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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to the final term of the year(!) and I trust that you all had a good half-term break. I know that some of you took the opportunity to get away and those that stayed got to enjoy the wonderful British weather. Thankfully, now that we're all back at school, it's all a bit sunnier.

Term 6 is always busy – we have a great deal planned for the next six weeks. The year 6 children are preparing for their production of Wizard of Oz later this term and preparations are well underway for the Bridge Village Fete which will be held in a few weeks' time on Saturday 29th June – I know that the PTA class reps have already been requesting volunteers but just a reminder that all help is gratefully received and makes a big difference.

Of course, the best way to support is to come along and have an amazing time – make sure that this is in your diaries: **12pm to 4pm – Saturday 24th June.**

Raffle tickets also came home this week so please sell, sell, sell (or buy, buy, buy!) There will be a donation box outside the office area for unwanted uniform for the fete.

We are also interested to hear from any parents who may be willing (and able) to perform at our summer fete. We will have performances from the children themselves but it's always good to hear the music talents of our parents (and we know you're out there!) Please speak to Morny in the office if you can perform.

Wear Yellow Day

Another event that is coming up, is Wear Yellow Day where we raise awareness of (and funds!) Cystic Fibrosis. Many of you will know that we will be having Lucy join Bridge School in September and Lucy's Mum, Sarah, has asked me to share some wonderful news.

You may remember back in November, I wrote to all parents with a plea from Sarah about access to Kaftria and a request for parents to comment on the consultation and even write to the local MP.

I am so pleased to be able to share a wonderful update.



Creativity, Excellence, Resilience

Cystic Fibrosis
You will know that over the past two years, we have been raising money and awareness for cystic fibrosis during their annual Wear Yellow Day.

We will soon be welcoming Lucy to Bridge School and although she is not yet a pupil, the family are very much a part of our community – the family already have a child at the school; Lucy's aunt works at the school and her grandmother was a well-loved and respected teacher here.


Please read the article ([Cystic fibrosis: Mother 'betrieved' over daughter's drug access - BBC News](#))

We are asking for your help.
I will hand over the Sarah (Mum) who can make her plea so much more eloquently than I:
I need your help! It's a call to arms!

On Friday, NICE (the body that evaluates drug treatments for the NHS) made the recommendation that a group of miracle, life extending, life enhancing drugs for CF people aren't cost effective for the NHS. They are recommending they no longer be given to CFers.

These drugs (Kaftrio is one) are as close to a cure as we can get. They have given the CF community hope and the prospect of a future. In summary Kaftrio (the real wonder drug):

Mother 'betrieved' over cystic fibrosis drug access




Artsmark Gold Award
Awarded by Arts Council England



A couple of months ago, Mum wrote to me: *Although the NICE decision hasn't yet been finalised, the licensing for Kaftrio has been granted for two years plus Lucy has now been on Kaftrio for a month and the we have seen some subtle changes.*

This week in her cystic fibrosis clinic, and for the first time in her life, Lucy's SATs (oxygen saturation levels) were 100, the perfect score. We usually crawl up to 97, 98 if we are lucky; but on Tuesday it went straight up 100! She has also been able to complete a physio blowing activity where she has to try and blow into a tube for a minimum of 3 seconds. Previously 5 seconds was our record but she usually blew for 2/3 seconds. Last week, she was blowing for some 7/8 and even 9 seconds! It's amazing.

Thank you everyone for your wonderful support, particularly at the end of last year regarding the NICE decision.

I couldn't be happier for Lucy and her family and I would also like to add my thanks to Sarah's. We are lucky to be part of such a supportive and loving community.

Sports Afternoon Arrangements

We are busy making the arrangements for our annual sports afternoons on Monday 8th July (KS1) and Friday 12th July (KS2).

Parents are, of course, invited to watch these and the PTA will be selling drinks and refreshments as well as providing ice lollies to all (child) participants at the end of the afternoon.

Gates open at 1.15pm (KS1) and 12.45pm (KS2).

New Year R Entrants

We're looking forward to welcoming a brand new cohort of children who will be joining Bridge School in September later this year. Over the course of the next two weeks', we are inviting them into school for an hour at a time to meet each other and familiarise themselves with the school and staff.

Messy Church

Finally, don't forget that it's Messy Church on Saturday. Details are in Rev. Estella's update (attached with this newsletter)

With best wishes,



James Tibbles



Blogs

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



Skull prints - Year 6

Throughout last term, Year 6 explored relief printing. Using



Year 5 Rosie Duffield Visit

On Friday, Year 5 were visited by



Clockwork shadow puppets - Year 5

Throughout last term, Year 5 studied

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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| ☆ Mia (Ash) for her excellent attitude toward her learning. <i>Miss M Smith & Miss David</i> | ☆ Henry S (Hazel) for challenging himself to add more descriptive features to his writing. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Phileas D (Elm) for fantastic imagination and involvement at Forest School. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Oscar D (Birch) for his excellent independent work when researching about Frieda Kahlo in Art this week. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Monty W (Rowan) for always being enthusiastic and trying his best in all his learning. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Erin B (Holly) for being a fantastic model of all our school values, both in lessons and as a friend. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ McCarthy D (Willow) for excellent musical creativity at Forest School. <i>Mrs Shirley & Miss Harvey</i> | ☆ Imogen M (Maple) for showing kindness and consideration to her peers and becoming more confident in sharing her ideas. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Aarha (Oak) for a fantastic non-chronological report on Jakarta. <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Jack W (Poplar) for putting a huge effort into his poster to advertise the Wizard of Oz. <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Thea S (Pine) for her enthusiasm for her reading and quizzing. <i>Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Ira W (Sycamore) for his amazing creative and imaginary ideas in his English writing. <i>Mrs Langsdon</i> |
| ☆ Jax P (Beech) for always approaching every activity with a positive attitude and completing these carefully. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | |
| ☆ Charlie P (Chestnut) for gathering lots of brilliant vocabulary during English. <i>Mr Chamberlain</i> | |



This week, the following children were chosen and met with me for a hot chocolate.

- Elisabeth (Birch) Behn
- Ella (Oak) Fairservice
- Darius (Sycamore) Hadrian
- Ernie (Chestnut) Hadrian
- Max (Willow) Zborowski
- Raef (Chestnut) Lovelace

Upcoming Dates

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

[CALENDAR >](#)

Monday 10th June	Year 6 Bikeability	Year 2 trip to Tyland Barn (Oak)
Tuesday 11th June	Year 6 Bikeability	Mixed Dynamos (Cricket)
Wednesday 12th June	Year 2 trip to Tyland Barn (Pine)	
Thursday 13th June	Tag Rugby tournament (Year 3/4)	
Friday 14th June		

Monday 17th June	Reception Sandwich Bay Trip		
Tuesday 18th June			
Wednesday 19th June	Reception Sandwich Bay Trip		
Thursday 20th June	Netball Competition @ The Duke of York School		
Friday 21st June	Wear Yellow Day for Cystic Fibrosis		Tag Rugby Tournament The Pig Visiting Year 5

Monday 24th June	KS1 Games Morning (potted sports)	KS2 Cricket at St Lawrence Ground
Tuesday 25th June	Year 4 Athletics (am)	Year 6 Athletics (pm)
Wednesday 26th June		
Thursday 27th June	Dynamos Cricket	
Friday 28th June	KS2 Games Morning (potted sports)	

Dates for your Diary

Term 6 (Summer)	
Wear Yellow Day for Cystic Fibrosis	Friday 21 st June
Moving Up Day	Thursday 4 th July
KS1 Sports Afternoon	Monday 8 th July, 1.30pm
KS2 Sports Afternoon	Friday 12 th July, 1pm
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 17 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Year 6 Production	Thursday 18 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
End-of-Year Church Services (parents welcome)	Friday 19 th July, 9.30am and 10.30am
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly (parents welcome)	Tuesday 23 rd July, 2pm