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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Well – that’s the first full week of the school year and you can see it in some of the children’s faces, particularly the younger ones!) but it’s been a very positive week.

I’d like to say well done to those Year 6 children that undertook the Kent Test this week; regardless of how we feel about the system we have, it is what it is and it requires a great deal of resilience from the children.

Clubs

Information about clubs will be coming home early next week and you will be able to sign your children up via the Arbor portal/app.

Please could I ask that, in the first instance, parents only select one club per child (in order to give everyone a chance) and then we’ll open up for any additional spaces.

Messy Church

Once again, Messy Church will be open to our families next Saturday. Doors open at 4pm with crafts and activities for children to complete and all are welcome.



Parent Consultations

In a couple of weeks’ time, you will have the opportunity to meet with your child’s class teacher(s) to discuss how well your children have settled into school and how the school and parents can work together to get the best out of your child.

You will be able to book via Arbor from next Friday and details will be in next week’s newsletter.

Anaphylaxis Awareness Week

In a few weeks’ time is Anaphylaxis Awareness Week and given the number of children in the school who have allergies and are at risk of anaphylaxis, we wanted to mark this event with some awareness and fund-raising, in the same way that we have done for other medical conditions which are present in our school.

The PTFA are also planning a bake sale and we would also like to raise awareness of allergens at this event by inviting parents to provide products that are ‘allergy-friendly’ for sale. This is planned to take place on 4th October on the small playground, at the end of the school day.



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



Parents of Neurodiverse children Coffee and Catch up Dates

Some of you will already know about the parents of ND children Coffee and Catch up group which meets once a month in the Pavillion with Miriam. There are a group of regular parents who attend, but if you would like more information please speak to Carla Long, our Inclusion Leader.

The dates running up until Christmas for meetings are as follows:

- Friday 20th September - 2pm
- Friday 18th October - 2pm
- Friday 22nd November - 2pm
- Friday 20th December - 2pm

Forest School Plea

Mrs Pearman is creating a new music area in the Forest School. She would like cooking and baking equipment and wire racks (basically anything that would make a sound if you bang or bash it). In addition, she is hoping to attract some slow worms and would like a corrugated metal sheet up to 1m square and any unwanted shovels or spades.



Year R Parents' Welcome Service

All parents of Year R children are welcome to join us at St. Peter's Church, Bridge, for a very short service which will take place on Wednesday 25th September at 2.30pm. This will be led by Rev. Estella and Rev. Miriam. We will walking the children back to school to collect bags and water bottles for home-time.

There will be a plea coming out for parent helpers to walk the children to the church and back.

Year R Phonics Workshop

One of the most important things that an education can provide is teaching children to read and we would like to invite all of our Year R parents to come to a short presentation with the Year R team, who will explain how we teach reading at Bridge School and how parents can support at home. There is no need to book – you can just turn up! The session starts at 2.15pm on Monday 23rd September.

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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| ☆ Wren J (Willow) for excellent sounding out and blending when reading. <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Jax P (Hazel) for challenging himself in English this week by adding more detail to his sentence. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Bailey E (Rowan) for excellent independent sounding out of words in English. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Kaylon F (Birch) for an excellent start to Year 4 and demonstrating a superb attitude towards learning. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Maddie B (Pine) for the effort and focus she has put into all her learning this week. <i>Mrs Perfect & Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Elodie C (Holly) for her creative vocabulary choices when predicting the story of the Lost Thing. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Evelyn L (Oak) for using some brilliant adjectives to describe 'the big bad wolf'. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Neivie B (Maple) for always getting on with your work and writing some lovely descriptive sentences in English. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Naksh (Chestnut) for his enthusiasm and knowledge in our geography lessons about India! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Leo C (Sycamore) for showing perseverance when building tripods in Forest School. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Alex M (Beech) for his fantastic contributions in our English lessons this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Niklas W (Poplar) for fantastic use of ambitious vocabulary in his writing. <i>Mrs Saint & Miss Allen</i> |

Upcoming Dates

Monday 16nd Sept		
Tuesday 17rd Sept		2.45pm Meet the Team (Year 3)
Wednesday 18th Sept	<i>Year 6 Residential</i>	2.45pm Meet the Team (Year 5)
Thursday 19th Sept	<i>Year 6 Residential</i>	2.45pm Meet the Team (Year 1)
Friday 20th Sept	<i>Year 6 Residential</i>	

Monday 23rd Sept	Year 4 Creed Trip	2.15pm: Phonics for Year R Parents
Tuesday 24th Sept	Year 4 Creed Trip	Sports Crew Training
Wednesday 25th Sept		Year R Welcome Service
Thursday 26th Sept	Rugby Active in School (Year 3, 4 and 5)	Year 6 Forest School Trip
Friday 27th Sept	Arts Award Trip to UCA	

Monday 30th Sept	<i>Allergen Awareness Week</i>	
Tuesday 1st Oct	Handball Competition (Year 6)	
Wednesday 2nd Oct		
Thursday 3rd Oct	Willow Class Forest School Trip	6pm: Welcome Event and AGM
Friday 4th Oct	Arts Award Trip to UCA	Rowan Class Forest School Trip

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 1 (Autumn)	
Year 6 Residential	Wednesday 18 th September to Friday 20 th September
Year R Welcome Service	Wednesday 25 th September, 2.30pm
Anaphylaxis Awareness Week (charity fundraiser)	Monday 30 th September
PTFA AGM	Thursday 10 th October, 6pm
Harvest Services	Thursday 17 th October (morning)
Year 5 Residential	Monday 21 st October to Wednesday 23 rd October
Staff Training Day	Thursday 24 th October
Staff Training Day	Friday 25 th October
Term 2 (Autumn)	
Bridge Fireworks	Saturday 9 th November
Advent Services	Thursday 28 th November (morning)
Salvation Army Carol Concert	Thursday 28 th November, 7.30pm
Year 2 Nativity Performances	Tuesday 10 th December (afternoon)
	Wednesday 11 th December (morning)
Christmas Jumper Day (charity fundraiser)	Thursday 12 th December
Senior Citizen's Tea Party	Thursday 12 th December, 1.30pm
Year R Nativity Performances	Tuesday 17 th December (afternoon)
	Wednesday 17 th December (morning)
Christmas Dinner	Friday 20 th December
Term 3 (Spring)	
Ski Trip to Italy	Sunday 19 th January to Friday 24 th January
Young Voices	Thursday 23 rd January
Term 4 (Spring)	
PTFA Quiz Night	TBC
World Book Day	Thursday 6 th March
World Down Syndrome Day (charity fundraiser)	Friday 21 st March
French Exchange (hosting)	Monday 31 st March to Friday 4 th April
Term 5 (Summer)	
Easter Services	Thursday 24 th April (morning)
Christian Aid Week (charity fundraiser)	Monday 12 th May
Year 6 SATS	Monday 12 th May to Thursday 15 th May
French Exchange (to Montpellier)	Monday 19 th May to Friday 23 rd May
Dare to be Different	Friday 23 rd May
Term 6 (Summer)	
Staff Training Day	Monday 2 nd June
Wear Yellow for Cystic Fibrosis (charity fundraiser)	Friday 20 th June
Sports Afternoon (Year R to 2)	Monday 23 rd June
Sports Afternoon (Year 3 to 6)	Thursday 26 th June
Moving Up Day	Thursday 3 rd July
Bridge Village Fete	Saturday 5 th /12 th July (TBC)
Year 6 Production	Tuesday 15 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Year 6 Production	Wednesday 16 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
End-of-Year Church Services	Thursday 17 th July (morning)
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd July, 2pm