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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back after what I hope for you all was a restful and much-needed Easter break. We have returned to some lovely weather and a good start in the fact that we have had no COVID absences this week (staff or pupils) – I realise that I have probably jinxed this now!

COVID Guidance

You may have noticed that, over the school holiday, I updated the **COVID guidance** page of the school website to reflect the updated DfE guidance. Please can I ask all parents to ensure that they have read this. I would also highlighted that schools are no longer providing remote learning to children who are not in school, i.e. back to pre-COVID times. Link to website: [COVID Guidance | Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School](#)

Sporting Success

Quicksticks Tournament

On Wednesday 30th March, some of our children travelled to Polo Farm to take place in a Quicksticks Hockey event. Our children performed exceptionally well, winning both the Year 3 & 4 and Year 5 & 6 competitions. Well done to both teams.



Tennis Success

I'm also pleased to share Iris' recent success after winning the Winchester U10 Spring Opens. This is a very prestigious tournament and Iris spent a lot of time over Easter training and practising. Well done!



INSET Days 2022/23

We've had a couple of queries about our INSET days next year and can confirm that they are as follows:

- Thurs 1st Sept 2022
- Friday 2nd Sep 2022
- Friday 21st October 2022
- Monday 5th June 2023
- Tuesday 6th June 2023

Travelling to School – School Bus

This week we have been trialling the dropping off and collection of children from Bridge High Street. Unfortunately, it has become clear that this is causing its own problems, specifically the blocking of the high street at the end of the school day.

Next week, we will still be collecting children from the high street in the morning but we will have to revert to the bus collecting children at the end of the day from the school office. Please bear this in mind when walking up and down the road.

Year 5 Parent Meeting – PESE & Kent Test

Just a reminder that, 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 (cameras off please!) and placed on the school website for any parents who are not able to attend. The Zoom link will be emailed out to all Year 5 parents on Monday.

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.

Link to website: [Applying for Secondary School](#)

Staffing News

Today, we say goodbye to Sam Mountain who has been working in our school kitchen for the past couple of years as she is leaving us for pastures new. I'd like to publically thank Sam for all her hard work over the past couple of years and wish her luck in her new job.

PTA

Break the Rules Day

Next Friday is our annual Break the Rules day to help raise funds for our PTA. On the poster are a list of eight rules that pupils (and staff) can 'break' for a cost of 50p per rule. Monies will be collected in class.

Barn Dance

On Saturday 7th May, the PTA have arranged a barn dance at the beautiful Littlebourne Barn. It promises to be a great evening of dancing with live music from ContraBand (<https://contrabanduk.co.uk>), dressing up is optional but always encouraged. Please bring your own food and drink and there are also raffle prizes to be won.

For further information or to book tickets please text Hayley (07779 791 761) or email bridgeschoolpta@gmail.com



Young Voices

I'm really looking forward to the Young Voices performance at the O2 in a couple of weeks' time. If your child is going and you have tickets, you will be receiving this via email next week along with more information about the day itself.

Time to Reflect

Earlier this week, the children attended church for their Easter service and I don't mind admitting that being able to have the children together in church was quite an emotional moment. The children's behaviour and conduct was exceptional and the Year 5 and 6 children were excited about having the responsibility of walking down with the younger children. We reflected upon the prayer stations that the children engaged in at the end of last term and despite some disappointed adults (you may wish to ask your children what happened to the adults' Easter Eggs!) we all had a wonderful time. Thank you to Revd. Estella for hosting us and Mrs Perfect for her organisation.

With very best wishes,

James Tibbles

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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 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	
Wednesday 4th May	
Thursday 5th May	11am: Young Voices
Friday 6th May	9am: PTA Meeting

Monday 9th May	Year 5 CATS Tests Key Stage 2 SATs Week
Tuesday 10th May	Mini Tennis Event (Year 3 & 4 pupils)
Wednesday 11th May	
Thursday 12th May	
Friday 13th May	

Monday 16th May	
Tuesday 17th May	Tri-Golf Competition (Year 3 & 4 pupils)
Wednesday 18th May	
Thursday 19th May	Trip to Turner Gallery (selected KS1 pupils)
Friday 20th May	Pilgrim's Hospice Charity Book Sale (playground)

Celebration

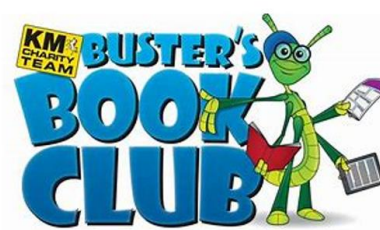
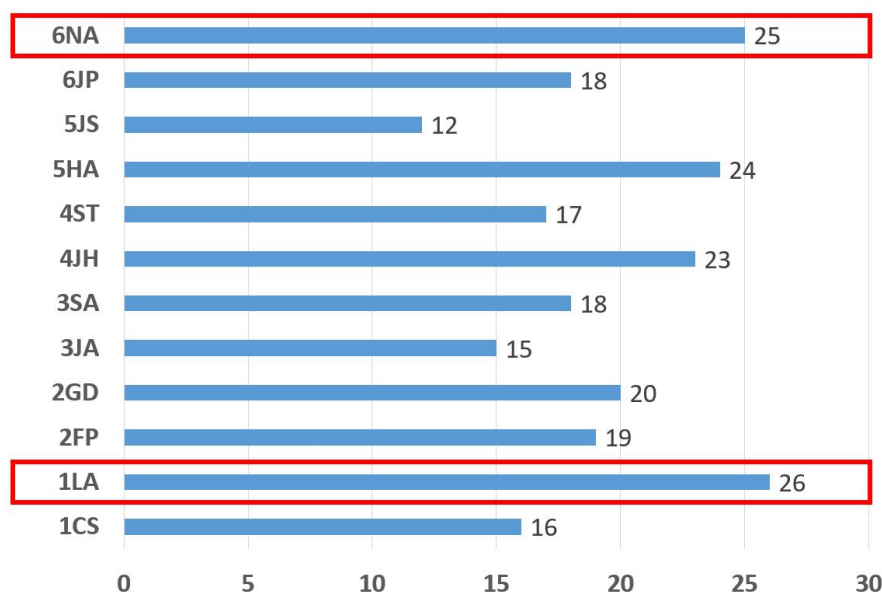
Star Pupils

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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| ☆ Rory M (RAM) for his consistent enthusiasm towards all areas of his learning and his wonderful dragon writing. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> | ☆ Niklas W (3SA) for some very thoughtful and reflective responses in RE. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> |
| ☆ Ollie T (REC) for his fantastic attitude to learning and super writing about his Easter break. <i>Miss Cowley</i> | ☆ Henry-James G (4JH) for an excellent first week back and for working hard in maths. <i>Mr Harris</i> |
| ☆ Ziva U (1CS) for her enthusiasm and commitment in all that she does. <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Jess B (4ST) for consistently achieving 10/10 for her spellings and for using them in her writing. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Harriet B (1LA) for her excellent work in maths, learning to measure objects using a ruler. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Mattea S (5HA) for always giving 100%, being a good friend and a very 'active' learner all round. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Amelie G (2FP) for always having a positive attitude to all her learning. <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Iris F (5JS) for always being a caring friend and continually taking pride in all the work she produces. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Fatiha A (2GD) for trusting in her own abilities in her learning this week, as well as her creative approach to creating waves in art. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Euen W (6NA) for making an increased effort to read at home and for seeking excellence in his work in all subjects. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Ella-Grace A (3JA) for always showing excellent effort in lessons and pushing herself to achieve her best. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Ophelia B (6JP) for showing excellent enthusiasm and energy in our first Matilda-focused dance lesson this morning. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |

Buster Book Club

Well done to **1LA** (KS1) and **6NA** (KS2) who have won this week's Buster Book Club competition.



Creativity, Excellence, Resilience

Compassion, Trust, Generosity, Forgiveness, Service