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Friday 17th March 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

There has been a wealth of exciting opportunities for the children this week with trips to the Museum of Kent Life for the Year 4 children; two arts trips on Wednesday and Thursday and a visit from the Music for Schools Foundation who performed for the children on Wednesday, however the big talking point for a lot of the children this week has been the fact that we have new tables for lunchtimes – nice to know what the children focus on!

Whilst we're on the subject of dinners, Mrs Fawke has met with the school council and is now in the process of developing a new menu based upon their feedback – apparently the most popular request was having chicken pie back on the menu!

On Thursday, Mrs Cork and Mrs Dennett hosted a parent workshop on how maths is taught in Years 1 and 2. The feedback from parents has been very positive and the last of these is being held this Thursday for Year 5 and 6 parents. If you are unable to make these the presentations will be shared on the school website.

You'll know that this week has been neurodiversity week and we've been addressing this with the children in a very low-key manner but Emma Haynes has been sourcing books for our school library which represent this.

Finally, thank you for your support and kind donations to Comic Relief today. We have not had in all of the submitted jokes but hopefully we'll have this all done for next week's newsletter.



Next Week

We're very excited that Hari Magar will be back in school on Monday to talk to the Year 5 and 6 children about his upcoming expedition to conquer Mt. Everest. He spoke a few weeks ago to some of our parents, staff and community members and it was an incredibly inspirational talk.

Year 4 parents are invited into school on Tuesday morning as the children will be sharing their learning from their Roman topic. Please can we ask parents to come in via the school office from 9am.

There are also a lot of sporting events taking place next week and I have no doubt that the children chosen will represent the school to the best of their ability as they always do.

Finally, alongside this newsletter is a write up from Miss Allison about World Book Day and a copy of the excellent 'Bridge Times' – a contribution from some of our Year 5 girls; I'm sure you'll find both of these of interest.

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first letter of each name being capitalized and prominent.

March / April 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.

March

Services for Mothering Sunday

9.30am Morning Prayer at St Mary's Nackington;

10am Traditional Sung Holy Communion at St Mary's Patricxbourne;

10am Songs of Praise at St Peter's Bekesbourne;

11am Tea, Cake & Celebration Service at St Mary's Lower Hardres;

4pm All Age Family Service at St Peter's Bridge

Family Service at St Peter's Bridge: Sunday 19th March 4pm all welcome. This is a special Mothering Sunday Service – children will have the opportunity to make posies for their mothers or those who mother them.

April

Sunday 2nd April – Palm Sunday

9.30am Procession to Bridge Church from Bridge School with our beautiful Donkey

10am Service for all ages in Bridge Church

Messy Church: Good Friday 7th April 10am at Bridge and Patricxbourne School Bible themed crafts, story, short celebration worship and hot cross buns! – 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.

Easter Sunday (9th April)

8am Communion St Mary's Nackington

10am Parish Communion St Peter's Bridge

10am Songs of Praise with Easter Egg Hunt at Bekesbourne

11am Tea and Cake followed Easter Celebration Service at Lower Hardres

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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| ☆ Henry (RKG) for outstanding compassion when helping a friend in class this week. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Laurence S (4AH) for your excellent work on fractions and always applying yourself to your work. <i>Miss Thompson</i> |
| ☆ Elias W (RGR) for focusing hard to reduce the size of his letters and numbers. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Leo C (4ST) for impressing me with his creative writing this week describing Pompeii. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> |
| ☆ Jocelyn K (1CJ) - for working independently to produce a fantastic explanation about butterfly eggs. <i>Mrs Cork & Mrs Usher</i> | ☆ Maria S (5HA) for showing kindness and compassion to a younger child while they were feeling unwell. <i>Mrs Starling</i> |
| ☆ Indiana M (1LA) for always trying her hardest and having such a positive attitude. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Poppy S (5HA) for her resilience in lessons, her writing this week and for taking her time in reading. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ James S (2SA) for his amazing story about Peter Pan including lots of detail. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Iris G (5JS) for working extremely hard on his presentation and spelling this week. <i>Miss J Smith</i> |
| ☆ Hunter H (2GD) for his amazing detailed story about what happened next between Hook and Peter Pan. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Eleanor N (6JP) for demonstrating our school's five values throughout her time in Year 6. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Alf H (3JA) for showing great improvements in his reading and for trying really hard. <i>Mrs Moon</i> | ☆ Anesu M (6JW) for reading more often and for his fantastic story about Thor and the Giants. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Dylan L (3LC) for focusing on having neat handwriting and taking pride in his work. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | |

News and Blogs

This week, Mrs C Smith has written a blog about an [art workshop which took place in Folkestone](#) this week and we also have an interview following [Georgia's attendance at Crufts last weekend with her dog Tilly](#) – it was an incredible achievement just to qualify – well done Georgia.

16 March 2023



FOLD, SCRUNCH, MAKE - art workshop

Thank you to Creative Folkestone,

10 March 2023



Dog Agility News - Georgia (Y6)

Interview with Georgia (Y6) following

9 March 2023



Year 3 Rocks Days

We were very lucky in Year 3 to be visited by an expert in rocks from

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 20th Mar	Hockey Tournament – Years 4 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	Year 6 Swimming	
Friday 24th Mar	2SA Trip to Deal Castle	

Monday 27th Mar	School Maths Day	Year 3 Beach Trip
Tuesday 28th Mar	9am: 1LA parent assembly	Year 3 Trip Beach
Wednesday 29th Mar	Year 4 Roman theatre workshop	
Thursday 30th Mar	9am: 1CJ parent assembly	Year 6 swimming PTA Cake Sale
Friday 31st Mar <i>Last day of term</i>		

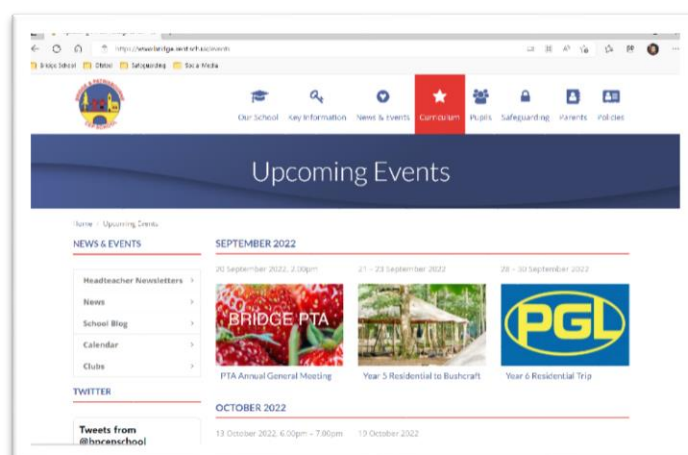
Monday 17th Apr	Year 5 Anglo-Saxon Workshop	
Tuesday 18th Apr		
Wednesday 19th Apr	Easter Services at Church (parents invited)	
Thursday 20th Apr	Year 5 swimming	
Friday 21st Apr		PTA Spring Disco

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.



The Bridge Group Parish

Mothering Sunday Family Service

with

Rev Estella, Rev Miriam and Mr Luck!

Sunday 19th March

4pm at St Peter's Bridge

A family friendly service for all ages.

For more information contact estellalast@gmail.com

