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Friday 3rd March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week the children have all visited the church to reflect upon the season of Lent and the theme of '*temptation*' and I've had some very positive feedback from Rev. Estella and the children. I would like to express my thanks to Mrs Perfect for organising this and to Rev. Estella and the church wardens for hosting us.

On Thursday evening, fifty of us gathered to hear about Hari Budha Magar's incredible story and his campaign to be the first double above-knee amputee to reach the summit of Mt. Everest. Listening to Hari was nothing short of inspirational – his courage and determination was tangible and challenged our perceptions of what people with disabilities can achieve with the right mind-set and support.

We are really hoping that he will be able to come in and share his story with our older pupils before he sets off in a few weeks' time. If not, I'm sure we'll have him in school after his inevitable success.

Next Week

World Book Day

As I wrote last week, next Friday we will be celebrating World Book Day and welcoming author, Tom Delahunt.

Tom will be starting the day by taking a whole school assembly, followed by working throughout the day with individual year groups talking about his book, with question-and-answer sessions.

Finally, there will be a chance to get your own copy of his book signed after school under the year 6 canopy.

Tom will have a limited number of books with him for sale for £10. If you would like to order a copy in advance please follow the link: [CCCU The Wandering Lamb \(canterbury.ac.uk\)](http://CCCU The Wandering Lamb (canterbury.ac.uk))

Children are also invited to come in dressed up as a character from a book but I would not want this to be an additional pressure for parents (financial or mental) as the aim is to just have a bit of fun and I would recommend the following tips for a cheap/easy book day costume (taken from [10 Low Cost World Book Day Costumes - Life, Love and Dirty Dishes \(lifeloveanddirtydishes.com\)](http://10 Low Cost World Book Day Costumes - Life, Love and Dirty Dishes (lifeloveanddirtydishes.com)))

Parents Maths Workshops

Over the course of the next term, we'll be inviting parents to come into school and learn a little about maths and the strategies that we use to teach children the four operations. The first of these will be at 9am on Thursday 9th March and will be for Year 3 and 4 parents. There is no need to book, please come in through the school office.

Additional dates:

Thursday 16th March, 9am: Year 1 and 2 parents Maths workshop

Thursday 23rd March, 9am: Year 5 and 6 parents Maths workshop



Attendance

No-one can deny that the greatest impact on pupil achievement in school is attendance – after all, if they aren't in school, they can't learn! Following a whole-school attendance review a couple of weeks ago, I will be writing to the parents of all children whose attendance is below 90%. These letters will be coming out in the next few days.

0 days of school	100%	Perfection
Equates to 2 days off school each year	99%	Excellent
Equates to 5 days off school each year	97%	Good
Equates to 10 days off school each year	95%	Slight Concern
Equates to 20 days off school each year	90%	Concerned
Equates to 30 days off school each year	85%	Very Concerned

Near Miss

This morning, we very nearly had a child get hit by a car that was reversing into the front of the school.

I would like to remind everyone that we do ask that **parents do not drive down School Road** unless they are parking in the Blue Badge area. The reason for this is very simple – we don't want any accidents. The vast majority of our parents respect this and I appreciate this but it only takes one careless individual for there to be tragic consequences.

Upcoming Dates & Events

Red Nose Day (Friday 10th March)

This year, for Red Nose Day we will be inviting children to come into school wearing red. We'll also be running a competition where children can share their favourite joke. Jokes can be submitted from Monday 12th March and, on the Wednesday, we'll be asking each class to choose their favourite joke which will be posted on our school website. Mr Taylor, Mrs Long and I will also be choosing our favourite jokes out of these top 14!

Bridge SportsFest (Saturday 20th May)

Save the date as we are excited to launch our very first Bridge SportsFest on Saturday 20th May 2023 and, in order to make this event a success, we need your support.



**Bridge
SportsFest**

The aim of SportsFest is to help young people and families try new sports and activities that are on offer in the locality. There are a wealth of ways that people of any age can keep fit and healthy and we want to highlight these to our children, their parents and their families. SportsFest will be a great way to do this.

We want to invite as many organisations and clubs as possible so please do encourage your children's clubs to get in touch with us at sportsfest@bridge.kent.sch.uk

Kent Scouts will be supplying a climbing wall (which will be free to use); it is going to be a really fun and exciting morning for all and we would love to see as many of our families there as possible.

Bridge Village Fete (Saturday 24th June)

This week marked the beginning of the planning for the Bridge Village Fete. Last year was such an overwhelming success, we are using this as a basis with some tweaks based upon feedback we have received.

Over the next few weeks, I have no doubt that your class PTA reps will be getting in touch to arrange parent-led stalls but we would also welcome stalls from small businesses in the area, especially those geared towards children and families – if you would like to book a pitch then please email bridgeschoolpta@gmail.com

With very best wishes,

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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| ☆ Aryatara (RKG) for excellent and creativity in maths and topic work this week. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Pelham B (3LC) for taking pride in his work, writing using persuasive techniques in English. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> |
| ☆ Callia J (RGR) for following instructions of an adult straight away and for good listening. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Talya Y (4AH) for her dynamic and considered acting and her lovely play-script writing in English this week. <i>Miss Thompson</i> |
| ☆ Sara B (1CJ) - for showing a positive attitude towards her learning and making great contributions in class work. <i>Mrs Cork & Mrs Usher</i> | ☆ Darcy B (4ST) for working well and making a good contribution to her play-script planning group. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Esme W (1LA) for her fantastic persuasive letter in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Thomas R (5HA) for being unstoppable in math this week. <i>Mrs McInnes</i> |
| ☆ Jaxon H (2SA) for consistently trying his best in all lesson and beign an excellent role model to his peers. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Lillian M (5HA) for her thoughtful, friendly and flexible attitude in the classroom. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Avid T (2GD) for working very hard this week, especially on his writing about Peter Pan. <i>Mrs Holdaway</i> | ☆ Rosa B (5JS) for writing a detailed description of King Hrothgar's magnificent mead-hall feast. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Leon L (2GD) for his amazing contributions in English this week and for starting to write joined up. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Livinya C (6JP) for demonstrating resilience when facing a new challenge. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Neivie B (3JA) for excellent engagement in all lessons and for challenging herself. <i>Mr Ablett</i> | ☆ Fenton A (6JW) for pushing himself to achieve amazing results in all subjects. <i>Mr Wren</i> |

News and Blogs

This week there have been two more blogs posted on the school website. Year 4 have been [sharing their learning about Faith Ringgold](#) and the quilting that they have produced; Year 6 have also [written about their structures](#) that they have made from wood and wire.

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Faith Ringgold story quilts - Year 4

Year 4 are delighted to share with

27 February 2023



Year 6 figures in motion - sculpture

In term 3, Year 6 designed and made

24 February 2023



Year 3 Visit the Stone Age

Yesterday, Year 3 took a flight on

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 6th Mar	Japanese students in		
Tuesday 7th Mar	Year 3 to 6 cross-country		
Wednesday 8th Mar	Rochester Cathedral trip		
Thursday 9th Mar	Year 6 Swimming	9am: Year 3/4 parent maths workshops	
Friday 10th Mar	School Book Day	Indoor Athletics	Messy Church on Saturday

Monday 13th Mar	4ST Trip to Museum of Kent Life		
Tuesday 14th Mar	4AH Trip to Museum of Kent Life		
Wednesday 15th Mar			
Thursday 16th Mar	Year 6 Swimming	9am: Year 1/2 Parent Maths Workshop	Art Trip for select children
Friday 17th Mar	Red Nose Day		

Monday 20th Mar	Hockey Tournament – Years 5 and 6		
Tuesday 21st Mar	9.15am Year 4 Sharing Assembly		
Wednesday 22nd Mar	2GD Trip to Deal Castle	Quicksticks Hockey Tournament (Yrs 3 to 6)	
Thursday 23rd Mar	Really Big Bridge Sing	Year 6 Swimming	
Friday 24th Mar	2SA Trip to Deal Castle		

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.

