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Dear Parents/Carers,

We've reached the end of the week and the term and there has been a great deal of Christmas cheer throughout the school.

The Year R children did phenomenally well earlier this week performing their 'Wriggly Nativity' and all the parents and grandparents I spoke to after the performances all commented on how well the children had done. It was so good to be able to welcome families back into the school properly rather than having to have seats 2 metres apart throughout the hall as we did last year.

Earlier this week, our choir performed at the Gulbenkian led by Mrs Brookes and the children sang beautifully. I've had an email from Lucy Gove from Simon Langton Girls who organised this thanking us and all the children for their commitment.

Yesterday the Gulbenkian choir children also visited Bridge Haven, Mansfield Court and Saxon Court to perform some songs to the residents – my thanks to those children along with Mr Miles and Mrs Brookes.

Year 5 have also done a great job of this by making Christmas cards for members of the community and they have been walking around the village today delivering these.

### Kitchen Thanks

Well done and thank you to Dan, Helen, Sam and Sandra in the school kitchen for providing Christmas dinners this week. They work incredibly hard all year round and all the children thoroughly enjoyed their Christmas lunch.

### Parent Governor Election Result

Following the ballot for parent governor I am pleased to announce that Elizabeth Carlotti has been re-elected as a parent governor and we will also be joined by Mark Hills who takes up his role in January. I would like to thank all the candidates for standing for election and to all those parents who took the opportunity to vote in this election process.

### Chocolate Orange Appeal

The incredibly generous Bridge and Patricbourne community donated 112 Chocolate Oranges towards the Team Chocolate Orange campaign. These will be delivered shortly to the East Kent Hospitals Charity from where they will be evenly distributed to the wholly deserving staff at Dolphins Children's Ward, Kent and Canterbury Hospital, Padua Children's Ward, William Harvey Hospital and Rainbow Children's Ward, Queen Elizabeth The Queen Mother Hospital.

This is a wonderful way to say thanks to those who support our children when they need it most of all.



## PE Days

The [class pages](#) on the school website have been updated with any changes to the PE days for Term 3.

## Farewell

Today we said a good bye to Mrs Jones who recently returned from her maternity leave. She has made the decision to spend more time at home with her daughter and we all wish her the very best. The children sang 'You've Got a Friend in Me' from Toy Story to her this morning as this was a memorable moment from one of Mrs Jones' assemblies a few years ago and she will always have friends at Bridge School.

Mrs Harvey-Maw also starts her maternity leave after Christmas and so we sent her off with our best wishes (along with some nappies!) I'm sure we'll be seeing 'mini-Maw' early in the new year.

## A Final Thanks

As we reach the end of what has been another incredible year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank you all as parents. You have been very generous in expressing your gratitude and appreciation for the staff at the school and, whilst I have no doubt, they have expressed that individually, I would like to extend my own thanks on their behalf.

As a little treat for the children, the staff have put together a little Christmas cheer of our own for the children – we were not able to do this last year due to COVID but our annual [Christmas video](#) is back and can be watched on our school website.

Have a wonderful Christmas and we'll see you all back on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January.

With very best (festive) wishes,



## 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>Otis P (1CJ)</b> - for an excellent attitude to everything and super sounding out in his phonics. <i>Mrs Cork</i>  | ☆ <b>Mona H (4AH)</b> for your fantastic enthusiasm and beautiful pieces of writing for our Mayan non-chronological report. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>             |
| ☆ <b>Esme W (1LA)</b> for her fantastic designing and creating of her Christmas card in DT this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i>   | ☆ <b>Daisy R (4ST)</b> for her beautifully designed and made mask inspired by the Mayans love of masks. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>                                    |
| ☆ <b>Leo W (2SA)</b> for working hard to develop confidence and resilience this term. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>   | ☆ <b>Shiva (5HA)</b> for his amazing maths test result and progress in his reading and for settling into Bridge School so well this term. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ <b>Millie B (2GD)</b> for her positive attitude towards her learning and for always taking a great pride in every piece of work she completes. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ <b>Leila B (5JS)</b> for good contributions and concentration during SoundsWrite this week. <i>Miss J Smith</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Raph T (3JA)</b> for a phenomenal return to school and for throwing himself back into 3JA life. <i>Mr Ablett</i>   | ☆ <b>Mylo E (6JP)</b> for having an exceptional attitude to school life. <i>Mr Perfect</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Finn F (3LC)</b> for being engaged all week participating in class discussions and trying his best. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>                                      | ☆ <b>Kaatya T (6JW)</b> for writing an amazing and detailed newspaper report on the Blitz. <i>Mr Wren</i>   |

## Upcoming Dates

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

**CALENDAR >**

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Jan</b> <i>Bank Holiday</i>
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan</b>
<b>Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>
<b>Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>
<b>Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Creepy Crawly man in Year 2 (am)
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		Year 5/6 Dodgeball Competition
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	4ST Trip to The Beaney	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Young Voices at the O2	Football game vs Aylesham School
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Jan</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.

