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Dear Parents/Carers,

After two years it seems that my luck finally ran out and I tested positive for COVID on Wednesday. This means that I've been out of school for most of this week and will very likely be out for part of next week as well. Thankfully, the rest of the SLT are more than capable of managing things in my absence and I'm still badgering them on Zoom and via emails – lucky them!

Staffing News

Although many of you would not have come across him, I'm very sad to let you know that Mr Harvey will be leaving us at the end of the term. For the past 18 months, he has been working in our Year R and Year 1 classes supporting children with additional needs. Although he is a valued member of staff, his passion is in physical education/personal training and he is off for new opportunities in this area. Please join me in wishing him all the best.

We are also currently recruiting for a number of positions in the school most importantly, we are seeking staff to work in our Bridge Bees After-School Club. Whilst the hours are not the greatest, they would potentially suit any sixth-formers or students, especially if they are studying a child-care related course or seek to go into a child-care/education field after their studies. Further details about all our vacancies can be found on [Kent Teach](#).

Messy Church

After a long absence, Messy Church is back at Bridge School this weekend. Revd. Estella and her team of helpers will be running craft activities for children from 4pm and there will be a short service before a shared meal expertly cooked by resident chef Rob Moon. Families are welcome to arrive from 4pm.



Multiplication Tables

One of the most important things that children need to learn in maths is their multiplication tables and, at the end of Year 4, all children will now be taking a multiplication tables check which has been set by the government.

About a month ago, Mrs Cork produced a parental workshop video on the teaching of multiplication tables. This is aimed at all parents and highlights the importance of rapid recall of multiplication facts which a lot of children have not yet grasped. [Maths Workshop for Parents - Multiplication Tables | Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School](#)

Little and often is the best way to practice multiplication tables which is why we have Times Table Rock Stars as a school; I can also recommend the White Rose 1-Minute Math for all children (even though it may seem quite simple it's important to keep practising those basic number skills).



Ukraine

Next week is Red Nose Day but we propose that instead of wearing red, we wear yellow and/or blue and make our donations to the DEC 'The Big Give' campaign. [DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal \(thebiggive.org.uk\)](http://thebiggive.org.uk)

Last week I highlighted a local campaign to send toiletries to Ukraine organised by Liz Rook and I'd like to thank those who have already donated to this.

In the school office, from Monday, we will also have some copies of a small illustrated booklet with a moralistic story for very young children written in both English and Ukrainian. This was written by one of our parents, Iryna Thornby who is from Ukraine. Anyone can make a donation and take a booklet to help raise funds for the refugees.

[United for Ukrainian Families | Facebook](#)



KAH Appeal

Our school is part of the Kent Association of Head Teachers (KAH) and together with many other schools across the county we are working to collect supplies and resources that we can send to Ukrainian refugees that have crossed the border into Poland.

KAH are working with KCC, the British Red Cross and the Invicta Rotary club to collect and transport items in the next few days and weeks. If you would like help our friends in Ukraine and support our appeal then there are a number of ways that you can get involved:

1. Donations of supplies: If you are able to donate any items on the list below, we would be very grateful indeed. We are not asking you necessarily to go out to purchase these items but would ask if you have any of these at home and they are in a good condition and can be spared then they would be gratefully received.
2. We need to raise money for fuel for the HGVs that will take these donations to Poland, A Go Fund me page has been set up and we are asking if you can share this far and wide especially with people that have businesses or if they are part of organisations that could support us. The Go Fund Me Page can be found [here](#).
3. We are also asking for volunteers to assist at the collection site which has been set up in Folkestone (Big Jigs in Folkestone- Unit B, Kingsmead, West, Park Farm Industrial Estate, Folkestone CT19 5EU.) If you can share this request across our community via social media sites that you are part of, we would be very grateful. Please can any potential volunteers please contact Dan File: [Kent Help For Ukraine | Facebook](#)

Items for donation

- baby formula (especially hypoallergenic one - huge shortage)
- baby feeding bottles, sterilising equipment (nothing electric - different sockets)
- baby food
- nappies - any sizes
- painkiller medication, especially children's
- charging banks for mobile phones
- warm socks/gloves/warm hats
- camping mats
- sleeping bags
- protein/energy bars
- anti-flu medication (Lemsips etc)
- wound dressings
- first aid kits
- warm blankets
- thermal/base layers
- hot water bottles
- insulated flasks
- female sanitary products
- any clean soft toys/teddy bears
- a letter/ card of hope and support from children and families.

This appeal is likely to result in a huge effort across our county and will demonstrate the unquestionable compassion we have for those that are suffering the unimaginable horrors of war. We really are truly grateful for any support you can give as it will make a huge difference to the lives of everyone that have had their lives changed beyond measure.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

James Tibbles
Headteacher

News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

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Forest School Year 1

Anne Booth, a fabulous local author came to visit us this week in Forest School - we were very lucky.

She read the book 'BLOOM' (in very sunny weather) which is all about being kind and caring. This was our theme for the afternoon. On offer were log slices and palm drills, which they could decorate and give to another person as a sign of their appreciation and kindness [Read more...](#)



Textiles - Fibre Art by year 4

Year 4 are delighted to share with you our cross curricular project inspired by the life and work of Faith Ringgold, an African American, female artist and author.

Our current display is of our own 'fibre art', a title used by Faith to describe her own particular form of art, combining traditional quilting with storytelling. To create our work, we learnt some basic sewing skills - joining two pieces of fabric using running stitch as well as some embroidered embellishment. [Read more...](#)



World Book Day 2022

What fantastic day World Book Day we all had! It was a real pleasure to walk around the school and share the learning that was going on in each year group. From Reception to Year 6, the children were engaged in reading activities and enjoying creating their own books for a competition. Below are a few comments from the year group teachers on what they did throughout the day. [Read more...](#)



Year 3 Rocks Day!

This week Year 3 welcomed Andrew Berry from the Education People to deliver our hotly anticipated, annual Rocks Day! The children loved getting their hands on lots of different rocks, fossils and crystals and learnt about the structure of the Earth, the formation of sedimentary, metamorphic and igneous rocks and the tectonic plates that cause volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis as well as much more! [Read more...](#)

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 14th March	4JH Trip to Museum of Kent Life	3pm: Football Match Bridge 2 vs. Bridge 1
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	

Monday 21st March	2GD Trip to Canterbury Cathedral	St Edmund's Hockey Competition
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 Boys Football vs Chartham
Friday 25th March		

Monday 28th March		3pm: Football Match Bridge 2 vs. Canterbury
Tuesday 29th March		4pm: Governors Meeting 7pm: PTA Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday 30th March	Art Trip to Folkestone Creative Quarter	Quicksticks Hockey (Yr 3/4 am; Yr 5/6 pm)
Thursday 31st March	Inclusive Sports Day @ Canterbury Academy	
Friday 1st April	LAST DAY OF TERM	

Easter Holiday

Monday 18th April	EASTER MONDAY <i>(School closed)</i>	
Tuesday 19th April		
Wednesday 20th April		
Thursday 21st April		4pm: Governors Meeting
Friday 22nd April		

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.

☆ Michael P (1CS) for excellent reasoning in Maths. <i>Mrs Cork</i>	☆ Oliver R (4JH) for producing superb pieces of writing on the eruption of Mount Vesuvius and the fall of Pompeii and for showing great enthusiasm in history lessons. <i>Mr Harris</i>
☆ Camilla D (1LA) for working so hard on her picture book this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i>	☆ Leila B (4ST) for working hard all week and giving 100% focus and attention to her work. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>
☆ Kristapus J (2FP) for great writing and an excellent attitude in English this week. <i>Mrs Franks</i>	☆ Gaija M (5HA) for being a fantastic role-model as a friend and learner. <i>Miss Allison</i>
☆ Thomas R (2GD) for carefully writing a character description about Tinkerbell taking time to check his spellings and checking his writing makes sense. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>	☆ Finley T (5JS) for trying really hard with our fraction work this week and asking for help when he needed it. <i>Miss J Smith</i>
☆ Alan L (3JA) for his excellent effort and attention to detail in our independent writing this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i>	☆ Verity A (6NA) for her perseverance and excellence in solving maths investigations. <i>Mr Taylor</i>
☆ Mona H (3SA) for her excellent work and attitude in Maths, especially her Times Table recall. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>	☆ Euan B (6JP) for creating an interesting blog post about insects in our computing lessons. You have an excellent understanding of the blogging tools on Purple Mash. <i>Mr Perfect</i>

Millionaire Readers

It's been a while since we had an update from our Million Word Readers and I'm very pleased to see a great number of children joining our 'Hall of Fame' – Emma, Euan, Conrad, Oscar, Seb, Amelie, Harriet, Elsa, Jessica and Hanna all receive a £10 book voucher for reaching 1 million words.



Also a huge well done to Seb, Lois, Milo and Sacha who have each surpassed the 2-million word mark.

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
Emma M ☆		Amelie T ☆	
Euan B ☆		Harriet H ☆	
Conrad W ☆		Elsa H ☆	
Oscar B ☆		Jessica B ☆	
Seb C ☆ ☆		Hanna L ☆	
Milo D ☆ ☆		Lois C ☆ ☆	
		Sacha D ☆ ☆	