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Friday 3rd November 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

When parents, staff and children return to school after any break, one the refrains that we often here is that it '*feels like we've never been away*' (hopefully that's a good thing!) and we've come back to a very busy week.

On Monday I received the draft Ofsted report (which has since been finalised) this will be published next week and I will be sending this out to parents next Friday with the newsletter. On Tuesday Mrs Starling and Mr Taylor took the school council to the Canterbury Food Bank to deliver the incredible donations that our families had made to support others. Once again – thank you for your generosity.

Wednesday was relatively quiet but I should have known that this foretold what Thursday would bring!

I do feel that we were fortunate, in that the school and its grounds sustained no damage – I know several schools that were not so fortunate. Whilst we had intermittent power for the morning, we did experience a power outage at 12.45pm and by 2pm, made the decision that we needed to let parents know that BASC could not safely operate as we had no idea how long the power would be off for. I ended up driving up to Bridge Down and then Bishopsbourne in search of a working 4G signal, before managing to get a message to parents on Arbor.

Typically, (and literally), the second I walked back into school at 2.30pm, the power came back on which has only helped to fuel my ego(!) but thank you to all those parents who were prepared to support us.

Bridge Fireworks

With the passing of Storm Ciaran, the fireworks are going ahead as planned. There is a small breeze forecast but within the guidelines I am told. Gates will open at 5.30pm and I hope to see everyone there. If you have not already purchased your tickets, these can be bought on the gate.

Whilst there is catering from the Wincheap Wagon and Barney & The Pizza, we don't have a bar this year and, following parental comments last year, we have made the decision not to sell glow-toys due to the environmental impact – please do feel free to bring any glow-toys from home though.

A reminder that families should not bring their own sparklers to the event for everyone's safety.

I would like to express my gratitude to the small group of 'friends' who are organising this event led by the irrepressible (that's meant as a compliment!) Rob Moon – apart from Rob, all of the main team's children have since left Bridge School but it is testament to their community spirit and commitment that they continue to run this event for the school year-on-year.

Thank you in advance to those parents who are able and have offered to help over the weekend. These events could not happen without your support.



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



Harvest Food Donation

On the 31st of October 2023, 8 school councillors spent their afternoon at Canterbury food bank (which was in Whitstable). The drive there was 25 minutes but after some time on the bus we finally got there.

When we got there, two food bank workers came out to greet us. We were invited in to the huge food store. When we got inside they took us straight to the baked beans. They had approximately 4,800 tins of baked beans in the food bank. We were all in shock of the amount that they stored on 24 shelves. After that they took us on a tour. We saw: pasta, tinned veg, potatoes, custard and rice pudding. Once we saw all of that we went upstairs on a strong, metal lift.



Upstairs was toiletries, hot chocolate, coffee and sweet treats. Then we were taken to a place where they finish off the packages. Next, we asked questions about the fabulous food bank and the work that they do. Last but not least, we went back down to the minibuses and collected the food that the school thoughtfully gathered for the food bank. There was so much food that we filled up 3 large trolleys. It felt so good to give it all to people who needed it. Finally, we hopped back on the bus to go back to school.

Thank you very much to everyone who donated food!

By Millie and Amelie, Year 6 School Council

Forest School Plea

Mrs Pearman is seeking contributions of bulbs or seeds (tulips, daffs and any seeds like vegetables, wildflowers, etc). for our outdoor learning area to make this even more colourful. She would also love to create a herb area, so any other herbs – established plants or seeds – would be welcomed too. If you can help, then please bring any contributions to the school office.

Design the Church Christmas Card!

The Bridge Group Parish would like to invite children from Bridge and Patricxbourne C.E.P to design this year's Church Christmas Card.

Designs should be :

- A4
- LANDSCAPE
- Use bold colours
- On the theme of Christmas



Entries in by Wednesday please

House Competition

Over the summer a Geography competition was sent out to all children.

Our World is changing. The big geographical issues of today need to be addressed now to protect the future of our planet and the people who live on it.

We were looking for innovative ideas to address problems in areas such as food production and supply, energy and sustainability, water security, resources, population growth, economic crisis, transport, travel, urbanisation, risk management, trade, environmental management, biodiversity and more.

Five winners have been chosen and their entries have been sent to the Royal Geography Society for their 'Young Geographer of the Year' competition. Well done to Henry S, Ava B, Emile M, Harry B and Ewan C for being chosen as the winning entries – they were presented with their prizes in collective worship this morning.

The winning entries have been published on the school website: [Geography Competition](#)

Upcoming Events

Canterbury Christmas Lights Parade - Friday 10th November 2023

Next Friday, Bridge School is taking part in the Canterbury Christmas Lights Parade and we have some spaces available for children who wish to take part. We have 15 spaces which will be allocated on a first-come/first-served basis. Please email Cally Smith (cally.smith@bridge.kent.sch.uk) to book a place. The costumes are already made so all children need to do is turn up and enjoy the parade!

Parade timings:

- 5.30pm – please arrive promptly at Tower House carpark in Canterbury. **IMPORTANT:** The carpark will be closed to traffic for the safety of the participants.
- 6.00pm – the parade will set off.
- 7.15pm – the event will finish, following a short finale in Dane John Gardens.

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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| ☆ Maddie B (Willow) for working hard in phonics. Keep up the good work! <i>Mrs Cork and Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Matilda W (Hazel) for having a great attitude towards her learning this week and completing all tasks with a smile. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw and Miss Kay-Bradley</i> |
| ☆ Izzy S (Rowan) for her fantastic writing about the fireworks code in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Thea G (Birch) for her perseverance when making a spiders web out of wood and string at Forest School this week. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ William (Oak) for his amazing progress with his reading and AR quizzes. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Finn J (Holly) for excellent solo Latin singing in music. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Indiana M (Pine) for applying herself to all of her learning and for being a kind and helpful member of the class. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Leeroy A (Maple) for amazing maths learning and showing resilience during out English learning this week! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Patrick P (Beech) for an amazing first week in Beech class taking an active part in all our lessons. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Ben S (Poplar) for his interest and enthusiasm towards our work on World War II. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Rory B-C (Chestnut) for demonstrating all of the school values and always wearing a smile. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | ☆ Shiva S (Sycamore) for completing maths quizzes on fractions with excellent accuracy. <i>Mr Taylor</i> |
| ☆ Avid T (Chestnut) for great focus in PE and music and achieving 100% in AR quizzes. <i>Mrs Holdaway</i> | |

BLOG

30 October 2023



Creative Folkestone
Art Workshop - Still
life

19 October 2023



Year 6 Forest School
Term 1 2023

We were lucky to have a very sunny

19 October 2023



Forest School Year 3
Term 1 2023

We were lucky to have a warm and

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 6th November	Year 5 Space Man Visit	
Tuesday 7th November	Year 3 trip to Museum of Kent Life (Chestnut)	
Wednesday 8th November	Year 3 trip to Museum of Kent Life (Beech)	Year 6 – Cathedral Schools Day (Poplar)
Thursday 9th November		Year 6 – Cathedral Schools Day (Sycamore)
Friday 10th November	11am Act of Remembrance	

Monday 13th November		
Tuesday 14th November		Basketball Competition (Year 5 and 6)
Wednesday 15th November		
Thursday 16th November		Football Match v Wincheap
Friday 17th November	Children in Need	

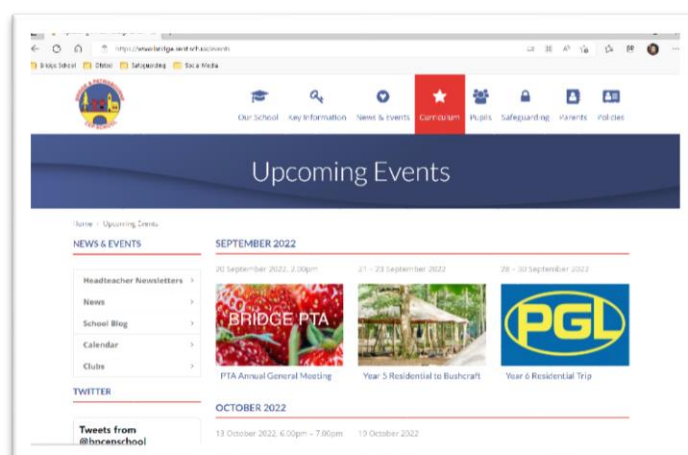
Monday 20th November	School Photos	Beech Class trip to Folkestone Book Festival
Tuesday 21st November	Infant Agility event (Year 1 and 2)	
Wednesday 22nd November	Year 6 Walking Trip	Pine Class trip to Folkestone Book Festival
Thursday 23rd November	Maple Class trip to Folkestone Book Festival	Year 6 Battle of the Bands
Friday 24th 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.



November Update from Rev'd Estella

Regular Activities

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 8.45-9.45 at St Peter's Church Bridge. This is a really informal group. Drop in anytime for coffee and a chat with Revd Estella and Revd Miriam offering a listening ear and opportunity for prayer if this is wanted.

Services

Messy Church at Bridge School: Saturday 11th November 4-6pm - Bible themed crafts, story, and a short celebration worship together. – suitable for families to attend together, children must be accompanied by an adult. We usually serve a hot meal at Messy Church.

Family Service: Sunday 19th November 4pm at St Peter's Bridge

Short light service suitable for all the family.

Remembrance Services

Friday 10th November 10.50 at St Mary's Patricxbourne

Saturday 11th November 10.30am St Peter's Bokesbourne

Sunday 12th November

10am St Peter's Bridge followed by 10.50am Act of Remembrance

10am St Mary's Nackington followed by wreath laying at the war memorial

10.45am St Mary's Lower Hardres Wreath laying at the War Memorial

Communion Services: The Bridge Group Parish has a regular 10am Sunday Service in each week in one of our 5 churches. Contact bridgeoffice23@gmail.com or see our website for details <http://www.bridgechurchgroup.co.uk/>

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



Invicta Touch

JUNIOR SESSIONS - Term 2

**AIMED AT INTRODUCING AND DEVELOPING BOYS
& GIRLS INTO COMPETITIVE TOUCH RUGBY**

WHEN: Fridays 3rd Nov -15th Dec

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

TIMINGS: 4.00 PM - 5.00 PM

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

FEES: £28 7 weeks or £5 pay as you go
(new players get 1 FREE trial session)

Langton Boys pupils - no charge



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CHRISTMAS FAYRE

**CRAFT & GIFT STALLS
SANTA'S GROTTO
KIDS' ACTIVITIES
REFRESHMENTS**

**SATURDAY 18TH NOVEMBER 11AM - 3PM
CANTERBURY SALVATION ARMY
WHITE HORSE LANE**

**PROCEEDS TO THE WORK OF
THE SALVATION ARMY
(PLEASE NOTE THIS EVENT IS CASH ONLY)**



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