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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, I have seen some absolutely incredible artwork from Year 1 who have been making collages based upon their learning about the Storm Whale and Year 2's rat sculptures. The art in Bridge School is always of such high quality and I am always recommending that visitors to the school take a look at our [Art blog](#) to see the incredible work across the school.

We've also held the majority of our parental consultations this week with some more to follow next week. I trust that you found this useful and enjoyed looking through your children's books last weekend.

Safer Internet Day

Next Tuesday, the children will be taking part in learning linked to starting

As a starting point for parents, I would recommend that you watch the linked video (right) from the UK Safer Internet Centre. The theme for this year's Safer Internet Day is 'Want to Talk About it?' and I would always encourage open conversations between parents and children about what their children are accessing online.



On the [Safeguarding](#) section of our school website, you will find a wealth of resources around Online Safety and we will be adding to these over the course of the next week. It would also be helpful to hear from parents which resources you would find useful in talking to your children about keeping safe online.

Medicines in School

Can I remind all parents that any medicines coming into school must come in via the school office. We have had a couple of incidences where medicines are in children's book bags which is not appropriate and we are unable to administer any medication without parental consent. I should also flag up that we are not permitted to administer ibuprofen or aspirin unless it is prescribed by a medical professional – we can only use administer paracetamol (i.e. Calpol).

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 & Patricbourne CEP School](#)



Million Word Readers

It's been a while since we've celebrated our Million Word Readers and we have five new additions to the club. Well done to Holly R (Year 6), Polly (Year 5), Phoebe (Year 5), Amelie T (Year 5) and Harriet H (Year 5) who were all awarded a Million Word Reader badge and a £10 National Book Token.

Sports Reports - Year 6 Football

We have reports from two games this week :

This was our first away game – against Blean Primary School. Our spirits were high after our 6-0 win over Pilgrim's Way but during the weeks in between the games Jack, our highest goal scorer at the time and our no. 10, had received a serious injury taking him out of the Blean game. When we arrived and first saw the Blean pitch, we were stunned how uneven it was but that wouldn't hinder our progress forward in the league. The first half was uneventful and weren't playing like we were against Pilgrims Way but Finley, at the sacrifice of his face, made a save. First half 0-0. Then in the second half, we struck first with Mylo and his 5-star foot placing it in the bottom corner. Then Alfie running towards goal had the ball fly up perfectly for his second goal of the season. The game finished 2-0 and we were happy with our performance.

This was our third game of the season versus Chartham Primary School. We noticed that the match ball was very light. The game got off to a rocky start, we had a few chances to test the goalkeeper but unfortunately, after a great initial save with his legs they got a lucky rebound – 1-0 Chartham. After the second half kick-off, we were dominating with lots of passes and a few chances to equalise but we couldn't take any. Then a lob ball over the top of our defence and their striker smashed it in. 2-0 Chartham. In the closing moments of the game, we were awarded a penalty. Tom stepped up to take it and smashed it into the bottom corner. 2-1 Chartham. The final whistle blew but this won't stop us from taking our next game seriously.

Have a good weekend.

With very best wishes,



February Update from Rev'd Estella

Here are details of church events and activities you might be interested in

Thursdays in Term Time: Little Lambs Baby and Toddler Group 9-11am at The Pavilion on Bridge Recreation Ground.

Fridays in Term Time: Coffee and Chat with the offer of prayer for any personal needs. 8.45-9.45 at St Peter's Church Bridge. This is a really informal group. We meet for coffee and a chat with Revd Estella and Revd Miriam offering a listening ear and opportunity for prayer if this is wanted.

Messy Church: Saturday 11th February 4-6pm at Bridge and Patricxbourne School Bible themed crafts, story, short celebration worship and a hot meal – suitable for families to attend together, children must be accompanied by an adult. If you have any special dietary requirements please can you notify us in advance.

Family Service at St Peter's Bridge: Sunday 19th February 4pm all welcome. This is a short lively and interactive service for the whole family to enjoy together.

For church or pastoral matters you can contact me anytime on 01227 206272 or email estellalast@gmail.com. For matters relating to school or my role as Safeguarding Governor please use Estella.Last@bridge.kent.sch.uk

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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| ☆ Bas (RKG) for writing an excellent letter to the giant. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Ajeay S (3LC) for being focused in all lessons creating some fantastic worm poetry and laying out his maths work neatly. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Wren (RKG) for excellent and creative engagement at school and home with 'Jack and the Beanstalk'. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Anna L (4AH) for her efforts in her learning and giving regular thoughtful contributions to class discussions. <i>Miss Thompson</i> |
| ☆ Orla D (RGR) for telling me about all the different ways of making 5. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Suleiman B (4AH) for persevering with his sewing project. Well done. <i>Miss Ramsden</i> |
| ☆ Jacob R (RGR) for an all-round fantastic week, rounded off by the words 'I love learning'. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Hugo P (4ST) for writing with enthusiasm in creative writing time. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Naksh (1CJ) - for settling into Year 1 and having a super first week. <i>Mrs Cork & Mrs Usher</i> | ☆ Ivy P (5HA) for her effort in all areas of learning. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Bailey C (1LA) for his fantastic work in geography learning about the capital cities. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Sienna W (5JS) for always giving 100% in everything she does and always showing compassion towards her friends. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Michael P (2SA) for excellent effort in all his work. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Salma H (6JP) for her excellent efforts in English this term and for writing a fantastic news report on the Blitz. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Arbin R (2GD) for his excellent contributions in all our lessons this week and taking a great deal of pride in his work. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Georgia D (6JP) for confidently presenting information about dog agility to all of Year 2. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> |
| ☆ Emily M (3JA) for applying herself in all lessons and being a great friend to others. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Mia S (6JW) for working incredibly hard in English and Maths making terrific progress. <i>Mr Wren</i> |

News and Blogs

Highlights from the School Life section on the website.

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)



Storm Whales collages - Year 1

Throughout the term, Year 1 pupils have been working towards the completion of their Storm Whale collages, inspired by Benji Davies' book, The Storm Whale. Pupils have created a background, midground and foreground for their artwork. Their backgrounds depict a stormy sea using oil pastels and paint expressively. Pupils considered the shapes to best describe a rough sea and mixed their own secondary paint colours (mainly green and a little purple).



Sea dance - Year R

To practise their gross motor skills this week, Year R pupils have been swimming through an imaginary sea!

To begin, we had a gentle swim in the tranquil sea. We practised our front stroke, back stroke and breast stroke to 'Sitting on the Dock of the Bay'. Very relaxing. When the imaginary weather turned stormy, the music got faster.

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

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

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

Monday 27th Feb			
Tuesday 28th Feb	Year 3 Rocks Day		
Wednesday 1st Mar	Year 3 Rocks Day		
Thursday 2nd Mar	Year 6 Swimming		
Friday 3rd Mar			

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.

