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Dear Parents/Carers,

I trust that everyone has had a positive first week— as is standard, the first week of the term has been marked with an improvement in the weather and we've had glorious sunshine for the majority of the week!

It has been a pleasure to see our new Year R children in school and they will be starting full-time with us from Monday. They've had an exciting week and I'm sure will appreciate some down-time over the weekend (I know I will!)

The majority of our Year 6 children took the Kent Test on Thursday. Regardless of how anyone feels about the Kent Test or the grammar system, I was really proud of how the children dealt with the day, particularly as it was the hottest day of the year!

Drop-Off & Pick-Up Routine

Next week our Year R children will be starting school full-time. In the mornings, if you are dropping off a Year R child, please could we ask that you arrive at school no earlier than 8.45am if at all possible. By this time, most of the children and parents have come through and this will mean an easier and less stressful time for us all.

In the afternoon, parents of Year R children may collect their children from 3.10pm in order to avoid the rush of other parents. However, the other classes will not be releasing their children until 3.15pm so please do not enter the school premises unless you are collecting a sole Year R child – you will not be able to collect children from other year groups.

Please could I also remind parents that they should not drive down School Road without specific permission from the school. This is to ensure the safety of the children as they walk to and from school.

Arbor

We are still experiencing some teething problems with Arbor. Most of the issues we are facing is unfamiliarity with the system but we seem to be getting there. I was heartened by hearing from another teacher (who is also a parent at Bridge) that Arbor is the '*best thing ever*'. They have been using Arbor for over a year now and I am looking forward to feeling the same way!



Lunches

Just a reminder that this coming week will be Week 3 on our dinner menu which you can find on the school meals page of our website - [School Meals | Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School](#)

Menu Change: This week, Wednesday's pudding will be yoghurts as we will be short staffed in the kitchen.



Messy Church

Once again, Messy Church will be open to our families this Saturday. Unfortunately, we can't offer a meal this week but there will be light refreshments available. Doors open at 4pm with crafts and activities for children to complete – it will be a welcome respite from the sun.



Snacks and Drinks

As we are a healthy school, could I please remind all parents that children's water bottles should only contain water. Ideally they should also be 'spill-proof' so that, if they are knocked over, they won't cause a mess.

Snacks that are brought in should also be fruit or vegetables – cereal bars, crisps, etc. should not come into school as a mid-morning snack.

Forest School Drop-In

In our parent survey, we had a few requests from parents to learn more about Forest School and Mrs Pearman has very kindly offered to host a few 'drop-in' sessions. The first of these will be on Thursday 16th September at 2.45pm and is for parents of children in Year 1 and 3. You can learn more about what the children do in Forest School, explore the environment and speak to Mrs Pearman with any questions you may have.

If you cannot make this session, there will be other opportunities.

There is no need to sign-up – just meet Mrs Pearman outside the school office just before 2.45pm. Please note that parents will need to be accompanied for safeguarding reasons therefore any parents who are late will not be able to join the session.

Please dress appropriately for the weather.

Meet the Staff

As I wrote earlier this week, parents are invited to a Meet the Staff session with their child's class teachers. This is an opportunity to meet the staff, find out what the children will be learning and any other information about the upcoming year. Details are below and we hope that you will be able to join us. If you cannot, do not worry, we will upload the presentations onto the school website.

Tuesday 12th September, 2.45pm: Year 3

Wednesday 13th September, 2.45pm: Year 5

Thursday 14th September, 2.45pm: Year 4

Tuesday 19th September, 2.45pm: Year 1

Wednesday 20th September, 2.45pm: Year 6

Thursday 21th September, 2.45pm: Year 2

Year R Parents' Welcome Service

All parents of Year R children are welcome to join us at St. Peter's Church, Bridge for a very short service which will take place on Wednesday 27th September at 2.30pm. This will be led by Rev. Estella and Rev. Miriam.

We will walking the children back to school to collect bags and water bottles for home-time.

There will be a plea coming out for parent helpers to walk the children to the church and back.

Year R Phonics Workshop

One of the most important things that an education can provide is teaching children to read and we would like to invite all of our Year R parents to come to a short presentation with the Year R team who will explain how we teach reading at Bridge School and how parents can support at home. There is no need to book – you can just turn up! The session starts at 2.15pm on Monday 25th September.

Dance Classes with Dance Xtreme

Try some fun and engaging dance classes with our dance teacher, Laura. Her brilliant dance school is open to children aged 4+ and there are many classes to pick from including Ballet, Modern, Tap, Street Dance, Tap and Lyrical! Classes take place after school on Mondays and Wednesdays at Bridge Village Hall and on Thursdays at Barton Road (just off New Dover Road).

Please visit the Dance Xtreme website at www.dancextreme.co.uk or call Laura on 07817966547 for more details and to book a place.

With very best wishes,



James Tibbles
Headteacher

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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| ☆ Hope J (1CJ) for a fantastic attitude to everything and excellent singing. <i>Mrs Cork & Miss Smith</i> | ☆ Lennon R (4AH) for his enthusiasm in maths this week when learning numbers to 1,000. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Thomas D-S (Rowan) for showing great enthusiasm when counting objects in Maths this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Kristapus J (4AH) for making a great start to Year 4 showing excellent behaviours for learning. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Monty W (Rowan) for an excellent first week at after-school club. <i>Mrs Huggett</i> | ☆ Oliver P (Maple) for great team work in art this week. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Aisling R (Oak) for a fantastic start to Year 2. Well done! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Malena V (Maple) for great team work in art this week. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Daphne-Rose D (Pine) for settling in so quickly into Pine class. Well done for a great first week. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Bruno S (Holly) for a confident start to Year 5 at Bridge! <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Oscar S (Chestnut) for following the rules of speech and creating a conversation between characters in our English lesson. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | ☆ Jack W (Poplar) for always being positive and giving things a go. <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Jack W (3JA) for his excellent contributions in all our lessons this week and taking great pride in all of his work! <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Poppy S (Sycamore) for trying her hardest to stay focused and working hard in Maths. <i>Mr Wren</i> |

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 11th September	NHS Careers Trip: Year 6	
Tuesday 12th September		2.45pm: Meet the Staff (Year 3)
Wednesday 13th September	PGL Residential: Year 6	2.45pm: Meet the Staff (Year 5)
Thursday 14th September		2.45pm: Meet the Staff (Year 4)
Friday 15th September		

Monday 18th September	Forest School Trip: Rowan Class (Miss Andrews)	
Tuesday 19th September		2.45pm: Meet the Staff (Year 1)
Wednesday 20th September	Penshurst Place Residential: Year 5	2.45pm: Meet the Staff (Year 6)
Thursday 21st September	Forest School Trip: Willow Class (Mrs Cork)	2.45pm: Meet the Staff (Year 2)
Friday 22nd September		

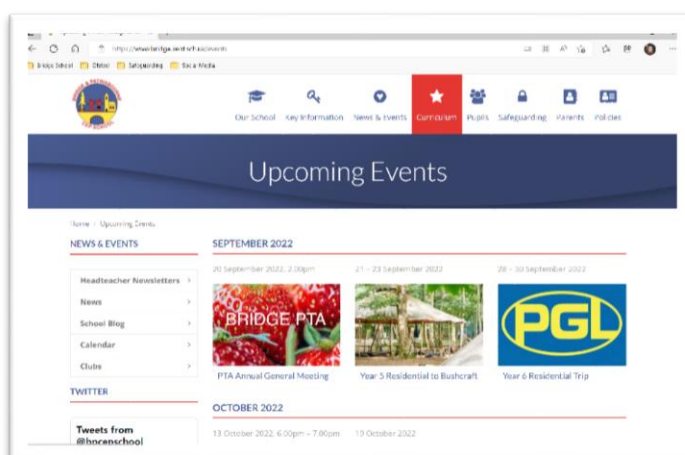
Monday 25th September	Creed Activity Centre: Birch Class (Mr Perfect)	2.15pm: Year R Parent Phonics Workshop
Tuesday 26th September		Sports Crew Training (select Year 5 pupils)
Wednesday 27th September	Creed Activity Centre: Hazel Class (Mrs Harvey-Maw)	2.30pm: Year R Welcome Service
Thursday 28th September		
Friday 29th September	Mandarin Trip: (select Year 6 pupils)	

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.



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