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Dear Parents/Guardians,

After months of blood, sweat and tears (some real!), the Bridge Village Fete is upon us and thankfully we're looking at a very favourable weather forecast that isn't too hot but is also dry! So many people have worked hard to make tomorrow a success and I hope that all of our families are able to come and enjoy the day.

Attached alongside this newsletter is a copy of the programme and you should also receive a paper copy.

The children will be performing in the arena (times on the right) and children will be called approx. 10 minutes before their performance. We would obviously love to see as many children as possible performing with their year group.

Raffle Tickets

Any raffle tickets that haven't been sold should have been returned to the school office; if you haven't, you can return them to the raffle stall tomorrow so that they can be sold.

Nerf Battles

Don't forget about booking the Nerf Battles. These were such a success last year. Sessions are £5 for half-hour and can be pre-booked on Arbor in the 'shop'.

Staffing News

As is fairly typical towards the end of the academic year, I do have quite a bit of staffing news to share.

At the end of this year we will be saying an extremely fond farewell to two legendary figures in the Bridge School community who have both decided that a life of retirement is more appealing spending their days surrounded by 400 children (and a well-deserved retirement it will be for both of them). Mrs J Smith and Mrs Pearson have clocked up an incredible 50 years of service between them and I can't even begin to imagine the number of children who they have helped and supported over the years.

I am also very sorry to let everyone know that Miss Goddard will be leaving us in the summer. We're very sorry to see her go but we all wish her the very best in her future endeavours.

Mrs Usher will also be leaving Bridge to take up a full-time teaching role at Pilgrim's Way. She has been a great support for our SEN children and their families and she will be sorely missed.

ARENA PROGRAMME

12pm	School Choir
12.15pm	Year 3
12.30pm	Dance Extreme
1pm	Year 6 Dance
1.30pm	Year 1
1.45pm	Year 5
2pm	Year 2
2.15pm	Year R
2.30pm	Year 4
3.30pm	Raffle Draw



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On a more positive note, I'm extremely pleased that we will be welcoming Mr Miles back to Bridge School in September – apparently he missed us all too much! He is having to return the leaving present we all got him but he will, once again, be teaching music in the school.

We will also be joined by three new members of staff in September: Miss Ellison will be teaching in Year R and she has a great deal of experience teaching this age group in Kent and London, I have no doubt she will be a great asset to the team. We will also have Mrs Biggs and Miss Kelsey joining our TA team and both really impressed at interview and in their interactions with the children.

Finally, one more change for next year – I have been asked to take on an improvement role within the Local Authority which will involve spending two days a week working with and supporting other schools. Following discussion with the governors, we have agreed to this and this means that, from September, Mr Taylor will become Head of School. I will still retain strategic oversight of the school and be in school three days a week but Mr Taylor will be leading on the day-to-day running of the school.

Next Year's Classes

The children have been told this afternoon which class they are in for the next year and parents of Year 1 and Year 4 children will be emailed via Arbor with which class their child is in next year.

New Class	Teacher	TA(s)	Previous Class
Ash	Kate Ellison	Chloe David (4) Lisa Pearman (1)	-
Elm	Graham Redpath	Megan Shirley	-
Willow	Mary Smith (2) Karen Cork (4)	Chelsea Huggett	Ash
Rowan	Louise Andrews	Jody Upton (2) Faith Harvey	Elm
Pine	Julia Perfect (2) Sue Tomsett (3)	Monica Munday Hannah Biggs	Mix
Oak	Jo Smith	Karen Scott Samantha Kay-Bradley	Mix
Beech	Gemma Dennett	Justine Hart Francesca Kinley	Oak
Chestnut	Sara Amelia	Nicole Moon	Pine
Hazel	Alice Harvey-Maw (4)	Nik Corall	Beech
Birch	James Perfect	Debbie McCoy Matt Welch	Chestnut
Maple	Helen Allison	Alison Saunders (3) Rachel McInnes (3)	Mix
Holly	Jordan Ablett	Alex Brooks (4) Charlotte Radford	Mix
Poplar	Natalie Allen (2) Amanda Saint (3)	Caz Langsdon	Holly
Sycamore	James Wren (4)	Sophie Loughlin	Maple

PPA/L'ship Cover	Leander Chamberlain		
Music	Matt Miles Helen Brookes		
Art	Cally Smith		
Forest School	Lisa Pearman		

The children will be spending Thursday in their new classes with their new teachers and TAs.

See you all tomorrow.



James Tibbles

Upcoming Dates

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

CALENDAR >

Monday 1st July	Year 5 Visit to Canterbury Mosque
Tuesday 2nd July	Rounders Competition Year 5/6
Wednesday 3rd July	
Thursday 4th July	Transition/Moving Up Day
Friday 5th July	

Monday 8th July	Year 5 trip to Canterbury Mosque	1.30pm KS1 Sports Afternoon	3.30pm PGL Meeting for Year 5 parents
Tuesday 9th July	Mixed Cricket County Finals		
Wednesday 10th July	Nina Dougall (children's author) visiting		
Thursday 11th July			
Friday 12th July		1pm KS2 Sports Afternoon	

Monday 15th July			
Tuesday 16th July	Year 1 trip to Frampton Farm		
Wednesday 17th July	Year 1 trip to Frampton Farm	Year 6 Production – The Wizard of Oz	
Thursday 18th July		Year 6 Production – The Wizard of Oz	
Friday 19th July	End of Year Services		

Dates for your Diary

Term 6 (Summer)	
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