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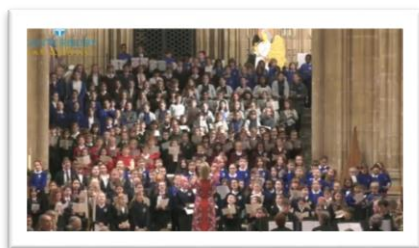
Friday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Guardians,

I hope this newsletter finds you all in good spirits as we approach the festive season. It has been a truly wonderful term here at Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School, filled with joy, laughter, and plenty of festive cheer!

First and foremost, I would like to extend my heartfelt congratulations to all the children in Year R for their outstanding performance in the Nativity play. It was a delight to see their confidence shine through as they took to the stage and brought the story of Christmas to life. Well done to them all and thank you to the Year R staff who supported the children in putting on such a wonderful show.

In the spirit of spreading joy, our school choir has been busy spreading Christmas cheer throughout the community. They have had the pleasure of visiting our older friends in the village to sing carols and bring smiles to their faces. It is heart-warming to see the intergenerational bond that our school fosters within the community.



Speaking of carols, our children have also had the privilege of performing at some prestigious venues in the past week. They had the honour of singing at the Salvation Army, Canterbury Cathedral and the Gulbenkian. A huge round of applause to all the choir members for their hard work and dedication. Of course, none of this would not be possible without the dedication of several members of our staff – thank you all.

In the spirit of giving, I would like to express our gratitude to the parents and guardians who generously donated chocolate oranges for our collection. We were overwhelmed by your generosity, and thanks to your contributions, we were able to collect a staggering 121 chocolate oranges, these will be making their way to staff in the children's wards of East Kent Hospitals next week.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of our kitchen staff. They have worked tirelessly to prepare a delicious Christmas dinner for the children and staff. The festive feast was enjoyed by all, and we are grateful for their commitment to providing nutritious and tasty meals throughout the year.



I would also like to thank all of our fantastic volunteers that come and read to the children in school. Your time really does make a difference to their reading journeys.

Finally, I would like to remind all parents and guardians that the school will be closed for the Christmas break from Friday, 22nd December. We will reopen on Wednesday, 3rd January. I hope you all have a wonderful Christmas filled with love, laughter, and joy. Take this time to create lasting memories with your loved ones.



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



I know that you'll all be keen and eager to watch our annual [Christmas video](#) which can be watched on our school website. Sit back and enjoy!



Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

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## 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>Frankie P (Willow)</b> for working hard on your cutting and handwriting throughout the term! <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ <b>Ollie S (Hazel)</b> for consistently demonstrating a fantastic attitude during our maths sessions. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>                                      |
| ☆ <b>Monty W (Rowan)</b> for his fantastic letter to Santa in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i>              | ☆ <b>Bear C (Birch)</b> for his excellent progress in reading this term. <i>Mr Perfect</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Annabelle (Oak)</b> for writing a thoughtful Christingle acrostic poem. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>                    | ☆ <b>Rupert P (Holly)</b> for excellent enthusiasm at the Gulbenkian carol concert this week (and for giving up football training to be with us!) <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ <b>Gurjot S (Pine)</b> for the amazing enthusiasm that you show for all of your learning. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>    | ☆ <b>Emile M (Maple)</b> for her excellent attitude towards learning and listening this week. <i>Miss Allison</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Harriet B (Beech)</b> for her detailed and informative biography on Tutankhamun. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>          | ☆ <b>Sienna W (Poplar)</b> for being an absolute superstar in all aspects of school life. <i>Mrs Allen</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Spiros V (Chestnut)</b> for creating an intriguing biography of pharaoh Tutankhamun. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>   | ☆ <b>Lillian M (Sycamore)</b> for an amazing newspaper report in on Blitz. <i>Mr Wren</i>  |

### 500 Word Competition Update

As you may remember, the winners of our in school house competition were entered into the BBC national 500 word competition. The BBC were inundated with entries, with only about 5000 entries go through for the second round of judging by the Reading Agency. However, I am delighted to say that four of the children have made it through: Jocelyn K (Year 2), Elara T-S (Year 3), Callum B-J (Year 5) and Amelie T (Year 6). This is an incredible achievement and we are so proud of them here at school.