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Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been rather challenging as both Mr Taylor and I have been self-isolating after testing positive for COVID. I'll be back on Monday after my ten days (no early release for me I'm afraid) and hopefully Mr Taylor will also be back early next week (negative test dependant). We've also had other staff isolating with COVID – particularly in year 5. This has obviously meant increased pressure to all staff and I would like to thank everyone (staff and parents) for their understanding this week.

This seems like an opportune time to remind everyone that the COVID isolation guidelines remain the same, i.e. 5 days and then two negative tests, until 1<sup>st</sup> April. Whilst there is no legal obligation to self-isolate, the DfE guidance remains that children do not attend school for 5 days and then two negative tests. Once the new guidance is published on the 1<sup>st</sup> April I will update parents.

### Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal

Thank you to everyone who supported our Blue and Yellow day today raising money for the **DEC Ukraine Humanitarian Appeal**. Although I wasn't able to be in school, I did join remotely this afternoon and it was wonderful to see and hear about all the contributions. I was especially impressed that some of the classes had taken the opportunity today to learn some basic greetings in Ukranian.

Physical contributions will continue to be delivered to the **Kent Help For Ukraine** campaign I wrote about in last week's newsletter. Thank you for all your support.

### Book Fair

Next week, the book fair is back in school. Parents and children will be able to browse and buy books before school from 8.30am and after school until 4pm. This will be in the school hall Monday to Thursday after school.

### Dogs on School Premises

Can I please remind all parents that dogs are not to be brought onto school premises and that this does include where dogs are carried. There is no flexibility on this as it is a KCC policy albeit one I agree with.

### Summer Fete

Arrangements for the Bridge Community Summer Fete have begun so mark Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> July in your diaries. We are always on the lookout for helpers either to organise or support on the day so please contact the PTA if you can help with this.

The Summer Fete is an opportunity for the whole Bridge community to gather and brings together the school, church and other local community groups. When I first started at Bridge School, it was one of mine and Revd. Estella's aims to get this back up and running and I think, given the past two years, that sense of community is as important as it has ever been. All proceeds from the fete will be split between the church and the school and it promises to be a very good day.



### School Uniform and PE Kit

It's really important that children have established routines and something that I feel is really important in establishing this is school uniform. We've always had a good level of adherence to school uniform but one area which seems to be slipping is PE kit – children should be wearing a blue or white t-shirt (with a school jumper in the cold weather) and dark/black jogging bottoms with trainers (for outdoor PE). This also creates mindset where we show the value of PE by wearing a proper PE kit. Thank you for your support in this.

### Time to Reflect

This week, in our collective worship we've been continuing to learn about the Kingdom of God with a focus on the Parable of the Sower. We discussed with the children about how Jesus wasn't talking about real seeds but that these were the 'fruits' of God's kingdom – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self-control.

In order for these seeds to grow, they need 'good soil' and this means having hearts and minds that will listen and learn, but to really grow well, we need to practise/grow those good seeds sown in our hearts in order for them to become fully a part of us as a school community.

We ended the week by celebrating the support and encouragement that we give each other.

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**

Spring is here.

The children learned about the special word 'Equinox' which is on the 20th March - Equi stands for Equal and Nox stands for night, meaning that the sun crosses the equator in such a way that day and night are the same amount of time with days soon being longer. Remind your children of the special word and ask them what it means.

[Read more...](#)



**Year R - Music and Art**

Art and Music have been collaborating within Year R lessons this term. Reception pupils have been exploring musical instruments to tap, shake and scrape. Last week pupils made their own musical instruments with Mrs Smith and decorated them using inspiration from shapes found within Henri Matisse's paper cut-outs. [Read more...](#)



**Printing workshop with Artist James Paxton**

James Paxton has kindly taken the time this term to run a relief printing workshop with 12 lucky Year 6 students. James is a parent at the school and is a practising artist. He used to work as a secondary Art teacher and he studied print making at university.

[Read more...](#)



**Top Ranking Tennis Achievement!**

On the weekend of 26th February, Iris (Year 4) travelled to Sheffield with Stewart Bristow and his team to play in a tournament against players from around the UK. Iris was the youngest player there and, after the first day of play, qualified for the main draw. She then gained a place in the Quarter Finals but, unfortunately, didn't go through so then played in the knockout draws to determine her final placing in the tournament. [Read more...](#)

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!

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

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

Easter Holiday

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

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<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Break the Rules Day	

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>Holly B (1CS)</b> for her contribution to looking after the environment at Forest School. <i>Mrs Pearman</i>                       | ☆ <b>Alisina H (4ST)</b> for writing an interesting and engaging recount of our class trip to The Museum of Kent Life. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>                                   |
| ☆ <b>Darwin M (1LA)</b> for his positive attitude and always trying his best. <i>Miss Andrews</i>                                       | ☆ <b>Charlotte H (4ST)</b> for her lively and entertaining recount of our class trip to the Museum of Kent Life. <i>Mrs Saint</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Dylan L (2FP)</b> for his super acting and contributions to discussions on our trip yesterday. <i>Mrs Franks</i>                   | ☆ <b>Lois H (5HA)</b> for thinking of some 'outside the box' kennings to describe Grendel and putting these together to create an imaginative poem. <i>Mrs Langsdon</i>     |
| ☆ <b>Noah M (2GD)</b> for his amazing independent writing about Captain Hook which included adjectives and a simile. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ <b>Lily H (5JS)</b> for writing some creative kennings to describe Grendel and always having a positive attitude towards all aspects of her learning. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ <b>Malena V (3JA)</b> for her excellent effort with fractions and thoughtful contributions to RE. <i>Mr Ablett</i>                    | ☆ <b>Seb C (6NA)</b> for listening to advice and implementing it into his work, helping him to reach his potential. <i>Mr Wren</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Eleanor D (3SA)</b> for being a fantastic role model to her peers and for excellence in all her work. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>            | ☆ <b>Thomas D (6JP)</b> for excellent application of, and commitment to his learning in Maths and English. Well done and keep this up. <i>Mr Perfect</i>                    |
| ☆ <b>Evie D-S (4JH)</b> for showing determination and resolve when practising her times tables. <i>Mr Harris</i>                        |   |

Buster Book Club

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

