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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We have had at least two reasons for celebration at Bridge School this week with two new arrivals! Mr Chamberlain and Mr Taylor have both welcomed a new daughter into their respective families and we could not be more happy for them. Both mums and babies are doing well and I hope that Mr Chamberlain and Mr Taylor are both able to enjoy the next two weeks whilst they are on paternity leave.

Today, we sent them an audio message from the whole school congratulating both parents (although we should probably recognise that the mum's probably deserve more of this sentiment!)

### Ambulance Visit

Parents will know that we ask parents not to drive down School Lane in order to keep the road clear for children's safety but also in case of the need for emergency access. This was brought sharply into focus on Wednesday when a Bridge resident fell outside of school and required an ambulance to attend.

To the best of my knowledge, he is recovering well and we all wish him the best. I would like to express my gratitude to those parents who assisted and thanks for your understanding in walking the 'long way round' so that we did not have hordes of children walking past this gentleman in a vulnerable state.

### Clubs

Now that every parent has had the opportunity to sign up for clubs, parents are welcome to book an additional club for their child should they wish.

### New library system

As you know, we have an excellent school library and, in order to keep it to the standard that our children deserve, we need parental support. Over the year, we end up losing a great number of books because they go home and are then lost. Whilst the loss of an individual book in itself is no great hardship, last year we had to write off several hundred pounds worth of books and we can ill-afford to lose this.

Parents will start getting email reminders when books are 'overdue'; please help us by looking for these books with your children and making sure that they are returned to school.

### Payment Reminders

Whilst on the subject of email reminders, parents who owe money to the school will be receiving weekly reminders on a Friday to top up their account or make payments. Please can I ask that this is also kept 'on top of' as if the school has to cancel any debt, this essentially is taken from the provision for the children and the last thing we want to be doing is chasing parents for money.



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## Upcoming Events

### 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> September.

### Parent Consultations

From 9am tomorrow (Saturday), parents will be able to book appointments on Arbor to meet with their child's class teacher. Booking will close at 9am on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October so please can all parents make sure that their appointment is booked.

	<b>Morning Slot</b>	<b>Afternoon Slot</b>	<b>Evening Slot</b>
<b>Year R</b>	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 9am to 11am	Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm to 7pm
<b>Year 1</b>	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 9am to 11am	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm to 7pm
<b>Year 2</b>	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 9am to 11am	Thursday 5 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm to 7pm
<b>Year 3</b>	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 9am to 11am	Monday 16 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm to 7pm
<b>Year 4</b>	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 9am to 11am	Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm to 7pm
<b>Year 5</b>	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 9am to 11am	Monday 9 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm to 7pm
<b>Year 6</b>	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 9am to 11am	Thursday 12 <sup>th</sup> October 2pm to 5pm	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> October 4pm to 7pm

### Bridge PTA Welcome Meeting and AGM

In a couple of weeks' time, we are inviting all parents of children in Year R to attend a little 'welcome from the PTA' at 6pm in the school hall. This is your chance to meet the PTA committee with some complimentary wine/beer/soft drinks and hear about how the PTA raise money for the children.

Following this, at 6.30pm, all parents are invited to the Annual General Meeting at which point we will confirm parent reps for each year group. We will also be seeking a new chair of the PTA as, after four years, Rebecca Thomas is standing down. If anyone is interested in becoming chair (or perhaps co-chairing with someone else!) then please come along and feel free to speak to me on the playground beforehand if you have any questions.

### Fireworks

These are a while off yet but worth keeping in your diary. Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> November is the Bridge Village Firework display and this is our biggest fundraiser. We are seeking support on the day itself and the morning after for clearing up. Historically we have a stalwart group of volunteers but, as their children leave, we need new parents to support. If you can help please email [bridgepta1@gmail.com](mailto:bridgepta1@gmail.com). Tickets will go on sale closer to the time.

Time for Reflection

In our Collective Worship this week, we have been talking about what it means to flourish, to do more than just grow and develop but to thrive and be the best possible version of ourselves – summed up in our aim for *excellence*.

We've look at the image of Jesus as a 'shepherd' and how their role is to make sure that each of the sheep in the flock flourish, whilst applying this to the context of the school and how it is the role of every adult in the school to support the children flourish. We also looked at how the children can support each other and discussed the recent success of the England Women's Football team as a model of working together.

One word from our school prayer perfectly encapsulates this: *May we always try to bring out the best in ourselves and one another*

With very best wishes,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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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| ☆ <b>Hana E (Willow)</b> for settling in brilliantly to Willow Class, making new friends and approaching everything with a fantastic attitude. <i>Mrs Cork &amp; Miss Smith</i> | ☆ <b>Noah M (Hazel)</b> for showing resilience and creativity in his English lessons when writing his Iron Jet Narrative. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Mila-Rose M (Rowan)</b> for her fantastic effort in phonics this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i>   | ☆ <b>Pelham B (Birch)</b> for producing some excellent descriptive writing this week for his Iron Man narrative. <i>Mr Perfect</i>                |
| ☆ <b>Ella C (Oak)</b> for consistently showing excellent in all of her learning! <i>Mrs Amelia</i>  | ☆ <b>Stanley V-L (Maple)</b> for working hard on his concentration and producing an amazing painting of his own 'Lost Thing'. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ <b>Gurjot S (Pine)</b> for settling in beautifully to Pine Class and for being brilliant in participating in class learning. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>                               | ☆ <b>Laurence S (Holly)</b> for excellent focus and engagement in all lessons this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Olivia O (Chestnut)</b> for working really hard in Maths this week and giving questions a try before asking for help. <i>Miss J Smith</i>                                  | ☆ <b>Chloe W (Poplar)</b> for making a real effort to learn her times tables and practise them. <i>Mrs Brooks &amp; Mrs Wareing</i>               |
| ☆ <b>Finn H (Chestnut)</b> for always being polite and using exceptional manners when speaking to others. <i>Mrs Huggett</i>  | ☆ <b>Avneet S (Poplar)</b> for settling in so well to her new school and showing excellent behaviours for learning. <i>Mrs Allen</i>              |
| ☆ <b>Belle L (Beech)</b> for her positive attitude in all of our lessons this week and taking great care when completing her work. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>                           | ☆ <b>Sam H (Sycamore)</b> for always being polite and using exceptional manners when speaking to others. <i>Mrs Huggett</i>                       |
|   | ☆ <b>Scarlett A (Sycamore)</b> for planning and writing a wonderfully creative narrative. <i>Mr Wren</i>  |

## BLOG

19 September 2023



### Pen and ink beasts!

Mark-making inspired by 'Billy and the Beast'. This term, Year one

18 September 2023



### Year 5 - Sir Isaac Newton's colour wheel

First Art blog of the year! What have

Upcoming Dates

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

**CALENDAR >**

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

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> October</b>	Parent Consultations		
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> October</b>	Handball Competition (select Y5 and 6 children)		
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> October</b>			
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> October</b>			
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Year R and 6 Height & Weight Checks		

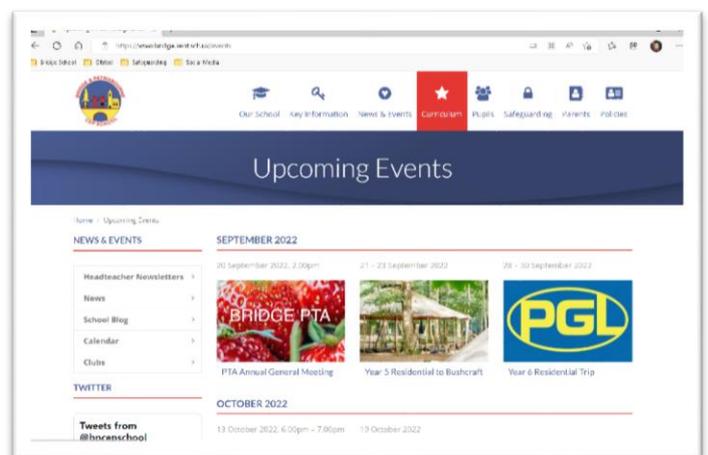
<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Parent Consultations	Year 4 visiting Canterbury	
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> October</b>	Tag Rugby Competition (select Y5 and Y6 children)		
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> October</b>			
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October</b>		PTA: Year R Welcome	PTA Annual General Meeting (all parents invited)
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> October</b>		2.30pm: Forest School Open Session (Year 1 & 3 parents)	

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.





## **BUZZERS OCTOBER MULTI-ACTIVITIES CLUB**

**At Bridge & Patixbourne School!!**

**Affordable, reliable & fun children's activities**

**Monday 23rd – Friday 27th October 2023!!!**

**We're excited to announce that Nerf Wars will feature in our jam-packed schedule on...**

**Wednesday 25th October 2023.**

**See back page for further activities and more details!!**



# Invicta Touch

## JUNIOR SESSIONS

AIMED AT INTRODUCING AND DEVELOPING  
PLAYERS INTO COMPETITIVE TOUCH RUGBY

**WHEN:** Fridays 15th Sept-20th Oct

**AGES:** 5 to 18 Players will be put in  
age groups

**TIMINGS:** 4.00PM - 5.00PM

**VENUE:** Simon Langton Boys  
Grammar School 4G pitch CT4 7AS

**FEES:** £24 Term 1 or £5per session  
(new players get 1 FREE trial sessions)  
Langton Boys pupils - no charge

Parents sign up  
here



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