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Dear Parents/Carers,

I'd like to start my newsletter this week with a huge thank you to a very hard-working group of people who put together the fireworks – it was an incredibly enjoyable evening and, in total, **we raised £7700 for the school!** I would particularly like to thank Rob Moon for his tireless work along with Scott Shirley, Steph Chapman and all the other marshalls and volunteers who helped sell glow toys, tickets, organise the fireworks themselves.

I would like to create some thank you cards for some of the volunteers and, if any children wanted to create a design this weekend, I'd really appreciate this.

Children in Need

Next Friday, 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 wrote to all parents to consider standing for election as a parent governor. Please note that there was a mistake on the letter as it stated that nominations needed to be in by Monday 14th November whereas the actual date is Monday 21st November.

Christmas Events

It's getting towards that time of the year! We have a great number of events planned to celebrate the Christmas season. Our programme remains much the same as it has done in previous years (although hopefully with less COVID restrictions!)

Salvation Army Concert

Every year we host the Salvation Army band who come and perform for our community whilst raising money for their charitable work. Some of our children will also be invited to perform alongside the band. This is a great community event and a perfect way to start to get into the Christmas spirit.

Christmas Bazaar

The school and the PTA are busily planning the Christmas Bazaar and we'll have more details for you in next week's newsletter. This is a primarily in-school event although there will be the opportunity for parents to spend some money at the end of the school day buying cakes and other goodies! We'll also be selling Christmas jumpers which brings us to...



Christmas Jumper Day

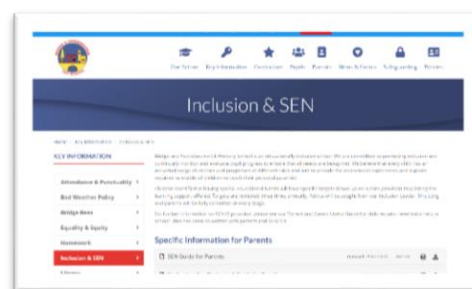
Each year, we raise money for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day but we are very aware of people's finances and the environmental impact of people purchasing items of clothing that may not be frequently worn. In the week before Christmas Jumper Day, i.e. w/c 28th Nov, we will be collecting donations of Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your children. These will then be 'sold' after school on Friday 2nd December ensuring that these items of clothing are re-used and monies raised for charity.

Wednesday 30th Nov	Advent Services at Church	Thursday 8th Dec	Christmas Jumper Day Senior Citizen's Tea Party
Thursday 1st Dec	Salvation Army Concert (eve)	Tuesday 13th Dec	Year R Nativity (pm) Gulbenkian Carol Concert (eve)
Friday 2nd Dec	Christmas Bazaar (pm)	Wednesday 14th Dec	Year R Nativity (am)
Tuesday 6th Dec	Year 2 Nativity (pm)	Thursday 15th Dec	Christingle Services Carols in the Village (pm)
Wednesday 7th Dec	Year 2 Nativity (am)	Friday 16th Dec	Christmas Dinner

SEN Information

Following a SEN information session for some parents on Wednesday, it became apparent that a lot of parents weren't aware of the [Inclusion & SEN](#) section of our school website.

There is a lot of information here which parents may find useful and, if you have any suggestions of further information we can provide, then we'd be happy to look at that too.



Mosque Appeal

You may remember that last year we supported the Canterbury Mosque's charitable work with donations of toiletries to form care packages. Obviously times are hard for many at the moment but if you could support this once again, I know that these would be appreciated.

They are seeking: Bars of Soap, Toothpaste, Adult toothbrushes, Shower Gel, Shampoo, Sanitary towels, Baby Wipes, Nappies as well as warm clothing for adults such as gloves, hats, scarves, socks, fleeces and coats. These items can be brought to the school office. Thank you in advance of your support.

I am away from school for a couple of days next week whilst I am inspecting but I'm sure Mr Taylor won't take too many liberties in my absence!

With best wishes,

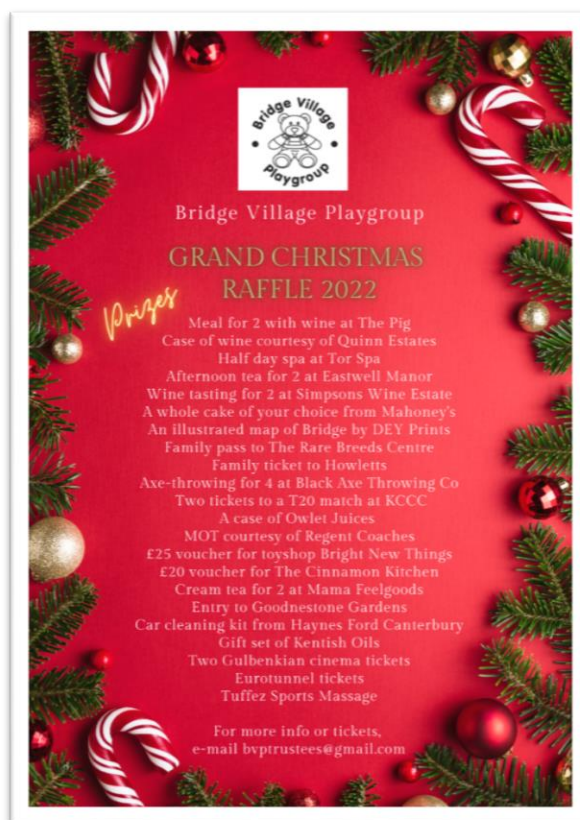
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Celebration

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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| ☆ Matilda B (1CJ) - for writing a fantastic firework poem independently. <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Efi B (4AH) for having a fantastic week with great participation and pride in her work. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Harvey E (1LA) for showing great resilience and not letting a broken arm stop him from working hard. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Leeroy A (4ST) for amazing quick thinking in maths arithmetic. <i>Mrs Saint</i> |
| ☆ Eva S (2SA) for her constant enthusiasm and for singing her heart out during our Nativity practice. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Ira W (5HA) for showing creativity, effort and for sharing his amazing writing thoughts this week. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Avid T (2GD) for his enthusiastic attitude towards our learning on the Great Fire of London and for creating a fantastic poster showing lots of facts he has learnt. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Eldon B (5JS) for all his contributions and ideas in our computing lesson on online safety. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Matilda W (3JA) for excellent effort and resilience when learning column addition and subtraction this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Lily D (6JP) for having the confidence to read the poem 'In Flanders Fields' during our remembrance service today. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Tillie-Rose J (3LC) for being kind and considerate towards a new child in our class, she has gone out of her way to make sure he has had the best start to 3LC. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | ☆ Sienna D (6JW) for her amazing balanced argument about the causes of World War 2. <i>Mr Wren</i> |



News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

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Stained glass workshop - Year 2

This week, Year 2 were privileged to have a stained glass window expert, Buffy Tucker, visit them in class and run a special workshop. Buffy is now retired but used to work in the stained glass windows department at Canterbury Cathedral. As well as a career restoring historical windows, Buffy has... [Read more...](#)



Weaving – Year R

Within their art lessons this term, Year R have been weaving with paper, wool and fabric. They have each created small individual woven pieces and have also had the opportunity to weave together on a larger scale with fabric and ribbon through wooden pallets.

This fiddly weaving task has...

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The Iron Man 2022

Year 4 had a great time in Term 1 studying the book 'The Ironman' by Ted Hughes. In Art we looked at the work of illustrator Chris Mould. We used his work as inspiration for our own Ironman illustrations. The children layered their watercolours with wax rubbings and pen and ink. They... [Read more...](#)



An Introduction to Architecture

In Term 1 Year 4 had a chance to consider not only the local architecture of Bridge during a geography field trip but also some of the buildings around the world designed by some famous architects. For example: Zaha Hadid, Augustus Pugin and Sir Norman Foster. We then did our own observational... [Read more...](#)

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

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

Monday 21st Nov	Clive Nuttman (scientist) visiting Year 4	5JS to Folkestone Reading Festival
Tuesday 22nd Nov		
Wednesday 23rd Nov		
Thursday 24th Nov	Girls Football Match v Aylesham	
Friday 25th Nov	SHA to Folkestone Reading Festival	

Monday 28th Nov	<i>Christmas Jumper Collection</i>		
Tuesday 29th Nov	Year 1 to 6 Speed Stacking Competition	2.30pm: Yr R Workshop Supporting children at home	Football Match at home vs St Stephens Junior School
Wednesday 30th Nov	Advent Services at Church		
Thursday 1st Dec		Football Match at St. Stephen's Junior School	Salvation Army Concert
Friday 2nd Dec	PTA Christmas Bazaar		

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.

