updating the country on the strategy for 'living with COVID' and we have been awaiting more specific guidance for schools which was published yesterday. Despite the announcement, very little has changed for schools: [COVID-19 Protocols | Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School](#)

- Staff no longer have access to twice weekly LFD tests;
- Staff and children displaying symptoms are still asked to get tested and public health guidance is that you they stay at home and isolate whilst waiting for the result;
- Staff and children displaying any of the key symptoms of COVID-19 should not attend school in order to protect others from infection.

There will be an update to this guidance after 1st April when the majority of free testing will end.



World Book Day

A reminder that 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).



Dressing up can sometimes be an additional pressure for parent and that is the last thing that we would wish as the aim is to just have a bit of fun and I would recommend the following tips for a cheap/easy book day costume (taken from [10 Low Cost World Book Day Costumes - Life, Love and Dirty Dishes \(lifeloveanddirtydishes.com\)](https://www.lifeloveanddirtydishes.com))

Parent Consultations

A final call for parental consultations which are taking place over the next two weeks. Books should be coming home today for parents to look through with your child. Please can you ensure that they are returned on Monday.

| | Class | Times |
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| 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 |

National Offer Day

On Tuesday, parents of Year 6 children will find out which secondary school their child has been allocated for September. If, after receiving your email, you wish to discuss anything then please do contact me directly via email.

Kent Teacher of the Year Award

This is your final call should you wish to nominate one of our fantastic members of staff for an award prior to the closing date on Monday. Being nominated is recognition in itself and I know has been really appreciated by the staff in the past: <https://www.kmcharityteam.co.uk/schools/ktoty/>



With best wishes,

James Tibbles

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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!

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

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

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| Monday 14th March | 4JH Trip to Museum of Kent Life | |
| Tuesday 15th March | 4ST Trip to Museum of Kent Life | |
| Wednesday 16th March | | |
| Thursday 17th March | 2RF Trip to Canterbury Cathedral | |
| Friday 18th March | 1LA Trip to Dover Toy Museum | |

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| Monday 21st March | 2GD Trip to Canterbury Cathedral | |
| Tuesday 22nd March | Hockey Training Day (Y5 & 6) <i>(selected children)</i> | |
| Wednesday 23rd March | | |
| Thursday 24th March | Judo Day – Yr 4 to 6 <i>(selected children)</i> | Girls Football vs St Stephens |
| Friday 25th March | | |

Celebration

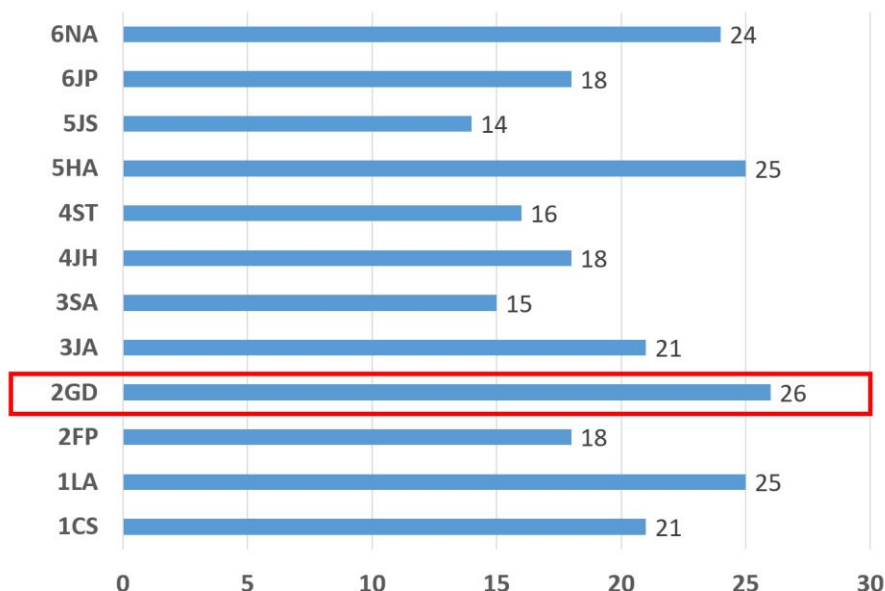
Star Pupils

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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| ☆ Vinelysia C (1CS) for excellent maths and a super attitude to learning. <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Tom P (4ST) for being a kind and supportive learning partner and a helpful member of the class. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Jax P (1LA) for his great use of conjunctions when writing his recount this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Livinya C (5HA) for becoming more confident in talking about her learning. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Bella H (2FP) for forgiving a friend without hesitation. <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Sienna D (5JS) for fully engaging and participating in our History morning, asking thoughtful questions and being able to recall key events from Anglo-Saxon times. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Alfie C-S (2GD) for being a helpful and caring member of the class who always has an excellent attitude towards all of his learning. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Oscar B (6NA) for creating an amazing narrative by utilising his knowledge of myths. <i>Mr Taylor</i> |
| ☆ Emile M (3JA) for her excellent focus and effort in all lessons this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Hanish T (6JP) for his excellent use of rich vocabulary during our English sentence stacking on the story of Thor and the Giants. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Imogen B (3SA) for some fantastic sentence writing this week in English and for constantly striving for excellence in her work. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | |
| ☆ Lois C (4JH) for working hard all week and being kind to others. <i>Mr Harris</i> | |

Buster Book Club

Well done to **2GD** 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 >](#)



Forest School Year 1

Luckily the storms had calmed down and we could enter our Forest School area. The first challenge was to collect lots of sticks and branches that had fallen on the school field and to push the heavy wheelbarrows. In groups, they made shapes with the sticks - the circle was a challenging one. I saw great team working skills developing. [Read more...](#)



Year 3 met Claw!!!

Year 3 were made aware of something mysterious lurking behind the mound on the field today, so went to investigate! When we reached the Forest School area, we noticed a pile of logs that had been used for a fire and some kind of prehistoric den. Then, much to the children's amazement (and terror in some cases!) a real-life Stone Age cave man emerged over the mound! [Read more...](#)



World Day of Prayer* Service Friday 4th March 2022 10am St Peter's Bridge 'Hope for the Future'

We are bringing back the much loved World Day of Prayer Service after a 2 year break.

The service will be led by Rev'd Miriam, Rev'd Estella and women who attend our weekly Friday Parents' Prayer Meetings.

Please join us to pray for hope and peace in our world

*(Formerly known as 'Women's World Day of Prayer')