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Friday 13th October 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

As we approach the October half-term, things show no sign of letting up and we're as busy as ever. I trust that those parents who have had their consultations have found them useful and informative.

I had the distinct pleasure of seeing a number of our ex-students who are now attending Simon Langton Boys School. In all my time at Bridge, I had yet to visit the school and when I was invited to go and see their facilities, I leapt at the chance. The boys I spoke to unanimously said that the sport was the best thing about the school!

Year 5 and 6 parents will already know that we have a link to the school through their Mandarin teaching outreach and we also have an existing music link through Mr Miles. We discussed other opportunities such as their robotics programme and hopefully being able to go back to using their swimming pool (once it has been refurbished!)

Tag Rugby Match Report

On Tuesday 9th October, twenty-seven Year 6 children went to a Tag Rugby Tournament at Canterbury Rugby Club. We were split into three teams of 9 and were placed into three different groups.

Each team played 4 matches to decide who went into the knock-out stage for 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

All three teams played amazingly well with Bridge 3 improving with each game they played and Bridge 1 and 2 playing for the top five places.

Bridge 1 finished second with Bridge 2 finishing in fifth. We had a really fun time and we all thank Mrs Pearson, Mrs Brooks, Mrs Langsdon and all the minibus drivers who drove us there.



PTA

On Thursday, we held our annual Year R welcome and PTA AGM but this was not as well attended as it has been in previous years.

As I wrote previously, Rebecca Thomas is standing down as chair of the PTA having taken on this role four years ago. She has been an excellent support and vital in the 'relaunching' of the Bridge Village Fete – much of the monies that



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the PTA have raised in the past few years have been down to her organisational skills and we all owe her a debt. I would like to express my thanks publically and I would urge all parents to do the same.

Sadly, we have not been able to find a replacement chairperson and so this leaves the PTA in a bit of limbo. Don't worry – the fireworks are still going ahead as planned but other events may not be able to take place. We (i.e. the PTA committee) will be writing to all parents about this in due course).

House Captains

In worship this morning, the house captains were announced and presented with their badges. In order to apply for these positions, the children had to write a job application and we had thirty applications in total – it was not easy to whittle them down to two children per house. Well done to the successful candidates.

Behn	Fairservice	Hadrian	Lovelace	Shirley	Zborowski
Seren	Phoebe	Oli	Ted	Ella	Lily S
Lillian	Hanna	Amelie T	Henry-James	Oliver R	Tippi

Upcoming Events

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 children are 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.

Fireworks

Remember, remember... **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 next week.

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.

For anyone who missed Rev'd Estella when she was in this week for secondary school form signings, you can catch her at the Family Service at St Peter's Bridge on Sunday afternoon at 4pm or after each of our school harvest services on Wednesday. On Sunday 22nd Oct she will be at St Mary's Lower Hardres for a service at 10am and on Sunday 29th October she will be at St Peter's Bekesbourne for a 10am Harvest Festival Service. Regrettably, she will not be available for appointments during half term.

Finally

Just a reminder that next week, we finish on the Wednesday as we have two staff INSET days on the Thursday and Friday. There won't be a newsletter next week so I'd like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a good half-term break and, if you are going away, have a lovely time.

With very best wishes,

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

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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| ☆ Jayden J (Willow) for being a kind and considerate member of the class and an excellent friend. <i>Mrs Cork and Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Henry P (Hazel) for showing great enthusiasm and participation in his learning, especially in Maths and French. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw and Miss Kay-Bradley</i> |
| ☆ Callia J (Rowan) for showing a fantastic attitude towards all her learning this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Ella W (Birch) for her perseverance in Maths this week, especially when choosing the most efficient method to subtract. Well done! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Alex L (Oak) for having a very good first week and settling in so well. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Nik W (Holly) for excellent vocabulary choices in his tag for his 'Lost Thing'. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Amelie E (Pine) for effort in all of her learning this week. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Hugo P (Maple) for having a great day in class and staying focused – well done! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Camilia D (Beech) for her fantastic participation and contributions in our French lesson. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Seb C (Poplar) for being more focused in class and really helpful at Forest School. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Ernie R (Chestnut) for being focused and giving 100% effort in Maths. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | ☆ Lily S (Sycamore) for excellent creativity at forest school designing a tiny zip wire for her conker people. <i>Mr Taylor</i> |

BLOG

3 October 2023



Year R - All About Me

As part of their 'All About Me' project, Year R have been painting self-

2 October 2023



Year 6 Mandarin Trip

Mandarin Trip On 29th September, some children from each of the Year

28 September 2023



Year 3 The Tunnel

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

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 16th October	<i>Parent Consultations</i>	
Tuesday 17th October	Flu Immunisations	Art Creative Trip to Folkestone
Wednesday 18th October	Harvest Services in Church	
Thursday 19th October	Staff training day (School closed to children)	
Friday 20th October	Staff training day (School closed to children)	

Monday 30th October		
Tuesday 31st October		
Wednesday 1st November		
Thursday 2nd November		
Friday 3rd November	Beautiful Noise Orchestra – Canterbury Festival	

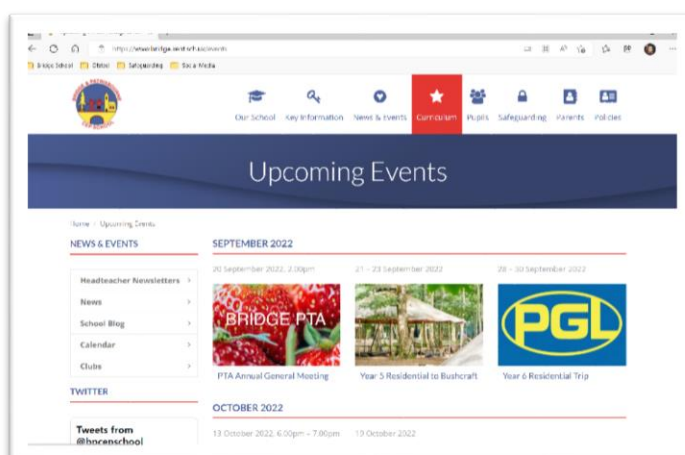
Monday 6th November	Year 5 Space Man Visit	
Tuesday 7th November	Year 3 trip to Museum of Kent Life	
Wednesday 8th November	Year 3 trip to Museum of Kent Life	Year 6 – Cathedral Schools Day
Thursday 9th November		Year 6 – Cathedral Schools Day
Friday 10th November		

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.

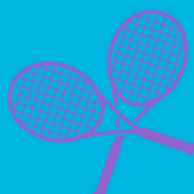
If there are dates of other events you would like to know then please ask and we will publish these as well.





CHARITY TENNIS DAY 2023

BRIDGE TENNIS CLUB



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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.