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Dear Parents/Carers,

Thank you to everyone who came in wearing their spots today and donated to the Children in Need appeal. This is a very worthwhile charity that supports disadvantaged children across the country and today, the children learnt a little bit about the important work that they do in order to ensure that as many children as possible have the same opportunities that some may take for granted.

Parent Governor Election

This is our last call for nominations for the two parent governor vacancies on our Governing Body – nominations must be with me by 5pm on Monday 21st November and, in the event of there being more than two nominations, I will be sending out ballot papers on Tuesday. You can find more information on our school website: [Parent Governor Election](#)

Christmas Events

An update on our upcoming Christmas events.

Salvation Army Concert

As I wrote last week, 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. Some parents have asked about purchasing tickets but we will instead be charging on the door - £4 per person with all monies going to the Salvation Army.

Christmas Bazaar/Crafts

Over the course of next Friday the PTA (with some volunteer elves!) will be making Christmas decorations with the children which they will be able to bring home. This was an activity that we ran last year and was very well received – the PTA will be asking for a voluntary donation to cover the costs but no child will be excluded from this activity.

At the end of the day, there will also be opportunity to purchase cakes and hot chocolate from the Year 6 classrooms and we'll be seeking donations of cakes and other goodies.

We'll also be selling Christmas jumpers...

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.



Year 2 Nativity

As I sit writing this newsletter, I can hear the Year 2 children practising songs for their nativity performance in a few weeks' time (they sound great). There are two performances which will take place in the church on Tuesday 6th Dec (2pm) and Wednesday 7th Dec (9.30am) – given that space in the church is limited please can I ask parents to limit themselves to two spaces per family per day?

Senior Citizen's Tea Party

The school has a proud tradition of inviting in our 'older' members of the community to listen to some Christmas songs whilst being offered an afternoon tea and we're pleased that this is back after an enforced COVID-related absence. If you have family members or friends in Bridge or the surrounding villages we would like to extend a warm welcome to Bridge School from 1.30pm on Thursday 8th December.

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/Crafts (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

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.

Winter Cricket Coaching Course

Street end cricket club are running some winter training sessions and are looking for children who are interested in developing their cricket skills and joining a team to enter local leagues in the future. There will be five sessions on a Wednesday from 6pm to 7pm. The dates being: Jan 11th, Jan 25th, Feb 8th, Feb 22nd and Mar 1st.

These will be held at the Ames Levett Indoor School in the Kent Cricket Ground and there will be a £5 a child charge to cover the cost of venue hire.

If you would like to sign your child up to these sessions please fill in the form below so we can get an idea of numbers and will follow up with an email in a few weeks confirming the sessions. <https://forms.gle/WLayaj6Db82VgPgs5>

Minibus Drivers

I'm ending this week's newsletter with a plea! As you know, we have two school minibuses but, in order to drive them, you have to have a D1 on your licence and we only have a few members of staff left who are old enough to have this (I count myself amongst this privileged group!)

We are looking for parent volunteers who would be willing to be trained as minibus drivers who could then accompany children on trips and other events.

Drivers must:

- Be at least 25 years of age (for insurance purposes)
- Hold a clean D1 category driving license

Full KCC training will be provided to any adults who can help us.

With best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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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| ☆ Leo M (1CJ) - for his excellent instruction writing about how to make 'Supertato'. <i>Mrs Jones</i> | ☆ Imogen B (4AH) for showing great enthusiasm during inputs and particularly in her writing this week. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Livia M (1LA) for her fantastic instructional writing about how to make a supertato. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Sophie L (4ST) for using a range of punctuation correctly in her balanced argument. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Isabella F (2SA) for her amazing and adventurous use of vocabulary in sentence stacking. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Evie D-S (5HA) for showing resilience in maths this week. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Leo B (2GD) for his fantastic ideas in our English lessons on the Fire of London this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Jack W (5JS) for believing in his own ability and showing resilience when things get tough. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Arianna S (3JA) for excellent effort answering column addition and subtraction including completing extra questions at home. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Amelie N (6JP) for a very creative piece of narrative writing using the senses excellently to provide the reader with a vivid image of the setting. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Finley K (3LC) for being resilient and for consistently working hard and doing the right thing. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | ☆ Kiyo H (6JW) for being a wonderful friend to his classmates and always demonstrating compassion. <i>Mr Wren</i> |

News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

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3JA Egyptian Day

Last week, the children of 3JA visited Kent Life in Maidstone for an Egyptian themed day. We came across lots of Egyptian characters who led a range of sessions, varying from entertaining pharaohs to preserving bodies to enter the afterlife. The children had lots of hands-on experience such as...

[Read more...](#)

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

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 (all week)</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 Crafts & Cake Sale		

Monday 5th Dec	RGR Visit to Yew Tree Farm		
Tuesday 6th Dec		2pm: Year 2 Nativity	
Wednesday 7th Dec	9.15am: Year 2 Nativity		
Thursday 8th Dec	RKG visit to Yew Tree Farm	1.30pm: Community Tea Party	
Friday 9th Dec			

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.

