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Dear Parents/Guardians,

The last week of term 3 has been as busy as ever with sporting events, visits to the church to engage with Lent prayer stations and the children from Year 6 heading to the Marlowe to see the production of the Wizard of Oz; I am hoping that they got a lot of ideas for their own performances later this year.

We will, we will miss you

Sadly, we said goodbye to Mr Miles this week who is taking up a new position in Scotland after the half-term break. The year 6 children began our goodbyes with a rendition of We Will Rock You (with the words changed to We Will Miss You), we challenged Mr Miles to play Young Voices songs with a variety of instruments and played a game of *Don't Forget the Lyrics* with old-school hymns. We ended our celebration with the whole school singing one of Mr Miles' favourite songs.

I've known Mr Miles for almost 12 years and he is, without a doubt, one of the most inspirational music teachers I have met – he has made an incredible contribution to Bridge School over the years and he'll be sorely missed.

But fear not... music at Bridge is in safe hands with Mrs Brookes and I'm also pleased to share with you that we've secured the services of Mr Connolly who will be coming in to school on Wednesday's to teach music lessons. He comes highly recommended from other headteachers I know and I'm sure that he will enjoy teaching the children of Bridge School.

Dates to Note

Advance notice that we will be celebrating World Book Day on Thursday 7th March this year. Children will be invited to dress up as a book character – more details to follow after half-term but I wanted all parents to have the date in their diaries.

Speaking of dates, we still have tables available for the PTFA Quiz Night which is taking place on Friday 15th March. This promises to be a fun evening and will also raise money for the children; win-win! Tickets can be purchased from the school office.

One more date to put in your diary is the Bridge Village Fete which is planned for Saturday 29th June. We did have a date clash with Barham but they have very kindly agreed to change their date to Saturday 13th July, so please do also go and support their fete.

Lost Property

Over the half-term, could I ask parents to just check at home for coats and other clothing items as we've had a few things go missing – named coats in particular. It's very easy for children to bring home a similar looking coat and I'm sure that parents appreciate these returned.

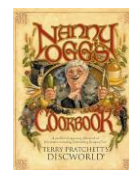


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Term 4 Lunches

Next term's dinner menu is on the [School Meals](#) page of the website and also attached with this newsletter. I would recommend saving it somewhere so that parents can see what meals are what days.



There is also a special menu for World Book Day inspired by Nanny Ogg's Cookbook. I'm not sure whether to be excited or terrified!

Messy Church

Messy Church is at 4pm this Saturday (10th February). In a change to the normal format we will have some games and activities followed by pancakes and a short Lent themed worship as we prepare to head into Lent in the coming week. All are welcome and we will finish by around 5pm .

PE Timetable

PE Days are changing after half-term and, as always, these are published [on the school website](#). For ease, I have also copied them below.

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Year R					
Year 1					
Year 2					
Year 3					
Year 4					
Year 5					
Year 6					

Wish you all a lovely weekend.

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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| ☆ Pepi (Ash) for excellent independent writing and illustrations about Chinese New Year. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Elodie C (Hazel) for her fantastic attitude and determination in maths this week; particularly when partitioning mixed numbers. <i>Mrs Bradley</i> |
| ☆ Ryan (Ash) for excellent effort with writing about Chinese New Year. <i>Miss Goddard</i> | ☆ Elisabeth H (Birch) for her excellent understanding of fractions in Maths and her superb biography on Faith Ringgold in English. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Olive T (Elm) for making lots of good choices and listening carefully. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Ruby M (Birch) for demonstrating professionalism and efficiency when assisting in cross country club every week. <i>Mrs Pearson</i> |
| ☆ Jonas G (Elm) for being resilient, taking lots of time to make sure he speaks clearly. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Scarlett O (Holly) for showing resilience when learning the bus stop method for division in Math this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Harry H (Willow) for excellent contributions to class discussions and wonderful singing. <i>Mrs Cork</i> | ☆ Alan L-S (Maple) for his great efforts in all his learning but especially reading at the moment. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Anousha H (Rowan) for her fantastic animal poem in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Leila B (Poplar) for always taking care and consideration with the presentation of her work. <i>Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Oliver (Oak) for consistently demonstrating all of our school values. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Sam H (Sycamore) for his care and compassion towards a classmate. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Ethan M (Pine) for a very interesting and informative show and tell with your pet tortoise Raphael. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | |
| ☆ James S (Beech) for a well presented holiday brochure in geography including lots of facts on India. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | |
| ☆ Leon L (Chestnut) for demonstrating a lot of knowledge on the geographical features of India when creating his travel poster. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | |

On Tuesday, 12 of us went to a badminton festival at Canterbury Academy. We had so much fun playing against different teams and we also learnt lots of different techniques.

It was so good we would love to do it again!

Thank you Mrs Brooks and Miss Radford



Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 19th February
Tuesday 20th February
Wednesday 21st February
Thursday 22nd February
Friday 23rd February

Monday 26 th February			
Tuesday 27 th February	Year 3 Rocks Day	Year 4 Forest School trip	
Wednesday 28 th February	Year 3 Rocks Day	Year 5 Parent Sharing Assembly	Year 4 Forest School trip
Thursday 29 th February		Football Match vs. Chartham School	
Friday 1 st March	PESE: National Offer Day	Rosie Duffield visiting	

Monday 4th March	Year 5 Forest School Trip	
Tuesday 5th March		Cross Country Competition
Wednesday 6th March	Year 2 trip to Deal Castle	
Thursday 7th March	World Book Day	Year 2 trip to Deal Castle
Friday 8th March	Year R Trip to the Beaney	

Monday 11th March	Science Week	Rapid Fire Cricket (Year 2 and 4)
Tuesday 12th March	Year R Trip to the Beaney	
Wednesday 13th March	Year 1 Trip to Dover Museum	
Thursday 14th March	Year 3 Forest School Trip	
Friday 15th March	Year 3 Forest School Trip	PTFA Quiz Night