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Dear Parents/Carers,

New Arrival

I'd like to start with some fantastic news that, on Sunday, Mr & Mrs Harris welcomed their daughter into the world and I'm pleased to say that the new family are doing very well. Mr Harris is now on paternity leave and will be back in school the week after next.

Staffing News

From next week, we welcome three new members of staff. Mrs Kay-Bradley and Mrs Scott will be working in our Year 1 and Year R teams respectively supporting the children in their learning and will shortly be joined by Mrs Usher who joins us as a teacher for children with special educational needs.

Year 5 Parent Meeting – PESE & Kent Test

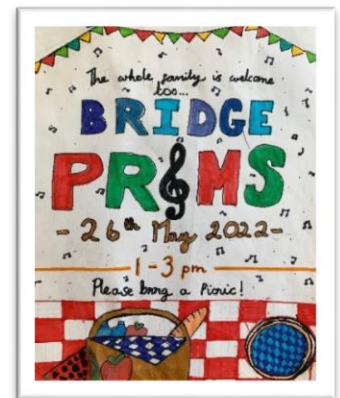
Last week, I hosted a parent presentation about Applying for Secondary School and the Kent Test. If you couldn't make it then the video is on the school website.

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

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.



Holiday Club

Over the May half-term break there will, once again, be a holiday club. Due to the bank holidays, this will be on Monday 30th May, Tuesday 31st May, Wednesday 1st June and then Monday 6th June and Tuesday 7th June which are both INSET days.

Year 6 SATs

In a few weeks' time, the Year 6 children will be taking their Key Stage 2 SATs. I need to let all parents of Year 6 pupils know that no absences can be authorised during this time and that if children are absent during a test, then they will need to take the test upon their return to school.

Bookings for Dinners and Bridge Bees

Could I just remind parents about the use of ParentMail for booking lunches and Bridge Bees sessions. It is really important that we have accurate numbers and this helps us keep costs down for all involved. There are always going to be times where you need a last-minute booking and we will always help where we can.



Messy Church

Next Saturday (7th May) is Messy Church. All are invited in the school hall for craft, worship and a meal from 4pm.

Rugby League World Cup Mascot Challenge

The RLWC2021 are on the hunt for a talented young artist to design the mascot that will become the face of this year's three tournaments.

The design should represent all 3 tournaments, be eye catching and recognisable, fun, and friendly, have a great name and backstory and represent the values of RLWC2021.

The winner will receive 2 tickets to the finals at Old Trafford, the chance to take their entire class at school to another game (excluding finals), and the opportunity to visit the studio to see their mascot brought to life!

Please see the documents attached and <https://www.rlwc2021.com/mascot-challenge> for more details. The closing date for entries is 5pm on 1st June 2022.

Time to Reflect

This week, we have been focusing on our Christian Value of 'generosity' and about having an 'attitude of gratitude', i.e. beign grateful enough for what we have to share with those who do not have enough. We discussed the parable of the Widow's Offering and considered if generosity always meant sharing 'things'. We ended today's worship by considering what we have done this week to be generous to others.

With very best wishes,



James Tibbles
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 2nd May	BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY <i>(School closed)</i>	
Tuesday 3rd May		7pm: Summer Fete Meeting
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)

Monday 23rd May	Year 5 St Anselm's Taster Day	Year 6 Netball Match at Shedlwich	
Tuesday 24th May	Year 5 & 6 Netball Competition		
Wednesday 25th May	Year 6 First Aid Training (one class)		
Thursday 26th May		1.30pm Bridge Proms	4pm: FGB Meeting
Friday 27th May	<i>Last Day of Term</i>		

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"> ☆ Thea P (RAM) for using her problem solving skills to make sure everyone has a turn in her exploration time this week. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> ☆ Alex M (REC) for constructing an amazing fire engine model. <i>Miss Cowley</i> ☆ Bea D (1CS) for always being a good friend to others. <i>Mrs Smith</i> ☆ Amna F (1LA) for always having a positive attitude and trying her very best in everything she does. <i>Miss Andrews</i> ☆ Ewan C (2FP) for showing generosity by encouraging everyone in his own team and the opposing team in our cricket lesson. <i>Mrs Franks</i> ☆ Henry P (2GD) for his excellent contributions in English and for the amazing transformation in his handwriting this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> ☆ Leo C (3JA) for a fantastic week of English writing on the production of chocolate. <i>Mr Ablett</i> ☆ Anna L (3SA) for showing commitment and resilience with her spellings and handwriting. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ☆ Sacha D (4JH) for great application of the method in maths and for supporting others. <i>Mrs Corral</i> ☆ Ben S (4ST) for working hard to improve his handwriting and for always contributing thoughtfully in RE. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> ☆ Poppy M (5HA) for your efforts in reading in Year 5. <i>Miss Allison</i> ☆ Holly R (5JS) for writing an amazing character and setting description as Virgo entered the realm of Earth using a wide range of punctuation and ambitious vocabulary. <i>Miss J Smith</i> ☆ Reuben D-S (6NA) for his perseverance and determination when solving long multiplication problems. <i>Mr Wren</i> ☆ Robyn B (6JP) for showing kindness and compassion to a Year 1 pupil who had hurt themselves even though she had injuries herself. <i>Mrs Starling</i> ☆ Louis G (6JP) for showing excellent coordination and engagement in our 'Revolting Children' dance lessons. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
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Buster Book Club

We're mixing things up a little this week by calculating the average number of minutes read by those children who read at least three times this week. Well done to **1LA** (KS1) and **4JH** (KS2) who have won this week's Buster Book Club competition.

