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Friday 13th May 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the course of this week the Year 6 children have been taking their SATs and they have approached these with the resolve and maturity that you would expect from our pupils. The Year 2 children have also been taking their SATs over the course of the past week although, as you would expect, the approach is very different.

Matilda Jr

On Thursday the Year 6 children found out the casting decisions that had been made for our upcoming production of Matilda. Whilst I don't doubt that there would have been some disappointment amongst the children if they didn't get their choice of part, there was a great deal of celebration and, I heard, even some tears of joy!



The dates of our production will be on Wednesday 13th and Thursday 14th July – there will be both afternoon and evening performances so keep the dates free in your diary. Priority will be given to parents of Year 6 children but it will be open to others as well.

Courageous Advocacy

This week, we've been talking to the children about 'courageous advocacy' and speaking up for others when they don't have a voice. You may know that next week is Christian Aid week and in order to raise both awareness and funds, Bridge School will be taking up Christian Aid's **challenge** to walk **300,000** steps – collectively!

Mrs Perfect has organised that each year group will be asked to walk a number of laps around the track on the playing field; an average pace has been measured and providing we all participate, we will easily walk well over 300,000 steps as a whole school.

On Monday, the children will be learning more about cause and the challenge itself, (including why the target is 300,000 steps!) and we would welcome a small donation towards Christian Aid to be brought in on Tuesday. Many thanks for your support.



Year group	Number of laps	Approximate total steps per year group (based on 60 children)
Reception	1	18,000
Year 1	2	30,000
Year 2	3	45,000
Year 3	4	48,000
Year 4	5	60,000
Year 5	6	72,000
Year 6	7	84,000



New Library Books

Our wonderful librarian, Emma, continues to find new books for the school that the children can enjoy. More recently, she's been focusing on books for our younger children who don't always get the same access to our school library that the older children enjoy.

We're also in the process of establishing a partnership with a local independent book shop which we're very keen to develop. In future, it is planned that they will running our after-school book fairs rather than a national publisher, i.e. Scholastic. This way we can get access to a better range of books whilst also supporting a small business.



Class Photos

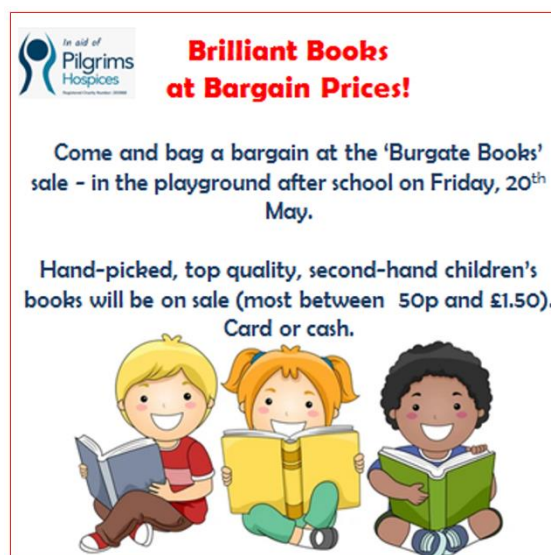
On Wednesday, the children will be having their class photos taken so please could parents ensure that children are wearing correct school uniform. Any children who are taking part in PE or Forest School should bring a change of clothes in for this day.



Bridge Proms

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 early next week but mark the date in your diary. It promises to be a very enjoyable event.



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 16th May		
Tuesday 17th May	Tri-Golf Competition (Year 3 & 4 pupils)	
Wednesday 18th May	Year 5 PESE Consultations (all day)	
Thursday 19th May	Trip to Turner Gallery (selected KS1 pupils)	
Friday 20th May	3.15pm: Pilgrim's Hospice Book Sale (playground)	

Monday 23rd May	Year 5 St Anselm's Taster Day	Year 5 PESE Consultations (all day)
Tuesday 24th May	Year 5 & 6 Netball Competition	
Wednesday 25th May	Year 6 First Aid Training (one class)	
Thursday 26th May	1pm Bridge Proms	4pm: FGB Meeting
Friday 27th May <i>Last Day of Term</i>		

May Half-Term Break

Monday 6th June	STAFF INSET DAY (School closed)	
Tuesday 7th June	STAFF INSET DAY (School closed)	
Wednesday 8th June	2pm: Year 6 Netball Match v Sheldwich (away)	
Thursday 9th June	Tennis Tournament at Polo Farm	
Friday 10th June	Year 6 First Aid Training (one class)	

Monday 13th June	2.30pm: Year 6 Netball Match v Chartham (away)	
Tuesday 14th June	Cricket Competition (Year 5 and 6 pupils)	7.30pm: PTA Meeting (Zoom)
Wednesday 15th June	Year 2 visit Canterbury Mosque	
Thursday 16th June	Year 2 visit Canterbury Mosque	
Friday 17th June		

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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| ☆ Elodie R (RAM) for using her phonics to write a lovely sentence about a doctor. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> | ☆ Finn J (3SA) for showing excellent learning behaviours this week and for singing beautifully with Mrs Brookes. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> |
| ☆ Jack T (REC) for his fabulous participation in phonics. <i>Miss Cowley</i> | ☆ Lois C (4JH) for working tremendously hard in all subjects and being kind to others. <i>Mr Harris</i> |
| ☆ Michael P (1CS) for his excellent writing this week and his poem based on Stone soup. <i>Mrs M Smith</i> | ☆ Nicole Y (4ST) for original ideas all week in sentence stacking lessons and for contributing to classroom discussions. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Kiera W (1LA) for her great work in phonics this week when learning about split digraphs. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Salma H (5HA) for her enthusiasm and determination in creating her blueprint for her cracking contraption this week. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Ines R (2FP) for consistently giving her best in all of her learning this week especially her creative art work in response to a piece of stormy music. <i>Mrs Franks</i> | ☆ Alfie C (5JS) for showing brilliant team work when carrying out a filtration science experiment and for always making his teachers smile and laugh. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Thomas R (2GD) for encouraging others when playing cricket ensuring everyone had a turn in batting, fielding and bowling. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Lola U (6NA) for seeking and achieving excellence in her R.E. discussions. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Darcy B (3JA) for a phenomenal explanation text on the production of tea. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Oscar P (6JP) for showing resilience and maturity when undertaking challenging Maths this week. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |

Buster Book Club

Well done to **3SA** and **6NA** who have won this week's Buster Book Club competition.

