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Friday 29th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week, the year 5 children travelled to Penshurst Place for their Bushcraft Residential and, from what I hear, they had a really good time. I travelled up myself on Monday and Tuesday to see how they were getting on and saw what looked like a feral group of children resplendent with muddy faces and big smiles: axe throwing, archery, den building, pizza making were just some of the activities on offer and I'm pleased that such fun was had.

I have received some emails from parents thanking the staff and I would like to echo these – thank you to Miss Allison, Mr Ablett, Miss Radford, Mrs McInnes and Mrs Franks who took time off from her new job to come with us – clearly a glutton for punishment.

Year 4 also travelled to Creed Activity Centre for the day and I heard stories of children overcoming their fears and trying the high ropes – well done to all.

Parental Consultations

Over the next two weeks, you will have an opportunity to meet with your child's class teacher and discuss how they are settling in. If there are any concerns, we can work together to ensure that all children are making the progress they should.

Applying for Secondary Schools (Year 6 parents)

Applications for secondary schools are open and close on Tuesday 31st October (the link is below). If you would like any advice about this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

If you are considering naming St. Anselm's as an option, they do ask that parents get a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) completed including information about faith status and/or baptism with a minister confirming regular religious practice.

Rev. Estella has offered to meet parents who wish to discuss this with her and will be holding two 'drop-in' sessions in the school on **Tuesday 10th October at 8.30am** and **Wednesday 11th October at 3pm**. You are, of course, also welcome to speak to her on Sundays following her church services or family service at St. Peter's Church in Bridge.

Upcoming Events

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.



**Artsmark
Gold Award**
Awarded by Arts
Council England



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 4th 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. Tickets will go on sale closer to the time.

Harvest Services

On Wednesday 18th October, we will be taking the children to celebrate Harvest at St. Peter's Church in Bridge. Parents are more than welcome to join us and we will be going in our houses so that children from the same family will be at the service together. If you cannot remember which house your child is in, it is on the Arbor app/portal

9.30am: Behn, Fairservice and Lovelace

10.30am: Zborowski, Hadrian and Shirley

Please could we have any Harvest donations in school on the last week of term please. Children can take these directly to their classroom and we'll be hoping to deliver these to the Canterbury Food Bank on the Wednesday or Thursday.

Thank you in advance for your generosity

Time for Reflection

In our Collective Worship this week, we have been talking about compassion – feeling what others feel and wanting to ease their pain. Today, the children gave excellent examples of what it means to be compassionate and we ended our worship by considering a passage from the gospel of Matthew.

*So in everything, **do to others what you would have them do to you**, for this sums up the Law and the Prophets*

Matthew 7:12

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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| ☆ Patrick M (Willow) for excellent listening and a fantastic attitude to learning. <i>Mrs Cork & Miss Smith</i> | ☆ Emily M (Hazel) for demonstrating great perseverance and resilience when doing the high-bar on our Creed trip. <i>Mrs Kay-Bradley</i> |
| ☆ Taylor H (Rowan) for working hard learning how to compare numbers in Maths this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Teoman A (Birch) for demonstrating excellent behaviours for learning this week! Well done. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Aarha H (Oak) for her fantastic sentences in English and always doing her best! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Whole Class (Maple) for showing resilience and helping others to flourish on their residential. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Esme W (Pine) for always working hard and lovely sentence writing for instructions. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Whole Class (Holly) for showing resilience and helping others to flourish on their residential. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Lexie K-B (Chestnut) for being a polite, supportive, , caring and hard-working member of the class. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Kiera H (Poplar) for being so hard working and displaying her excellent knowledge in French. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Ruben T (Beech) for his enthusiasm and participation in all our lessons this week taking great pride in his work. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Phoebe B (Sycamore) for writing a terrific narrative in our English lessons. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Fraser B (Hazel) for showing a fantastic attitude in all areas of his learning this week. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> | |

BLOG

28 September 2023



Year 3 The Tunnel

Over the last few weeks, Year 3 have been reading the book *The Tunnel*.

26 September 2023



Bushcraft - Day 2

So after a busy day in the forest the children have settled down to

25 September 2023



Bushcraft - Day 1

After an excited and early start, Year 5 set off for their Bushcraft

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

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

Monday 9th October	Parent Consultations	Year 4 visiting Canterbury
Tuesday 10th October	Tag Rugby Competition (select Y5 and Y6 children)	
Wednesday 11th October		
Thursday 12th October		6pm: PTA Year R Welcome 6.30pm: PTA Annual General Meeting (all parents invited)
Friday 13th October		2.30pm: Forest School Open Session (Year 1 & 3 parents)

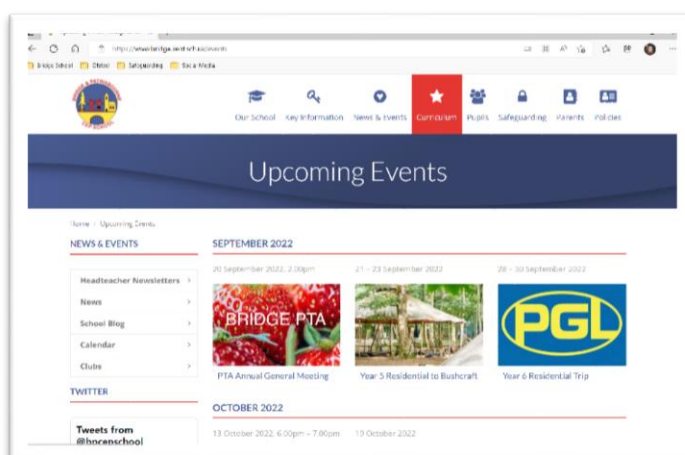
Monday 16th October		
Tuesday 17th October	Flu Immunisations	Art Creative Trip to Folkestone
Wednesday 18th October	Harvest Services in Church	
Thursday 19th October	Staff training day	
Friday 20th October	Staff training day	

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.





SURGE DEFENCE
Self defence for women and girls



School Transition Programme

Self Defence Day Course for Girls

Years 6, 7, and 8 in Canterbury

With children starting to walk and travel to school alone, for many parents and children, this can be a daunting time, especially with the darker nights creeping in. We are passionate about young girls having access to potentially lifesaving self-defence skills and knowledge. Our practical self-defence courses are designed to focus on a child being smaller than a perpetrator with techniques that will work regardless of a child's size. We include psychological elements to the courses to ensure that the child grows in confidence about their ability to protect themselves.

If you would like your daughter to attend a one day self defence course, please see details below:

Hilltop Community Association Hall
Saturday 29th October 2023
10:00 – 17:00

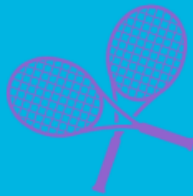
To book a place or enquire, please visit our website
www.surgedefence.com or email
surgedefence@outlook.com. Please note, spaces are
available to all Canterbury children so we may book up
quickly!





CHARITY TENNIS DAY 2023

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB



SIGN UP

WE WILL PARTNER YOU UP
STEWART@SADIEBRISTOWFOUNDATION.ORG.UK

15TH OCTOBER

9AM-2PM

ADULT DOUBLES

TOURNAMENT

GAMES AND FUN FOR THE CHILDREN

MAKE THIS A DATE IN YOUR
DIARY
ENTER AND PLAY OR COME
ALONG TO WATCH AND
SUPPORT THE EVENT



THANK YOU FOR HELPING US CONTINUE SADIE'S LEGACY.
PROVIDING TENNIS SESSIONS AND SUPPORTING CHILDREN
WITH ALLERGIES.