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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Firstly, a big shout-out to our fantastic Year 1 children who recently showcased their learning in class assemblies. They spoke confidently and presented their work with great clarity. It was truly wonderful to see their progress in writing, art, music, and various other subjects. Thank you to all the parents who attended and showed their support.

I would also like to extend my gratitude to the PTFA for organising last Friday's quiz night. It was a fantastic evening, and I want to give a special thanks to Chad Johnson for hosting the event. Despite the late night, everyone had a great time. Congratulations to the Guv'nors for their victory! Together, we managed to raise almost £1000. Thank you to all who came and supported.

## Term 5 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. Please note that there are a couple of amendments outside of the normal three-week rotation (school census day again!)

## Sporting Success

Now, let's take a moment to celebrate our incredible hockey team. This week, Bridge Primary School participated in two hockey tournaments, and I am delighted to announce that we emerged as gold and silver champions in both! Well done to all the players for their hard work and determination. Match reports can be found below for those who want to relive the excitement.

*Earlier this week, children from year 5 & 6 went to Herne Bay Hockey Club to play a quicksticks tournament. The first game was against Swalecliffe. With goals from all around our team we beat them 7-0. Then we cruised through two games winning each one 6-0 and 5-0. In our last group game we beat St Mary's with four quick goals to make us advance to the quarter finals where we played Herne Bay Juniors and won 2-0 to then face our hardest team yet... Blean. It was a tough match but with great team work, Bridge beat Blean 4-0. In the final we played Herne Hill. It was an extremely tough match. Fortunately in the first quarter we scored a goal but in the second quarter they got a sneaky goal back. For the last two quarters we got three goals to make the final score 4-1. We came back ecstatic and with a gold medal. We give thanks to Mrs Pearson and Mrs Langsdon for cheering us on and for Mr Taylor for taking us there.*



Tom, Sam, Lillian, Jess & Phoebe



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



*We went to Herne Bay to play a hickey tournament. We played four matches at first and we won all of them. Next we got told who we got in the quarter finals, it was very tough but we won in the end. So we went into the semi-finals and we won that game, it was 5-4 to us. In the final we scored the first goal but they caught up with us and we both scored a few more goals but they scored more goals than us so it was 6-3. We came 2<sup>nd</sup> out of 24 schools. Thank you for taking us Mrs Pearson and Mrs Kay-Bradley.*

*Ellis, Amelie and Lily*

### **Easter Services**

Moving on to upcoming events, on Tuesday, our children will be attending Easter Services at the church. Parents are more than welcome to join us. If any parents of Year R, 1, or 2 children would be willing to walk with us from school and back, it would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to your child's class teacher on Monday if you are available to help.

- 9.30am service start: Zborowski, Hadrian and Shirley
- 10.30am service start: Behn, Fairservice and Lovelace

Please note that Year 3 will be attending in their class groups as they have a dance lesson with Laura Andrews in the morning.

### **RSHE Consultation**

I'd also like to thank all parents who contributed to the RSHE consultation – we have had 25 responses in total and, over the Easter holiday I will be reviewing these. The next step will be to share the outcomes from the consultation with governors and then a decision will be made around changes to the RSHE programme and these will be communicated with all parents before the 'Changing Me' units are taught to the children in Term 6. I realise that this is still a way off but it is important that we proceed with due care and consideration as this can be an emotive and polarising topic.

Lastly, I want to give you a heads up that I will be out of school next week. We will be taking a small group of children to Montpellier, and Mr. Taylor will be in charge. I have full confidence in his ability to keep things running smoothly while I am away.

With best wishes,



James Tibbles

## 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>Harriet (Ash)</b> for great resilience and persevering to tackle challenges in phonics and maths. <i>Miss Goddard</i>  | ☆ <b>Beatrice D (Chestnut)</b> for showing a lot of determination when working with fractions on a number line. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Millie (Ash)</b> for super independent maths exploring even and not even numbers. <i>Miss Goddard</i>  | ☆ <b>Luke C (Hazel)</b> for taking time, care and precision in his learning this week. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Bailey C (Elm)</b> for settling in to school very well and making lots of new friends. <i>Mr Redpath</i>   | ☆ <b>Tillie J (Birch)</b> for her improved independent work, especially in English. <i>Mr Perfect</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Alexandre B-C (Rowan)</b> for his fantastic independent writing in English this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i>  | ☆ <b>Maria S (Holly)</b> for thoughtful and considered contributions to Collective Worship. <i>Mr Ablett</i>  |
| ☆ <b>Abeena (Oak)</b> for showing resilience while writing her adventure story. <i>Mrs Amelia</i>   | ☆ <b>Samuel T (Maple)</b> for being a kind, calm and thoughtful friend to everyone and for sharing his very interesting general knowledge facts with the class. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ <b>Yiting H (Pine)</b> for writing a wonderful story 'What Happened Next' to Peter Pan using similes, a variety of punctuation and very neat presentation. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ <b>Ted P-C (Poplar)</b> for being a helpful and motivated member of the class. <i>Mrs Allen</i>   |
| ☆ <b>William T (Beech)</b> for his fantastic contributions and writing in English this week, as well as a the brilliant transformation in his handwriting. <i>Mrs Dennett</i>   | ☆ <b>Sophie M (Sycamore)</b> for pushing herself to improve her writing by using wonderful phrases. <i>Mr Wren</i>  |

### House Points

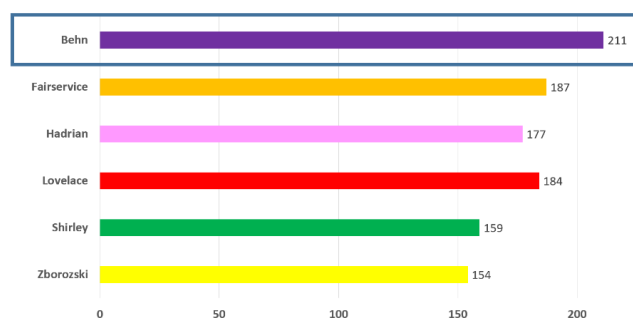
Well done to Behn house who were awarded the greatest number of house points this week – cementing their lead as we approach the end of the term.

Whenever children earn a house point, their name goes into a draw and, each week, six names are drawn and they will be invited to 'Hot Chocolate with Head'.

This week, the following children were chosen and enjoyed a hot chocolate this afternoon.

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| • Jess B - Poplar | • Lily - Chestnut |
| • Chris K - Beech | • Ivy - Birch     |
| • Henry - Willow  | • Iris - Maple    |

All children are eligible when they earn house points and there'll be another draw next week.



## Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

<b>Monday 25<sup>th</sup> March</b>	School exchange to Montpellier	Roman Theatre Workshop (Year 4)
<b>Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Easter Services	
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
<b>Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> March</b>		
<b>Friday 29<sup>th</sup> March</b>	Good Friday <i>School Closed for Easter</i>	

<b>Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b>		
<b>Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5 trip to Dover	
<b>Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5 trip to Dover	
<b>Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Yr 3/4 Tennis Competition	
<b>Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April</b>		

<b>Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	Year 5 Bikeability	Year 3 Beach Trip
<b>Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	Year 4 trip to Richborough	
<b>Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5 Netball & Football Tournaments	
<b>Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5 Bikeability Tennis Competition	3.30pm PESE/Kent Test Information Session
<b>Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 3 Beach trip	

## News and Blogs

The best way to keep up to date with what is happening at school is via the school [blog](#).



### Science Competition

Thank you to all of the children and families who took part in our Science



### Science Week 2024

There was great excitement around the school last week as it was



### Creative Folkestone - Exploring, mapping, connecting