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Friday 14th October 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we reach the end of parental consultations, I trust that you have all found these useful and a good starting point to frame any discussions for the year ahead and I'm particularly pleased that these are back to being face-to-face after the past couple of years.

Trips and Visits

As part of our curriculum, we try to get as many 'experiences' for the children as we can, be they visitors coming into school or walks around the village. As we have two minibuses (subsidised by the PTA), the cost of these trips is greatly reduced and we will be making every effort to keep any associated costs low.

What we do need from parents is some support to help with adult ratios on any trips we do, particularly in the lower year groups where we ideally need 4 or 5 adults per class! If you think that you may be able to help with this, then please let the school office know and we can arrange for the necessary safeguarding checks (these are free!)

Can I just say a big thank you to those parents who were able to support the Year 1 trip this week.

Bridge PTA Fireworks

Another event that I'm pleased is back on the agenda is the Bridge Fireworks Display. On Thursday, the PTA met to go through final arrangements.

Tickets will be on sale by the end of next week and will be priced at £8 per adult and £4 per child with a family ticket (2 adults, 2 children) costing £20. We are very aware of pressures on people's finances at the moment and so have kept the cost the same as it was in 2019.

Next week, a plea from the PTA will be coming home for volunteers to support with this event – they will be looking for volunteers to help set up during the day, at the event itself and clear-up on Sunday morning.

If you are able to help, then it will be appreciated. This is the PTA's big fundraising event of the year and after two years of absence, it would be great to reestablish this community event.

Bugs

It is getting to that time of year when children (and adults) are more prone to catching bugs, colds, etc. and we have had to send a couple of children home this week with vomiting. In order to try and prevent transmission of these bugs, can I just remind parents that children presenting with vomiting and/or diarrhoea should be kept off school for 48 hours. The NHS website [Is my child too ill for school?](https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/child-illness/) is a useful resource if you are unsure whether your child should be in school or not.



Harvest Services

On Wednesday 19th 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.

Applying for Secondary Schools (Year 6 parents)

Just a reminder that applications for secondary schools are open and close on Monday 1st November (the link is below).

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

St Anselm's

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 18th October at 2.30pm and Thursday 20th 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.

Year 6 Kent Test Results

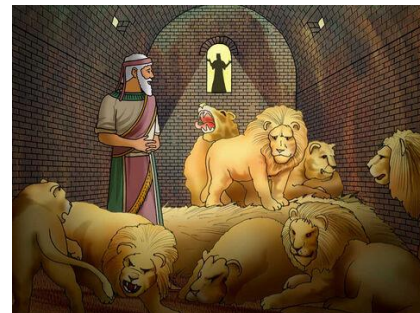
On Tuesday, parents of Year 6 children who took the Kent Test will be receiving their results. After this, if there are any parents who wish to discuss next steps with me, then feel free to email me or leave a message via the school office and we'll arrange a time for a brief meeting or Zoom call.

Time for Reflection

In our Collective Worship this week, the focus has been on people standing up for what they believe and the courage that people have to find if they are standing alone. Rev. Estella spoke to the children on Tuesday about the example of Daniel. Later in the week the children learnt from the examples of Rosa Parks and Nelson Mandela linked to Black History Month.

Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right.

Psalms 106:3



We ended today's Collective Worship by considering how important it is to show perseverance in the face of injustice or failure.

With best wishes,

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Bridge Fireworks & Bonfire

Saturday 5th Nov
Gates open 5.30pm
Bridge Recreation Ground

Access via Riverside Close and Patribourne Road only
NO ACCESS via Bridge School.
For everyone's safety kindly NO SPARKLERS on site.

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Celebration

Star Pupils

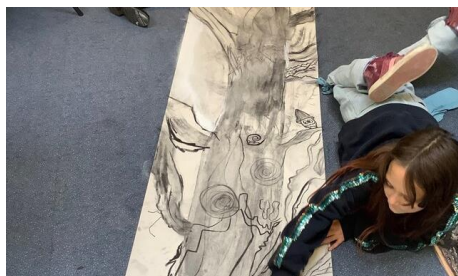
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Harry G (1CJ) - for his excellent recount about our woodland walk. <i>Mrs Jones</i> | ☆ Lawley C (4ST) for improving her handwriting and for being helpful to her classmates when using the laptops <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Harvey E (1LA) for his recount of our trip around the village this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Ella J (5HA) for her positive attitude towards her learning and great piece of writing about 'The Lost Thing'. <i>Mrs McInnes & Mrs Franks</i> |
| ☆ Alex H (2SA) for his super throwing and catching skills in PE. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Charlotte H (5JS) for always giving 100% in everything she does and always listening to feedback as a means to improve her work. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Raef W (2GD) for believing in his own abilities when writing a set of instructions on how to make fairy cakes. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Isaac S (6JP) for his excellent contributions about Christopher Columbus during our English lessons this week. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Henry S (3JA) for creative descriptive similes when describing Grandma in George's Marvellous Medicine. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Dominic G (6JP) for always being a positive role model for others and helping adults without being asked. <i>Mrs Huggett</i> |
| ☆ Amelie G (3LC) for having an infectious, positive outlook and always working to the best of her ability. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | ☆ Ali G (6JW) for being an excellent role model at Tag Rugby showing great team work and enthusiasm. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Olivia T (4AH) for working so hard on her handwriting when writing her own version of 'The Iron Man'. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> | |

News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)



Pilgrims Way Art workshop

Mrs Tomsett and I were very pleased to be invited to Pilgrims Way to run an Art workshop this week. We took a small group of talented Year 5 Bridge pupils, working towards an Arts Award, to collaborate with equally talented pupils from Pilgrims Way Primary School.

The overarching theme of our project is 'Twisted Fairy Tales' [Read more...](#)



Elena in Uganda

This afternoon, Elena from BASC spoke to children across the school about her time in rural Uganda earlier this year. Having spent some time there over the summer holiday, she wanted to share her own experiences of the children's lives and schooling.

She spoke to the children about what the schools she worked in were like. [Read more...](#)

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

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

Half-term Holiday

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| Monday 31st Oct | | |
| Tuesday 1st Nov | Year 5 Journey into Space Day | |
| Wednesday 2nd Nov | | |
| Thursday 3rd Nov | | |
| Friday 4th Nov | 1pm: Sadie Bristow Tennis Event (Yrs 1 to 3) | Fireworks on Saturday |

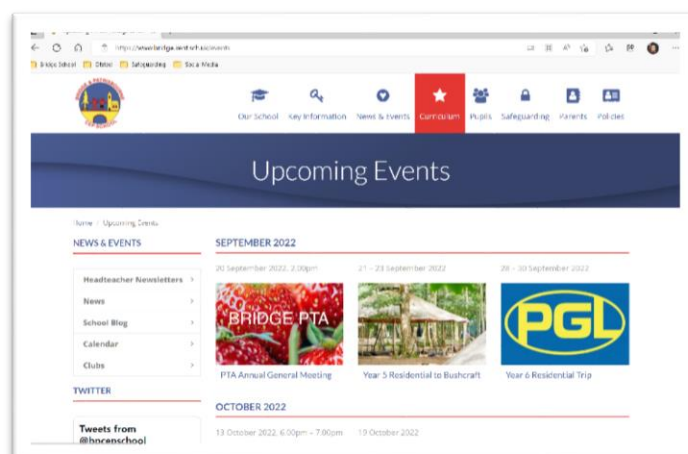
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| Monday 7th Nov | |
| Tuesday 8th Nov | Egyptian Day (3LC) |
| Wednesday 9th Nov | Egyptian Day (3JA) |
| Thursday 10th Nov | |
| Friday 11th Nov | 11am: Remembrance |

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.





UK Health
Security
Agency



Should I keep my child off school?

Yes

Until...

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| Chickenpox | at least 5 days from the onset of the rash and until all blisters have crusted over |
| Diarrhoea and Vomiting | 48 hours after their last episode |
| Cold and Flu-like illness (including COVID-19) | they no longer have a high temperature and feel well enough to attend. Follow the national guidance if they've tested positive for COVID-19. |
| Impetigo | their sores have crusted and healed, or 48 hours after they started antibiotics |
| Measles | 4 days after the rash first appeared |
| Mumps | 5 days after the swelling started |
| Scabies | they've had their first treatment |
| Scarlet Fever | 24 hours after they started taking antibiotics |
| Whooping Cough | 48 hours after they started taking antibiotics |

No

but make sure you let their school or nursery know about...

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| Hand, foot and mouth | Glandular fever |
| Head lice | Tonsillitis |
| Threadworms | Slapped cheek |



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Advice and guidance

To find out more, search for health protection in schools or scan the QR code or visit <https://qrco.de/minftec>.



The Bridge Group Parish

Family Service

with
Rev Estella, Rev Miriam and Mr Luck!

Sunday 16th October

4pm at St Peter's Bridge

A family friendly service for all ages.

For more information contact estellalast@gmail.com
Socially distanced seating available



Design the Church Christmas Card!

The Bridge Group Parish would like to invite children from Bridge and Patricbourne C.E.P to design this year's Church Christmas Card.

Designs should be :

- **A4**
- **LANDSCAPE**
- **Use bold colours**
- **On the theme of Christmas**



Please hand designs into the school Office by **5th November**.

NEW PLAYERS WANTED

We are looking for girls in years 3 or 4 to join our new U9 Girls team, who are currently training each week and will start league matches in the new year

**Training sessions take place on Friday
at Herne Bay Hub from 6-7pm**



If you love football and are interested in joining a team (regardless of current standard) please get in touch via our website or by email risingstarsyfc@gmail.com

