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Dear Parents/Carers,

## Parent Consultations

I've been speaking to the Year R, 1, 4 and 5 teachers this week and there's been plenty of good feedback from them about how well children have settled back to school following the summer. Next week, we have the Year 2, 3 and 6 consultations and we also have our evening session for all year groups.

Today, books from Year 2, 3 and 6 will be coming home. Please do look through these with your children and ask them about their work and learning. Books should come back to school on Monday ready for lessons.

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

## Art in Bridge

Last week, I write about the Art in Bridge exhibition prematurely! **This weekend** is the 'Art in Bridge' exhibition and the school has, once again, created two banners to celebrate the incredible artwork that is produced by the children of Bridge School over the past year. We usually have some entries in the exhibition from pupils so please do take the time to go and visit the exhibition.



### Staffing News

At the end of this term, we will be saying goodbye to Mrs Franks and Mrs Crozier. Mrs Franks will be exploring new career opportunities and Mrs Crozier has decided that the time has come to start her retirement. Both Mrs Franks and Mrs Crozier have a long history with the school and we'll all be very sad to see them leaving us.

We will also have two new members of staff joining us after the half-term break. Mrs Loughlin and Mrs Radford will be working in our Year 6 and Year 5 teams respectively and I'm very much looking forward to them both joining the team.

### Uganda

You may recall that, over the summer, Elena (Bridge Bees BASC Deputy Manager) visited Uganda to work in a school and children's home – the Rebuild Hope Children's Foundation. Following her visit, Elena is keen to continue to support and raise money for this cause.

On Wednesday, Elena will be sharing her experiences with some of the children; talking about her time volunteering in a school for under-privileged children. This will give them a chance to learn about a new culture, and the day-to-day life of a child in Uganda. She is planning to show them, pictures, videos, clothing, and artefacts to give them a glimpse into their daily life.

If you would like to help these children continue their primary school education, you can help by donating on the day. If you would like to find out more about the project and the difference that you can make, please visit their Facebook page Rebuild Hope for Children Foundation.

### Messy Church

A few years ago, not long after Revd. Estella and I started at Bridge we launched 'Messy Church' for our children which took place once a month on a Saturday afternoon. Sadly, the pandemic put paid to that but we are both keen that we re-establish Messy Church. This Saturday, Revd. Estella will be holding a meeting for anyone who is interested in supporting this and joining the Messy Church team.

It would be wonderful to see plenty of parents there and the greater number of volunteers we have, the less there is for individuals to do – many hands and all that!



**Messy Church**

**Team Gathering**  
**Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> October 4pm**  
**Bridge and Patricxbourne CEP**

If you want to join us in relaunching Messy Church on 14<sup>th</sup> January 2023 come along to meet the team and find out how you can be involved!

### Bridge PTA Fireworks

Remember, remember the 5<sup>th</sup> November! After two years of absence, the Bridge Fireworks will be back with a figurative and literal bang! Keep the date in your diary and we'll have further information for you soon.

### Time for Reflection

This week in our Collective Worship we've been looking at how People of Faith have made a difference and today, I retold the story of the starfish on the beach. We discussed what we thought this story was trying to teach us and reflected upon how we could make a difference – even if it is just in a small way.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of "James" and "Tibbles" being capitalized and prominent.

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>Albie B (1CJ)</b> - for his excellent attitude towards his learning and giving new things a go. <i>Mrs Jones</i>                   | ☆ <b>Alp A (4AH)</b> for his amazing attention to detail and patience when drawing, painting and outlining his beautiful Iron Man picture. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>    |
| ☆ <b>Effie C (1LA)</b> for her fantastic work in maths this week finding 1 more and 1 less. <i>Miss Andrews</i>                         | ☆ <b>Oliver P (4ST)</b> for being a reading champion! Also for quizzing and trying hard to improve his score to 100%. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>                            |
| ☆ <b>Barnaby C (2SA)</b> for showing resilience and enthusiasm in everything that he does. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>                            | ☆ <b>Lily S (5HA)</b> for her selfless attitude towards her peers and being a shining example in class. <i>Miss Allison</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Senna W (2GD)</b> for her positive attitude towards her learning and for always taking great pride in her work. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ <b>Ben S (5JS)</b> for writing a brilliant description of his journey with the 'Lost Thing' using subordinate clauses to start his sentences. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ <b>Benny Y (3JA)</b> for excellent questions about the workhouse during our Bridge walk this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i>                   | ☆ <b>Jack S (6JP)</b> for being a great role model and showing fantastic hockey skills. <i>Mrs Langsdon</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Ivy M (3LC)</b> for giving 100% effort and creating a beautiful diary entry for a child in the workhouse. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>    | ☆ <b>Deven C (6JW)</b> for showing a positive attitude and focus in English and producing an amazing piece of writing. <i>Mr Wren</i>                               |

## Reminders

### Applying for Secondary Schools (Year 6 parents)

Applications for secondary schools are open and close on Monday 1st November (the link is below). If you would like any advice about this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

If you are considering naming St. Anselm's as an option, they do ask that parents get a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) completed including information about faith status and/or baptism with a minister confirming regular religious practice.

Rev. Estella has offered to meet parents who wish to discuss this with her and will be holding two 'drop-in' sessions in the school on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> October at 2.30pm and Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> October at 8.40am. You are, of course, also welcome to speak to her on Sundays following her church services or family service at St. Peter's Church in Bridge.

### Harvest Services

On Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> October, we will be taking the children to celebrate Harvest at St. Peter's Church in Bridge. Please could we have any Harvest donations in school on the last week of term please. Children can take these directly to their classroom and we'll be hoping to deliver these to the Canterbury Food Bank on the Wednesday or Thursday.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



This Harvest we would appreciate:

- instant mash
- canned potatoes
- cup soup
- long life juice
- long life whole milk
- canned ham
- rice pudding
- instant coffee
- large nappies (sizes 5, 5+, 6, 6+)
- cleaning sprays
- washing up liquid
- toiletries (all)
- tinned fish
- tinned or powdered potato
- beans
- soup

Donations can be left in our supermarket collection bins. See our website for a full list of locations.

If you need support, please call 01227 936450 or email [info@canterburyfoodbank.org](mailto:info@canterburyfoodbank.org)  
[canterburyfoodbank.org](http://canterburyfoodbank.org)

  

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### Handball Happiness!

This week, 2 teams of children from Year 6 went to a Handball competition at Canterbury Academy. There were 3 'leagues' with approximately 15 schools attending. Both of our teams played really well and improved their skills in each match.



### Self portraits - Year R

Over the last two weeks, Year R pupils have been given the opportunity to draw a self-portrait. This task was designed to help the children express themselves and build their own identity. Observing themselves in the mirror, pupils decided where to place their facial features on their drawing and matched crayon colours to their skin tone, eye and hair colour. We used new words: self-portrait, observation and template.



### Autumn leaves - Year 1

Over the last two weeks, Year 1 have been creating autumn leaves from their marking-making paintings. Pupils neatly drew around leaf templates with HB pencil and then carefully cut out the shape - practising cutting skills. They attached a piece of wire to the back of their leaf with sticky tape, then bent the wire to give the leaf form. The pupils did a great job and most worked independently. The leaves are displayed outside the Year 1 classrooms.

## Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

<b>Monday 10<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	<i>Parental Consultations this week</i>	
<b>Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby @ Canterbury Academy	
<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>		

<b>Monday 17<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Children's Flu Vaccinations	
<b>Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Kent Test Results sent to parents	
<b>Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Harvest Services (children only)	Rev. Estella in for Year 6 form signing
<b>Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> Oct</b>	Rev. Estella in for Year 6 form signing	
<b>Friday 21<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>	INSET Day <i>School closed to pupils</i>	

Half-term Holiday

<b>Monday 31<sup>st</sup> Oct</b>		
<b>Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Year 5 Journey into Space Day	
<b>Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>		
<b>Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>		
<b>Friday 4<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>		Fireworks on Saturday

## 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.

