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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Parent Consultations

From tomorrow, you will be able to book an appointment for parental consultations which will take place over the next couple of weeks. We have had to swap Year R and Year 6 and so the new dates are published below (all other year groups remain as published last week).

I'm sure you'll be glad to know that these appointments will be held face-to-face, however if you would prefer a Zoom appointment for convenience, then please do let us know when you book and we will send you a link the day before your consultation.

|               | <b>Morning Slot</b>                              | <b>Afternoon Slot</b>                           | <b>Evening Slot</b>                              |
|---------------|--|---|--|
| <b>Year R</b> | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October<br>9am to 11am   | Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October<br>2pm to 5pm   | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>4pm to 7pm |
| <b>Year 1</b> | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October<br>9am to 11am  | Thursday 6 <sup>th</sup> October<br>2pm to 5pm  | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>4pm to 7pm |
| <b>Year 2</b> | Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October<br>9am to 11am   | Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> October<br>2pm to 5pm   | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>4pm to 7pm |
| <b>Year 3</b> | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October<br>9am to 11am | Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> October<br>2pm to 5pm | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>4pm to 7pm |
| <b>Year 4</b> | Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October<br>9am to 11am | Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> October<br>2pm to 5pm | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>4pm to 7pm |
| <b>Year 5</b> | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October<br>9am to 11am    | Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October<br>2pm to 5pm    | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>4pm to 7pm |
| <b>Year 6</b> | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October<br>9am to 11am  | Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October<br>2pm to 5pm  | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> October<br>4pm to 7pm |

## Bridge PTA

On Tuesday, the Bridge PTA held their Annual General Meeting and it was at this time that Hayley Steer stepped down as secretary. Hayley has been a staunch supporter of the school over the years, particularly as PTA secretary for the past two years helping to organise events for the children and fundraising events such as the summer fete and quiz evenings. On behalf of the children, I would like to thank her for all her hard work.

In her place, Richard was elected as secretary and he joins our committee of Rebecca Morgan, Layla Dayani, Estella Last and myself. More information about the PTA can be found on the school website: [www.bridge.kent.sch.uk](http://www.bridge.kent.sch.uk)



### Year R Welcome Service

On Thursday, we took our newest arrivals to St Peter's Church to meet Rev. Estella and Rev. Miriam. I know that Estella was very pleased to be able to welcome the children for their first visit as part of Bridge School and we'll be returning with them in a few weeks' time for our Harvest services (although we'll allow more time for the little legs!)

### Year 5 Residential

As I write this, Year 5 are just about to start their journey back from their residential and, according to messages I've seen from the staff, everyone has had a great time. I'd like to express my gratitude to the Year 5 team for arranging this trip (with support from Jacqui in the office of course!) and spending their nights and evenings ensuring that the children get this incredible experience. I'm hoping that there'll be plenty of photos that we can share with parents (and don't forget to check out the blog posts below!)

### Individual School Photos

It's that time of year again when the school photographer is in and they will be in on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October. Please could children come in wearing a school jumper/cardigan?

### A Time to Reflect

In Collective Worship this week, the children have been considering 'loyalty' illustrated through the story Ruth. We discussed what loyalty looks like and linked this to our Christian value of '*compassion*'. We then considered how we could show that compassion to others through our words and actions.

As always we ended our Collective Worship today with our school prayer. Any child that did not want to join in the prayer was simply asked to sit quietly and reflect upon what we had spoken about.

With best wishes,



James Tibbles

## 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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| ☆ <b>Jack T (1CJ)</b> for fantastic writing and an excellent attitude towards learning. <i>Mrs Cork</i>                          | ☆ <b>George C (3LC)</b> for showing a lot of resilience and team work when working with peers. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>                            |
| ☆ <b>Cassidy S (1LA)</b> for her fantastic writing when telling the story of Rosie's walk. <i>Miss Andrews</i>                   | ☆ <b>Niklas W (4AH)</b> for his great times-table work this week and being extremely helpful in the classroom. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>            |
| ☆ <b>Reggie A (2GD)</b> for his careful observations on our local walk which he then included in his own map. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ <b>Lennon K (4ST)</b> for focusing well and achieving in the reading. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Freddie J (2SA)</b> for showing resilience and super maths in a challenging flexible partitioning lesson. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ <b>Georgia D (6JP)</b> for working really hard with her maths and demonstrating resilience when solving problems this week. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ <b>Fraser B (3JA)</b> for writing some fantastic alliterative sentences based on The Tunnel. <i>Mr Ablett</i>                  | ☆ <b>Charlie R (6JW)</b> for his amazing story writing and editing in English. <i>Mr Wren</i>   |

## News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

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### Year 5 Day 1

Day one met all of our expectations and more! From the moment we arrived the children have been busy and have enjoyed every minute. They were put into their tribes, worked in teams to create shelters, danced, sang songs around the fire and then it was time for lunch; no excuses from now on they can all wash up. :)



### Year 5 Day 2

Another fun-packed day here; our feet have not touched the ground! The day began with breakfast around the fire followed by the children learning how to build and light fires in their tribes. After s'mores, they went on to learn how to handle knives safely and then whittled their own tent pegs. After a delicious beef casserole for lunch the children learnt how to cope if they found themselves in a disaster scenario.

Upcoming Dates

**CALENDAR >**

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

|                                       |  |                                    |
|---------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|
| <b>Monday 26<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>    | Reading Volunteer Coffee Morning         | 2.45pm:<br>Meet the Staff (Year 3) |
| <b>Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>   | Sports Crew Training                     | 2.45pm:<br>Meet the Staff (Year 2) |
| <b>Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> Sept</b> | Year 6 Residential (Wednesday to Friday) | Year 4 Bridge Study Walk           |
| <b>Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>  |  |                                    |
| <b>Friday 30<sup>th</sup> Sept</b>    |  |                                    |

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| <b>Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> Oct</b>    | <i>Parental Consultations this week</i> | 3JA Bridge Study Walk |
| <b>Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>   | School Photographer in                  | 3LC Bridge Study Walk |
| <b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> |   |                       |
| <b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>  | Year 4 Trip to Creed                    |                       |
| <b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>    | Year 4 Trip to Creed                    |                       |

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| <b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>    | <i>Parental Consultations this week</i> |                         |
| <b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>   |   |                         |
| <b>Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> Oct</b> |   |                         |
| <b>Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>  |   | 6pm: PTA Wine & Welcome |
| <b>Friday 14<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>    |   |                         |

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.

