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Dear Parents/Carers,

Over the past two days the staff have been in school preparing for the children's return on Monday and there is a really positive atmosphere in the school despite the initial challenge that we are facing.

Fire Response

The whole school has been working together to ensure that we are especially ready for the Year R and Year 6 children on Monday. As you know, the Year R children will be based in the Year 6 classrooms for the first two weeks of term whilst the school hall has been repurposed as a classroom space for the older children.

Please can I ask that Year 6 children enter school through the Bridge Bees BASC entrance (next to the school office) and they can be collected at the end of the day from the main playground along with the other Key Stage 2 children.

Lunches

As I said in last week's newsletter, we do have some hall space for lunches but if parents could provide packed lunches for the next two weeks, it would be greatly appreciated. If this is not feasible, then please do not worry.

As a reminder, parents of children in Key Stage 2 are not automatically eligible for Free School Meals. This is obviously a change for those who have children in Year 3. If meals are taken without booking, then your ParentMail account will be charged and an email sent to inform you of this; this is done to ensure that parents don't unknowingly incur any debt.

Staffing News

We have several new members of staff joining the school this week, Mr Chamberlain (Year 3), Mr Redpath (Year R) and Miss Goddard (Year R). Please do join me in welcoming them to the Bridge team.

We've also had a number of weddings over the summer: Miss Smith, who has been on maternity leave for the past year, is now Mrs Jones and Mr Newman from Bridge Bees also got married – congratulations to them both.

Whilst on the subject of congratulations, I am pleased to announce that Mrs Harvey-Maw is 'expecting' and baby is due in January.

Less positively, I have to inform parents that Mrs Kay-Bradley is unwell at the moment and will not be in school for the time being – we wish her a speedy recovery.

Meet the Team Sessions

Normally, at the beginning of each year, we hold a parent session where you can meet your children's teachers and teaching assistants. This year, we are pleased to let you know that we're back to face-to-face, i.e. in classrooms. More details will be in next week's newsletter.



PTA Annual General Meeting

On Tuesday 20th September, at 2pm, we are inviting all parents to join us for the PTA's Annual General Meeting which will be held in the school hall. This is an opportunity to hear from the current officers of the PTA, meet class reps and there are also opportunities to elect the officers for the coming year.

The PTA does a lot for the school over the year and, in order to ensure that this is sustainable, we need support from all parents. Thank you.

Iris' Tennis Success

Many of you will know that we are fortunate enough to have in our school several keen tennis players but we do have one young lady who has enjoyed particular success over the past few years and this is set to continue. Iris spent her summer holiday training in London, France and Italy and also had the privilege to hit the ball with the Ukranian tennis player Marta Kostyuk (World Number 49 in female singles).

Following another competition last week, Iris is now the under-11 girls champion as well as the under-10! Well done Iris!

See you Monday!

With best wishes,



James Tibbles



Upcoming Dates

All dates and events can be found on our school calendar.

CALENDAR >

Monday 5th Sept	<i>Year R children on half-days this week</i>
Tuesday 6th Sept	
Wednesday 7th Sept	
Thursday 8th Sept	Kent Test for registered Year 6 children
Friday 9th Sept	

Monday 12th Sept	<i>Year R children full-time</i>
Tuesday 13th Sept	
Wednesday 14th Sept	
Thursday 15th Sept	
Friday 16th Sept	

Monday 19th Sept	
Tuesday 20th Sept	2pm: PTA Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 21st Sept	Year 5 Residential (Wednesday to Friday)
Thursday 22nd Sept	2.30pm: Year R Welcome Service at Church
Friday 23rd Sept	

Events for Parents

I know that parents appreciate a great deal of notice for significant events in the school calendar and therefore we have created an **events** page on our school website which has important dates for the whole school year.

We will do our very best to ensure that the dates published on the website are adhered to but there may be circumstances outside our control which means that there are changes.

If there are dates of other events you would like to know then please ask and we will publish these as well.

