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Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome back in this particularly un-warm (and wet!) weather; I trust that you all enjoyed the Christmas break and that the New Year has started well for you and your families.

I'd like to start with the very exciting news about our new playground markings which many of you would have seen being installed over the past two days. These vibrant and colourful additions will provide our children with even more opportunities for active play and imaginative games. A big thank you to our wonderful PTA for funding these fantastic markings. We are incredibly grateful for their continued support in enhancing our school environment.

The new markings have already brought smiles to the faces of our children (including many Year 6 children playing 'What's The Time Mr Wolf!'), and I am certain they will continue to do so for many years to come.



### Year Group Newsletters

Year Group newsletters will also be coming home today; these newsletters are an invaluable source of information, providing insights into the topics and activities your child will be engaging with throughout the term. Please take the time to read through them. We believe that strong communication between home and school is key to ensuring our children's success.

### Parent Consultations

Speaking of communication between home and school, we will be holding consultations for you to meet with your child's class teacher in a few weeks' time. These consultations are an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and development with their class teacher. Booking for these consultations will open on Monday via Arbor, our online school management system. The times and dates are listed below and, as before, these will be held in school – Zoom consultations are an option should you wish.



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



Bookings for consultations opens at 9am on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> January.

Date	Year Groups	Times	Date	Year Groups	Times
<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> January</b>	Year R	8.30am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm	<b>Monday 29<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 3	8.30am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January</b>	Year 1	8.30am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm	<b>Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 4	8.30am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 2	8.30am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm	<b>Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> January</b>	All classes	4.00pm – 7.00pm
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January</b>	Year 6	8.30am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm	<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February</b>	Year 5	8.30am – 11.00am 2.00pm – 5.00pm

### Messy Church

Just a brief reminder that next Saturday, we are hosting Messy Church at Bridge School. This wonderful event is a fantastic opportunity for families to come together, engage in creative activities, and explore the teachings of Christianity in a fun and interactive way.



Rev. Estella and her team of helpers will be running craft activities for children from 4pm and there will be a short service before a shared meal.

### Bridge Neighbourhood Plan

I have received a notification from Canterbury City Council that the Bridge Village Neighbourhood Plan will soon be going to a referendum (likely end of January/beginning of February). Information about the Neighbourhood Plan can be found at the link below and a newsletter from the Bridge Parish Council is attached.

Link: [Bridge Village Neighbourhood Plan](#)

### Parking in the Village

Finally, my seasonal reminder about parking (I promise I don't just copy and paste these every term!)

We're all lovely people and I have no doubt that everyone comes into the village with the best of intentions about finding an appropriate place to park but I am, once again, receiving grumbles about blocked driveways and parking on pavements. I've been told that this has led to arguments between parents and residents and no-one wants our children to witness this.

I also note that the topic is being discussed on the Bridge Village Facebook group (who doesn't love a Facebook group!) with photos of 'inconsiderate' parking being posted and also reportedly sent to Canterbury City Council's enforcement team. This doesn't do anyone any favours so could I please ask that everyone gives a due consideration when parking.

Thank you and have a lovely weekend.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "James Tibbles".

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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| ☆ <b>Astrid F-W (Willow)</b> for being brave in singing and sharing her beautiful singing voice! <i>Mrs Cork</i>                              | ☆ <b>Alf H (Hazel)</b> for starting the term with a great attitude towards his learning and with a readiness to learn. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>     |
| ☆ <b>Alex C (Rowan)</b> for his fantastic writing in English all about his Christmas holiday. <i>Miss Andrews</i>                             | ☆ <b>Ella W (Birch)</b> for being polite and courteous and always applying herself to her learning fully. <i>Mr Perfect</i>                      |
| ☆ <b>Harvey (Oak)</b> for his persistently positive attitude and efforts in his learning. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>                                   | ☆ <b>Tessa P (Holly)</b> for showing excellent resilience when comparing fractions. <i>Mr Ablett</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Esther D (Pine)</b> for always being a good role model and trying her best. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i>   | ☆ <b>Lennon K (Maple)</b> for his motivation and contribution in class and working independently in maths. <i>Mrs McInnes &amp; Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ <b>Freddie J (Beech)</b> for his fantastic answering of questions in our guided reading session. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>                         | ☆ <b>Nicole Y (Poplar)</b> for better focus in class and good contributions to class discussions. <i>Mrs Allen</i>                               |
| ☆ <b>Arbin R (Chestnut)</b> for good listening and demonstrating a good understanding of multiplying and dividing by 8. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | ☆ <b>Thomas R (Sycamore)</b> for persevering in every task in class and doing so with a smile on his face. <i>Mr Wren</i>                        |

## News and Blogs

On our school website, we proudly share some of our children's learning on our school blog. Please feel free to click on any of the images below to be taken directly to that blog post.



### Moon Buggies

Year 5 have completed their Moon Buggy toys for children aged 9-10



### Egyptian necklaces - Year 3

The Year three topic this term was



### DT- Year 6 chairs

Year 6 chairs are here! Order now!  
Throughout this project, Year 6 have:

[READ ALL BLOGS >](#)