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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we were very pleased to see Mrs Allen back in school who spent a couple of days with the Year 6 children ahead of her return to work. She'll be in again on Tuesday and, after the February half-term break, she will be teaching Year 6 on a Thursday and a Friday.

The Year 6 children also had the opportunity to go and see Bugsy at the Marlowe Theatre on Thursday ahead of their own production of this later this year. The feedback I've had has only been positive and I was told that the children were 'buzzing' as they came out of the performance. I'm already looking forward to seeing the Year 6's take on this. Keep your diaries free – Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> July and Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> July!

We also had a visit from the Local Authority this week, we have two or three of these per year and we asked them to focus on specific aspects of the school at each visit. Last time, we focused on Art and Science across the school and this time we asked them to focus on how we support our 'vulnerable pupils' and those with SEND – I'm very pleased that this visit went extremely well with the advisor saying that Mrs Long and Mr Taylor were a 'joy to work with!' (*If only they knew!*)

I've also been spending more time in lessons this week: I was pleased to see Year 3 learning about multiplication and division this week and even saw an RE lesson where the children were learning about the baptism of Jesus. My favourite part of the week was seeing Forest School in action with 2SA on Wednesday – they were so excited to be learning about bats and they even managed to teach me a thing or two!

### Strike Action: Update

I am writing to all parents to update you regarding the strike action declared by the NEU which will be taking place next week (Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb) as well as three further dates in March.

As things currently stand, no teachers at Bridge School have informed me that they will be taking strike action. This means that, currently, the school will be open for all pupils on Wednesday and everyone should attend school as normal.

I should point out, however, that this does not preclude the possibility of strike action taking place in March or even at a future point in the year - especially as I note that the NASUWT and NAHT have announced that they are to re-ballot their members.

In the teacher community, both in school and wider afield, there is such a broad range of opinions. However, I strongly believe we must trust that each individual has made their decision based upon what they feel is best for the children in their care - this should be recognised and respected as such.



### Parent Consultations

Over the next two weeks, you will all have the opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher to discuss their progress and how best to support their learning. This afternoon, the children would have brought some books home to share with you – please do take the opportunity to look through your child's books with them – they are always a great source of pride for the children. Please can everyone ensure that these books are returned Monday morning ready for another week of learning.

### Swimming

After a few years of absence, I'm really pleased that swimming will be starting up again. It has been a struggle to find a pool that has capacity and meets the minimum requirements but, thanks to Mrs Hurley's and Mr Taylor's relentless efforts, we have managed to secure this. Year 6 will be going swimming over the course of Term 4 followed by Year 5 in Term 5 and then Year 4 in Term 6.

### Assistant Cook Vacancy

We are now advertising for a new assistant cook – if any parents are interested, or know someone who may be, then this is being advertised on Kent-Teach: [Assistant Cook at Bridge & Patixbourne CEP School](#)

### Sports Reports: Infant Agility

*On Monday we went to Infant Agility to do different activities at Canterbury Academy. There were lots of with other schools there. We had lots of amazing sports to do like throwing, bean bags, throwing javelins, balancing, jumping, bowling and running cone to cone. In the cone to cone running Betsy and Finn were the fastest out all of the other schools there. We loved all the activities and had lots of fun.*

*Beatrice, Lexi & Elara (Year 2)*

Have a good weekend.

With very best wishes,



## Celebration

### Star Pupils

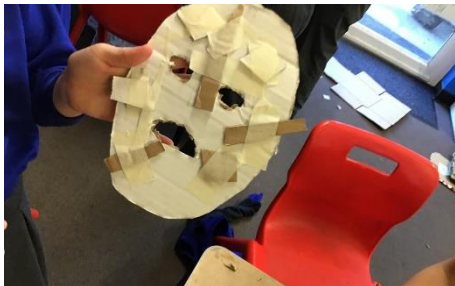
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ <b>Jayden (RKG)</b> for excellent in maths when learning about 'one more than'. <i>Miss Goddard</i>                     | ☆ <b>Oliver K (3JA)</b> for showing excellent engagement in all lessons this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Polly (RKG)</b> for excellent in maths when learning about 'one more than'. <i>Miss Goddard</i>                      | ☆ <b>Finley K (3LC)</b> for demonstrating brilliant leadership skills in his group work for Science. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>                             |
| ☆ <b>Mila-Rose (RGR)</b> for fantastic and detailed art work. <i>Mr Redpath</i>   | ☆ <b>Mona H (4AH)</b> for working hard this week across the board and being a helpful member of the class. <i>Mrs Thompson</i>                         |
| ☆ <b>Felix A (RGR)</b> for being such a kind and encouraging friend. <i>Mr Redpath</i>                                    | ☆ <b>Louis E (4ST)</b> for being a very thoughtful and helpful member of our class. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Amelie E (1CJ)</b> - for showing great determination and resilience in her learning. <i>Mrs Cork &amp; Mrs Usher</i> | ☆ <b>Andrew C (5HA)</b> for his amazing efforts in both English and Maths. <i>Miss Allison</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Heidi P-S (1LA)</b> for her fantastic math this week – learning about tens and ones. <i>Miss Andrews</i>             | ☆ <b>Keira H (5JS)</b> for producing some beautiful writing using metaphors and personification to describe the Amazon rainforest. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ <b>Chris K (2SA)</b> for super understanding and reasoning in lessons about money in Maths. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>           | ☆ <b>Krivi P (6JP)</b> for his excellent and thoughtful contributions during all lessons. <i>Mr Perfect</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Olivia O (2GD)</b> for her amazing contributions to our English lessons this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>                | ☆ <b>Holly R (6JW)</b> for excellent inference and deduction skills in reading. <i>Mr Wren</i>   |

## News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

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### Masked Year 4s

Have you ever watched the Masked Singer or The Masked Dancer on the Tv? If you have, you may have marvelled at the masks that the contestants wear. Year 4 were challenged to imagine that they were going to be on this show. They had to explore, research, design, make and evaluate a mask. They had to consider the materials, the fit (it had to cover their face and they also needed to be able to see!) and how they were going to make it.



### Bridge at the Beaney

Last week, Year 4s had an excellent trip to Canterbury. First, we went to the Beaney Museum and Gallery. Murray and Charlotte were the fantastic guides who showed us around the portrait exhibition and the Mirror Mirror exhibition. They explained the use of imagery in painting as well as the use of light and colour in paintings. We were then able to go to their Learning Lab for a portrait workshop.

## Upcoming Dates

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

**CALENDAR >**

<b>Monday 30<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Year 2 Parental Consultations
<b>Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> Jan</b>	Year 1 Parental Consultations
<b>Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	Whole School Parental Consultations
<b>Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	Year 5 Parental Consultations
<b>Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	

<b>Monday 6<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 3 Parental Consultations
<b>Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Safer Internet Day      Year R Parental Consultations      Football Match vs St Stephens Juniors
<b>Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 4 Parental Consultations
<b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Year 5 Parental Consultations
<b>Friday 10<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	Book Fair in School

<b>Monday 20<sup>th</sup> Feb</b>	
<b>Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> Feb</b>	
<b>Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	
<b>Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb</b>	Year 6 Swimming      KS1 and KS2: Cricket Competition (Indoor)
<b>Friday 24<sup>th</sup> Feb</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.

