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Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good health and high spirits. It is with great joy that I announce the birth of a new member to our Bridge & Patribourne CEP School family. Tao Smith was born on Monday and both mother and baby are doing well. We extend our warmest congratulations to Miss Smith's family on this precious addition to their lives.



In the spirit of giving, the children were wearing their spots for Children in Need today. This is a fantastic opportunity for our school community to come together and make a difference in the lives of children who are less fortunate. We encouraged all students to get involved by wearing their spotty attire and bring in a small donation. Thank you for showing your compassion and generosity as we help change lives!

I am thrilled to share that our school participated in the Christmas Light Parade in Canterbury last Friday.

Able supported by Mrs C Smith and Mrs Tomsett, our dedicated students (and parents) dazzled the crowd with their enthusiasm. The full blog post can be found here: [Canterbury Light Parade 2023](#)



Thank you Mrs Smith and Mrs Tomsett, as well as all the parents who supported.

Last Monday, Mr Taylor announced the winners of the school 500 Words competition who stood up for a round of applause from their peers. These thirteen stories will be published into a small book which will go into the library and also have been entered into the BBC's 500 Words competition. These stories will also be published on the school website as a pdf document.

	Year 1-3	Year 4-6
Behn	Elara T-S	Seren T-S
Fairservice	Millie B	Hanna L; Phoebe B
Hadrian	Ernest R	Amelie To
Lovelace	Camilla D	Callum B-J
Shirley	Jocelyn K	Fraser B
Zborowski	Leo S	Amelie Th



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



On a practical note, I would like to remind all parents to book in advance for the upcoming BASC (Bridge After School Club) sessions. Spaces are limited, and pre-booking ensures that your child will have a place secured. We are committed to providing a safe and enjoyable environment for our students during these after-school hours, and your cooperation in advance booking is greatly appreciated.

A reminder that on Monday, the children are having their photos taken. Those classes who would normally have PE should come in wearing their school uniform and they can change into their PE kit after their photo has been taken.

Also don't forget that next week is the final week of clubs with the exception of choir and orchestra as there are performances coming up.

With Christmas coming up, we are starting to plan for our school Christmas dinner. Many of you have already seen that this is now available to order on Arbor. One of the 'quirks' of the system means that we've had to list it under 'trips' but, if you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on the last day of term, please order this by Thursday 7th December.

Lastly, it is with a heavy heart that we bid farewell to James Newman, a valued member of our Bridge After School Club team. James has been an exceptional worker, and a great support in ensuring the well-being and happiness of our children. We extend our sincerest thanks for his dedication and wish him all the best in his future endeavours.

Yours sincerely,

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

James Tibbles
Headteacher

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

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	
Friday 24th November		

Monday 27th November	<i>Christmas Jumper donations all week</i>	
Tuesday 28th November	Speed Stacking (Year 2, 4 and 6)	
Wednesday 29th November	Advent Services <i>attending in houses</i>	
Thursday 30th November	Dodgeball competition	
Friday 1st December		

Monday 4th December		
Tuesday 5th December		Year 2 Nativity Performance at church (2pm)
Wednesday 6th December	Year 2 Nativity Performance at church (9.30am)	
Thursday 7th December	Christmas Jumper Day	
Friday 8th December		

Advent Services

As we did for Harvest, the children will be going to church in their house groups. To keep things fair, we've swapped the houses around so that those who had the first slot, have the second slot this time.

9.30am: Zborowski, Hadrian and Shirley

10.30am: Behn, Fairservice and Lovelace

Salvation Army Concert

Every year we host the Salvation Army band who come and perform for our community whilst raising money for their charitable work. Some of our children will also be invited to perform alongside the band. This is a great community evening event starting at 7.30pm and a perfect way to start to get into the Christmas spirit. Tickets will be £4 and payment will be cash on the door.

Children in Year 5 and 6 are more than welcome to join us, please could you sign your child up on the trips section of Arbor so that we have an idea of numbers – thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day

Each year, we raise money for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day but we are very aware of people's finances and the environmental impact of people purchasing items of clothing that may not be frequently worn.



In the week before Christmas Jumper Day (w/c 27th Nov), we will be collecting donations of Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your children. These will then be 'sold' for a charitable donation after school on Friday 2nd December ensuring that these items of clothing are re-used and monies raised for charity.

Year 2 Nativity

This week, as I've been showing prospective parents around, I have heard the Year 2 children practising songs for their nativity performances in a few weeks' time.

The Year 2 children will be giving two performances which will take place in the church on Tuesday 5th Dec (2pm) and Wednesday 6th Dec (9.30am) – given that space in the church is limited please can I ask parents to limit themselves to two spaces per family per day?

Senior Citizen's Tea Party

The school has a proud tradition of inviting in our 'older' members of the community to listen to some Christmas songs whilst being offered an afternoon tea and we're pleased that we can, once again, do this. If you have family members or friends in Bridge or the surrounding villages we would like to extend a warm welcome to Bridge School from 1.30pm on Thursday 8th December.

Year R Nativity

I hope that our Year R families are looking forward to a the Year R's performance of 'Hey Ewe!' in a few weeks' time on Tuesday 12th December (9.30 am) and Wednesday 13th December (2.15pm) – doors will open 15 minutes before each performance.

This will be a seated performance and you will be able to book up to two spaces for each performance from Monday 20th November. Please note that, in the interests of fairness, seating will be randomly allocated.

Carols in the Village

Not all of our community are able to make the journey to Bridge School and so, on Thursday 15th Dec, we will be visiting Bridge Haven, Mansfield Court and other locations around the village to share some festive joy.

BLOG

15 November 2023



Canterbury Light Parade 2023

Last Friday, a group of Bridge pupils

14 November 2023



Craft Club

Children from Year 1-3 have been getting crafty at Craft Club after

8 November 2023



Year 5 Space Day

This week, Jackson from As Creatives delivered a Space themed workshop

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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| ☆ Darcy M (Willow) for an excellent attitude to learning and a super set of instructions! <i>Miss M Smith and Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Albie C (Birch) for his excellent efforts in Maths and English throughout the whole of this term. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Milya-Rose M (Rowan) for her fantastic Super-tato instructions in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Darcy B (Maple) for being a helpful member of our class and supporting whoever was covering at the time. <i>Mrs Saunders & Mrs McInnes</i> |
| ☆ Joss K (Oak) for being so brave showing Year 2 how beautifully she sings! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Anna L (Holly) for excellent effort this week and for tackling tricky questions on factors and multiples. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Otis P (Pine) for working hard and putting in a lot of effort into your writing. <i>Mrs Usher & Tomsett</i> | ☆ Ivy P (Sycamore) for always being a great role model for the younger children and being helpful at BASC. <i>Mrs Huggett</i> |
| ☆ Taylor S (Beech) for her amazing adventure story which included lots of writing icons and showed great creativity. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Lily S (Sycamore) for always being a great role model for the younger children and being helpful at BASC. <i>Mrs Huggett</i> |
| ☆ Ziva U (Beech) for her amazing adventure story which included lots of writing icons and showed great creativity. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Millie D (Sycamore) for excelling in coding lessons and helping others to flourish. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Farren Y (Chestnut) for showing perseverance when estimating for addition and subtraction. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | ☆ Olivia L (Poplar) for excellent details in her story of an evacuee. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Henry S (Hazel) for creating a beautiful piece of writing in English and demonstrating superb focus and attention to detail. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> | |

Reading in School

Well done to **Sycamore** and **Beech** classes who won our reading challenge this week. You can see that the younger classes were quite close whereas the older classes have a long way to go!

