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Dear Parents/Carers,

This term has seen a number of challenges, primarily around COVID and its impact on staff absence but also in the wider world with the invasion of Ukraine. In times of adversity, I always think that a community's true nature is revealed and what I have seen exactly mirrors our Christian Values: the compassion towards people fleeing Ukraine; the generosity of time, money and spirit shown by children, parents and staff and particularly the service to other people – this is reflected day in and day out and I'd like to take this opportunity to highlight how proud I am of our community.

Travelling to School

For while now we have been discussing with Regent's Coaches how we can make School Road safer and they have rightly expressed their concerns that whilst they are manoeuvring, children and families are still walking behind them – it is an accident waiting to happen.

After Easter, Regent's Coaches will be dropping and collecting the children from the bus stop on Bridge High Street outside Payden's pharmacy where they will be collected or taken by a member of staff – we will be trialling this for a few weeks to see what impact this has on School Road and the High Street.

We are also considering 'pedestrianising' School Road through the Kent School Streets scheme. This means that there will be no vehicular access to parents at peak times, i.e. between 8.30am to 9am and 3pm to 3.30pm. This has been established at another school to great effect and is something that we are actively exploring.

We have not had any volunteers yet for the Walking Bus but this is something that I am very keen to get going – especially as the summer months approach. If it is something that you would be able to help or support with (even if it's not every day) then I'd really like to hear from you. Please let the office know and I'll be in touch.

Year 5 Parent Meeting – PESE & Kent Test

It has reached that point in the year where parents of children in Year 5 need to start considering the process around applying for secondary schools (referred to as PESE) and whether or not their child will be taking the Kent Test. For those of you who have not been through the process before (and for those that have), please be assured that we are here to support you every step of the way.

On Monday 25th April at 4pm, I will be hosting a Zoom meeting for all Year 5 parents to go through the Procedure for Entry into Secondary Education (PESE) and the Kent Test. This session will be recorded and placed on the school website for any parents who are not able to attend. [Applying for Secondary School](#)

If there are any specific questions you have, then please feel free to email me in advance of this meeting and I can answer your questions during this session. You will also be able to ask questions during the session through the chat function.



Date for Your Dairy

Please keep the afternoon of Thursday 26th May free in your diaries as we will be hosting a Bridge Proms event at school between 1pm and 3pm. Families are invited onto the school field to listen to singing, music and other entertainment.

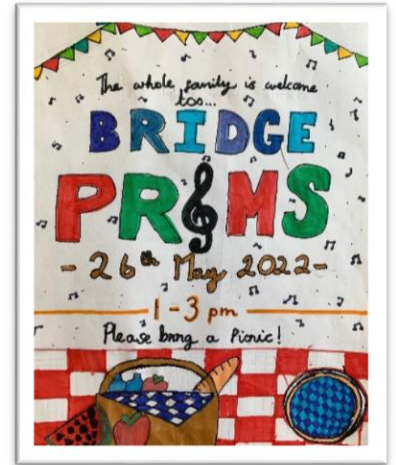
Further details closer to the time but mark the date in your diary. It promises to be a very enjoyable event.

Staffing News

Today, we said a fond farewell to Mr Harvey who has been with us for the past 18 months working with one of our current Year 1 classes. Please join me in wishing him all the best in his new endeavours.

Time to Reflect

This week we've been discussing the Easter journey and all children have visited the church to engage with activities that are designed to promote reflection and, if children wish it, prayer. Whilst not all children were able to complete the activities in order, they were designed to reflect the Easter journey and you may wish to ask the children about these activities.



Wishing you all a very restful Easter break.

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News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

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Year R - Week 4 Art and music

Within our Reception Art and Music project this week, the children responded to four contrasting pieces of music.

To begin the lesson, pupils moved their bodies and danced to all four pieces of music. As a class, we discussed how the music made them feel and how their movements changed to reflect this. [Read more...](#)



Year 3 - toys animal paintings

Year 3 have been exploring the animal paintings by German Renaissance artist, Albrecht Dürer. The children practised their observational drawing and painting skills; they began the project by learning to observe plastic toy animals carefully and doing some 'warm up' sketches. They then went on to compose and paint a well observed study of a toy animal, inspired by Dürer. [Read more...](#)



Forest School Year 1

Well, this was Year 1's last official Forest School session until they are in Year 2. Honestly, it has been wonderful to see their journey so far - the children have developed so much confidence, they now come up with their own ideas and ask for things out of the shed that we have done before like story telling dice, making hedgehog houses using mallets and building shelters.. [Read more...](#)



Sam at the Regional Hockey Finals

We're always keen to hear about and celebrate the children's sporting successes outside of school. Sam played for Canterbury U10 boys earlier this month at the Regional Hockey Finals at Charterhouse School in Guildford. They were pleased to come away with a silver medal having competed against the top two qualifying teams each from Surrey, Sussex and Kent. [Read more...](#)



Year 4 artist workshop - Creative Folkestone

A group of Year 4 pupils visited Creative Folkestone this week. They took part in an art workshop ran by Tania McCormack and Nicole Cowan. The theme was 'Murmurations' and the children explored birds that migrate to and from Folkestone. We began the workshop by responding to music and creating a large piece of work as a group – this later became a landscape within an installation. [Read more...](#)



Judo Training (Commonwealth Games Initiative)

On Thursday 24th March, 30 children from Years 4,5 & 6 attended a training session to introduce them to Judo. Martin, from the Prince of Wales Club, and his 3 coaches put the children through their paces and showed them how to perform some holds and how to understand the Judo commands. [Read more...](#)



Hockey Awards

Jess (Year 4) has received an accolade from her club (Canterbury HC) at the annual awards where she was presented with the Player of the Year award and a trophy. She is pictured here with her sister, Megan (Year 6), as they both also got medals on the same day for winning a club tournament (Polo Day) with their respective teams. Well done to both girls and keep up the good work! [Read more...](#)



Year 5 - Grendel's severed head!

This term, Year 5 have been studying the story of Beowulf within their English lessons. As part of their writing, they described the characters of the story including the monster Grendel. Drawing upon their descriptions of the monster, pupils designed and constructed Grendel's severed head from clay. Beware, these sculptures are grotesque and incredibly scary! [Read more...](#)



Printing - pattern inspired by African textile design

Year 2 have completed their relief printing project! Each pupil has designed and printed a repeat pattern inspired by traditional African textiles. African pattern often includes 2D (geometric) shapes. So, we took the opportunity to make links to the Year 2 maths curriculum and make patterns with 2D shapes; recognise 2D shapes and draw 2D shapes. [Read more...](#)

Community Tea Party



Sunday 3rd April 2.30 - 4.30
Bridge Village Hall

An opportunity to discuss how our community can get involved with supporting Ukrainian people here.

Tea, cakes and sunflower planting to raise funds for the people of Ukraine.

Donations of cakes gratefully received.

Email estellalast@gmail.com for more information

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

Monday 25th April	4pm: PESE Presentation for Parents (Zoom)
Tuesday 26th April	
Wednesday 27th April	
Thursday 28th April	
Friday 29th April	Break the Rules Day

Monday 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY (School closed)
Tuesday 3rd May	Year 5 CATS Tests
Wednesday 4th May	
Thursday 5th May	Young Voices
Friday 6th May	9am: PTA Meeting

Monday 9th May	Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Tuesday 10th May	Mini Tennis Event (Year 3 & 4 pupils)
Wednesday 11th May	
Thursday 12th May	
Friday 13th May	

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"> ☆ Freddie J (1CS) for confident speaking in collective worship. <i>Mrs Cork</i> ☆ Ruben T (1LA) for his great maths this week comparing and ordering numbers. <i>Miss Andrews</i> ☆ Elisabeth H (2FP) for showing generosity to a new friend by sharing with them. <i>Mrs Franks</i> ☆ Raphael T (2GD) for his excellent contribution in our history lessons this week and for creating a detailed stained glass window showing why Queen Bertha was a significant person to Canterbury. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> ☆ Leeroy A (3JA) for showing excellent effort across all of his learning this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i> ☆ Laurence S (3SA) for writing an excellent persuasive brochure for a Stone Age holiday. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> ☆ Millie D (4JH) for her fantastic attitude to learning and for always trying her best. <i>Mr Harris</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Nicole Y (4ST) for independent thinking in RE and being a kind friend to all. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> ☆ Amelie P (5HA) for being a kind and considerate friend and always giving 100% in everything that she does. <i>Miss Allison</i> ☆ Benji C (5JS) for being an excellent role model and representative of Bridge school at the Multi-Sports Event. <i>Mrs Langsdon</i> ☆ David G (6NA) for perseverance and for constantly seeking excellence in both English and Maths lessons. <i>Mr Wren</i> ☆ Roisin H (6JP) for writing an excellent non-chronological Report on the Vikings. You included lots of the writing lenses and really considered how to engage the reader. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
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Millionaire Readers

We welcome three more children into our Millionaire Readers Hall of Fame. Well done to Hugo, Ruby and Isaac who each receive a £10 book voucher for reaching 1 million words.



Well done also to Euan for reaching 2 million words and for Lois who has now reached 3 million!

Year 6	Year 5	Year 4	Year 3
Hugo S ☆ Ruby O ☆ Euan B ☆ ☆	Isaac J ☆	Lois C ☆ ☆ ☆	

Buster Book Club

Well done to **2GD** (KS1) and **6NA** (KS2) who have won this week's Buster Book Club competition.

