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Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that you all had a good half-term and hope that many of you got to spend time with your families. I know that some of our families had some illness towards the end of October and it is worth just reminding everyone of the guidance from the NHS about whether or not children should be in school if they are ill - [Is my child too ill for school? - NHS \(www.nhs.uk\)](https://www.nhs.uk). There is a fine balance to be struck as we don't want to teach our children that they should be off school for every little sniffle but neither would we want them to pass on their illnesses to other children and potentially make them ill.

I've been reflecting a lot this week about forgiveness and its link to the acceptance of harm. There can be no question that we all do things that may cause harm to others and, in the vast majority of cases, this will be unintentional and the harm caused will be minor. We are taught that we should, as good people, forgive those who cause us harm – indeed it is one of our school Christian values – but I have been wondering whether or not we always teach those who cause harm to acknowledge their role in this? Not to seek blame or punitive measures but to accept responsibility and commit to doing better in the future. Without this acknowledgment, can we truly 'forgive'? Maybe, maybe not – I don't know – but I do know the power of a heart-felt apology.

## Children in Need

In a couple of weeks' time, it is Children in Need and we will be raising money for this charity. The theme is Be SPOTacular and we'll be inviting children (and adults!) to come into school wearing spots in return for a donation to Children in Need. Over the course of the day, they will also be learning about the amazing work that Children in Need do, the projects it funds and the children it helps.



## Parent Governor Election

On Monday, I will be writing to all parents to consider standing for election as a parent governor. This is an important and valuable role but there is a commitment that is required. More information will be coming via ParentMail on Monday but, in the meantime, you can find out more about governance by visiting the KCC website: [The governing body - Kent County Council](https://www.kent.gov.uk)

## Celebrating Children's Learning

Further on in this newsletter are a couple of pages with a list of recent [blog](#) posts from the school website. Our staff use these to try and keep parents informed about what the children get up to in their learning. I know from parental comments that this is something that parents like so if I were to encourage you to read any part of the school website (apart from these newsletters of course!) then please do read the blogs about your children's learning.



### Seeking Bridge Bees Staff

As you know we have a very popular breakfast and after-school club but this is coming under threat as we are having difficulty recruiting staff in order to maintain appropriate ratios of adults to children. At the moment we are coping with the goodwill and generosity of staff who are doing overtime to support but this is not sustainable.

We have been advertising from quite a while now but are struggling to find staff. If you know anyone (or you yourself) are looking for some work then we would welcome applications via the Kent-Teach website – even if this person could not do every day. We do need staff to safely run Bridge Bees otherwise we will have to further limit the numbers we can accept which is the last thing we would wish to do.

The screenshot shows a job advertisement on the Kent-Teach website. On the left is a sidebar for Bridge & Patribourne CEP School, including contact details for Jessica Haigh and links to the school's website and profile. The main content area features the job title 'After-School Club (BASC) Assistant - Part-time' with a salary of £19,293 pro-rata. It includes a brief description of the role, working hours (3.00pm - 6.00pm), and application details like the reference number KCC886-3122-127S and the application close date of 25/11/2022.

Finally, I'd like to say a huge 'well done' to Iris who won the u10 girls National Championship in Sunderland over the half-term break. An amazing achievement!

I look forward to seeing you at the fireworks tomorrow!

James Tibbles





# Bridge Fireworks & Bonfire

Saturday 5th Nov  
Gates open 5.30pm  
Bridge Recreation Ground

Access via Riverside Close and Patixbourne 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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| ☆ <b>Logan D (1CJ)</b> - for an excellent attitude towards his learning in Maths. <i>Mrs Cork</i>  | ☆ <b>Sulaiman B (4AH)</b> for his great participation and enthusiasm in his learning this week. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Hubert M (1LA)</b> for his fantastic work in maths this week – exploring part-whole models. <i>Miss Andrews</i>   | ☆ <b>Ava B (4ST)</b> for continuously working hard in all areas of learning and always being willing to share thoughts and ideas with the class. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ <b>Vinelysia C (2SA)</b> for producing a beautiful stained-glass window with care and creativity. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>  | ☆ <b>Lillian M (5HA)</b> for her amazing learning in response to our space experience day. <i>Mrs McInnes</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Gabriel M (2GD)</b> for showing great resilience and not letting a broken arm hold him back when completing all of his work this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ <b>Chloe W (5JS)</b> for showing confidence and determination when using the formal addition method. <i>Miss J Smith</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Harry B (3JA)</b> for showing excellent effort in all lessons this week and answering lots of questions. <i>Mr Ablett</i>                                 | ☆ <b>Nico H (6JP)</b> for writing an excellent balanced argument about Christopher Columbus. It was a pleasure to read. <i>Mr Perfect</i>                           |
| ☆ <b>Oscar D (3LC)</b> for helping other children during PE and trying very hard in English. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>   | ☆ <b>Poppy-Mae L (6JW)</b> for writing a terrifying paragraph on an evacuee and having the confidence to share it with the class. <i>Mr Wren</i>                    |

## CRUSADERS BASKETBALL SESSION

IN **CANTERBURY** FOR BOYS AND GIRLS AGE 12 AND UNDER



**LOCATION: LIFESTYLE FITNESS  
SPORTS CENTRE ON THE  
CANTERBURY ACADEMY CAMPUS**

**WHEN: EVERY MONDAY IN TERM  
TIME 16:45-17:45  
FIRST SESSION IS 31st OCTOBER**

**WHO: BOYS AND GIRLS  
SCHOOL YEAR 4,5,6 & 7**

**COST: £4 A SESSION**



## News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)



### Year 3 story telling

With their class teachers, pupils read the book 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Brown; we used the book's themes to launch our art project. Using inspiration from psychiatrist Hermann Rorschach's ink blots and author and artist, Victor Hugo (who used random ink blots as the starting point to some of his drawings), we began by creating random and unpredictable ink marks and blots (and generally made a big mess of the carpet). [Read more...](#)



### Year 6 - artefacts from around the world

Throughout term 1, Year 6 practised their observational skills by drawing objects and photographs of cultural objects from around the world. As well as studying them carefully, pupils also considered the cultural significance of such artefacts and discussed how they were acquired by museums for display in the past. They have answered the question: should looted objects in British museums be repatriated? [Read more...](#)



### Year 5 Space Day 2022

Ground Control to Bridge and Patixbourne! Today Year 5 have had the most amazing day learning all about Space. Jackson ( from As Creatives) came into school to teach the children through the use of drama. They have learnt why other planets in our solar system are incapable of sustaining life and how Earth is known as the Goldilocks planet. [Read more...](#)



### 3LC3JA Flight to Egypt

Yesterday, the children of Year 3 boarded the 3LC3JA flight to Egypt. After collecting their tickets and passing through security, each passenger took their seats and fastened their seatbelts. Following the safety briefing from cabin crew, the plane took to the skies for the land of pyramids and pharaohs. [Read more...](#)



### Year 3 Medicine Making

To celebrate our English work on George's Marvellous Medicine, a book which sees a mischievous young boy, George, meddle with his grandmother's medicine in a bid to liven her up a little, Year 3 have been brewing up an equally exciting medicine. Each child brought in one ingredient and one by one, these were added to the class cauldron and stirred into the ever-growing mixture. [Read more...](#)





#### **Forest School Year 5 Autumn Term 1**

Welcome back to Forest School Year 5.

We started this term with a tree guessing game and following on from last year, we went over some knots, including the reef knot and square lashings which helps to combine two pieces of wood together. The children made their own creations, like dream catchers, picture frames, fishing rods, naughts and crosses games and spider webs. [Read more...](#)

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#### **Forest School Year 3 Autumn Term 1**

Welcome back to Forest School Year 3. We started off building tunnels - fitting in with the book Year 3 was reading, thinking about how we stay safe when building constructions. Children could choose which groups they wanted to work in and as it was a little rainy the tunnels served as great shelters. [Read more...](#)

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#### **Year 2 Forest School Autumn Term 1**

Welcome back to Forest School Year 2. We started off looking closely at what has changed/is growing in the Forest School area by using Queen silhouettes, focusing on a small area (and remembering the Queen). This term the children explored conkers, learning the name 'Horse Chestnut tree', painting with conkers, drilling into them to make craft and turning them into rockets. [Read more...](#)

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#### **Year R draw fruit and veg**

At the end of term 1, Year R children all had the opportunity to practise their observational skills and draw from fruit and vegetables. As a class, we discussed how and where fruit and vegetables are grown and what the seeds are for. We also looked carefully at their shape, form, colours and details. [Read more...](#)

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#### **Inky BEASTS - Year One**

Mark-making inspired by 'Billy and the Beast'.

This term, Year one have been reading the book 'Billy and the Beast', by author and illustrator Nadia Shireen. Within art, we looked at Nadia Shireen's illustrations and as a class discussed how she used her marks and lines to describe texture. [Read more...](#)

## Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

<b>Monday 7<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	
<b>Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Egyptian Day (3LC)
<b>Wednesday 9<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Egyptian Day (3JA)
<b>Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Parent Talk in hall (invited parents)
<b>Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	11am: Remembrance Service

<b>Monday 14<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	
<b>Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Year 5/6 Basketball @ Canterbury Academy
<b>Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	
<b>Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	
<b>Friday 18<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Children in Need

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> Nov</b>	Clive Nuttman (scientist) visiting Year 4
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Nov</b>	
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov</b>	
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> Nov</b>	Girls Football Match v Aylesham
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov</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.

