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Dear Parents/Guardians,

After a few weeks of Mr Taylor writing the newsletter, I've decided to take the reins back so to speak – not that he hasn't done a stand-up job the past few weeks, but I have missed writing these.

Thank you to those of you who have asked how my new role is going. I am enjoying visiting other schools and seeing what is going on in our corner of Kent but I always appreciate coming back to Bridge School.

We've reached the end of our first round of parental consultations and I hope that you've found these useful. Please do remember that our staff are always keen to listen to your concerns but bear in mind that first thing in the morning is not a good time as staff will be preparing for lessons.

Harvest Church Services – Sunday and Thursday

This Sunday is the Harvest Service at St Peter's Church. The choir, along with Mrs Brookes, will be there singing some their Harvest songs. All children are welcome to come and join in with what is always a lovely service. If your child would like to come along please meet Mrs Brookes at the church at 9.30 to be ready for the service which starts at 10.00.

Next Thursday we also have our two Harvest Services at St Peter's Church. The timings for the services and the classes attending are listed below.

9.30: Elm, Rowan, Oak, Chestnut, Birch, Holly, Poplar

10.30: Ash, Willow, Pine, Beech, Hazel, Maple, Sycamore

Year 6 Parents

Applications for secondary schools are open and close on Thursday 31st October (the link is below). If you would like any advice about this then please do not hesitate to contact me.

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/secondary-school-places#tab-2>

If you are considering naming St. Anselm's as an option, they do ask that parents get a Supplementary Information Form (SIF) completed including information about faith status and/or baptism with a minister confirming regular religious practice. If you need this form signed by Rev Estella (this can be located on the St Anselm's website). If you have not already done this she will be on Friday 18th October, 3pm - 3.30pm and Tuesday 22nd October, 8.35am - 9am.

For those of you waiting for Kent Test outcomes, these will be emailed to parents on Thursday 17th October. If there are any parents who would appreciate a conversation following these, then please email me and we can arrange a time either in person or remotely.



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



Bridge PTA AGM

On Thursday, we held our annual parent welcome and PTA AGM but this was not as well attended as it has been in previous years. One of our parent attendees has kindly penned a few words.

My first PTFA AGM was eye opening.....Sharing what surprised me.....

- *Our PTFA punches way above its weight; Mr Tibbles commented that wherever he goes, other schools are amazed by the funds we raise.*
- *The PTFA fully fund one minibus. The minibuses are out of lease in a year. A new lease and all other alternatives are coming in at double the current cost.*
- *The PTFA are not cowed by the fundraising effort required and are dedicated to stepping up efforts to retain the 'out in the field' educational opportunities that our children enjoy without parents needing to pay for each trip's transport.*
- *The masterminds behind the PTFA are a small but dedicated group of enthusiastic parents who would welcome anyone with accounting, communications or fundraising skills who could shoulder a few tasks to spread the load. Your class/year rep can put you in touch with them for a chat.*

The committee appreciate everyone's support either in volunteering time, attending events, donating prizes, cash, cakes etc or making connections and contacts with local businesses who can collaborate with us.

For now the focus is on our notorious fireworks night and volunteers are still needed for either the morning of the day, the event itself or clear-up the next day. Speaking from experience, helping on the night is a fun team effort and the clear-up is parent and child friendly. My daughter and I do it every year and it's amazing the debris we collect!

Fireworks

Remember, remember... **Saturday 9th November is the Bridge Village Firework display** and this is our biggest fundraiser. We are seeking support on the day itself and the morning after for clearing up. Historically we have a stalwart group of volunteers but, as their children leave, we need new parents to support. Tickets will go on sale next week.

Canterbury Food Bank

In previous years, we have been lucky to receive lots of donations from the parents and carers of the local community for the Canterbury Food Bank and we will be accepting donations again this year. We are accepting donations of **any food items between Monday 14th and Thursday 17th October**. After our Harvest Services on Thursday we will then be taking some children across to the food bank to deliver the food and have a tour of the food bank. If you would like more information about donating to the Canterbury Food Bank please click [here](#).



The food bank now has an app that lets people know the items that they need the most. You can download the app here: <https://www.bankthefood.org>

Design a Christmas Card

It is not just Mr Ablett who has been thinking about Christmas this week. The Bridge Group Parish have also opened their annual Christmas card competition – with the winner being chosen as the official card for the year.

Wishing you all a lovely weekend.

Best wishes,



James Tibbles

Design the Church Christmas Card!

The Bridge Group Parish would like to invite children from Bridge and Patrixbourne C.E.P to design this year's Church Christmas Card.

Designs should be :

- **A4**
- **LANDSCAPE**
- **Use bold colours**
- **On the theme of Christmas**



Please hand designs into the school Office by **5th November**.



Sports Reports

Year 6 Tag Rugby

On Tuesday we went to Canterbury RFC to play Tag Rugby. We arrived and went to our first game against Blean 2. With a try by Callum, Finn and Henry we were able to beat them 15-5. We went into our second game with a lot of confidence. In our second games we played Sheldwich. Unfortunately, after a mix up with the scores, we found out that we had lost 25-15. Our heads dropped a bit but Mrs Pearson gave an encouraging speech to the team. In our third game, we had tries from Henry, Callum, Stanley, Finn and Jaiden, because of that we won 30-25 with a late try from Callum.

We went on to play in a second group where we faced Wincheap. They out played us and we lost 35-25. Next, we played Sheldwich and beat them 45-10 because of a great performance from the team with a hat-trick from Callum, 2 tries from Henry, 3 tries from Finn and 1 try from Stanley. We went to our last match and played Petham. We were all excited as this was our last game and we really needed to win it. We played amazingly but sadly only managed to get a draw with a last minute try from Callum and amazing teamwork from Clara, Daisy, Imogen and Holly.

We had an amazing time and lots of fun. We would like to say a big thank you to Mrs Loughlin and Mrs Pearson for taking us and Mr Taylor for driving us to the tournament.

Year 4 Rugby Festival

On Tuesday 8th October 2024, Bridge and lots of other schools went to the Canterbury Rugby Club to play lots of fun games. The first game we played was a passing game, we had to shout everybody's name. It was so much fun. We loved them all. My favourite activity was the last one which was bull dog and the rabbit and the fox. I loved them all.

We want to say a big thank you to Mrs Loughlin, Mr Taylor and Mrs Pearson.



Blogs

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



Woodland Trip Year 6 October 2024

Welcome back to Covert Woods Year



Woodland trip to Covert woods Year 1 October 2024



Canterbury College workshop - 3D

As part of the Canterbury Festival,

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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| ☆ Emersyn S (Willow) for always giving 100% in her learning and being a positive role model in the classroom! <i>Mrs Huggett</i> | ☆ Taylor S (Hazel) for demonstrating a fantastic attitude towards her reading. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Noah D-S (Rowan) for his fantastic recount of our walk around the village this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Raef W (Birch) for his excellent engagement and improved confidence during Maths and English, even completing extra work at home! <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Emma A (Pine) for being a keen and motivated learner. Well done for working so hard on your phonics. <i>Mrs Perfect & Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Kayden P (Holly) for showing resilience throughout the day and creating five fantastic 'Guidelines for Living' in RE! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Jayden (Oak) for always following instructions and taking pride in all his work. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Aidan A (Maple) for excellent inference in Guided Reading this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Daphne-Rose (Chestnut) for being an excellent role-model for her peers and always doing her best! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | ☆ Ayra N (Sycamore) for always exemplifying care and compassion for others in school. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Abeena S (Beech) for her hard work in solving maths questions this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Tamsin K (Poplar) for being a fantastic help with preparing pumpkin soup at Forest School. <i>Mrs Saint and Mrs Allen</i> |

House Points Competition

Children across the school have been working hard and the numbers of house points are starting to ramp up. The results were shared with the children at celebration worship today.

Well done to Shirley house who, this week, earned the greatest number of house points.



I know how excited the children get about the prospect of hot chocolate with the headteacher. This weeks' lucky children were:

- Iggy (Pine) - Zborowski
- Tom (Pine) - Shirley
- Oliver T (Beech) - Hadrian
- Grace (Willow) - Zborowski
- Elias (Pine) - Shirley
- Max (Pine) - Zborowski

Upcoming Dates

Monday 14th Oct	Weight and Height Checks – Reception and Year 6	
Tuesday 15th Oct		
Wednesday 16th Oct		
Thursday 17th Oct	Harvest Service at St Peters Church	
Friday 18th Oct	Rev Estella – St Anselm’s signing Year 6 - pm	

Monday 21st Oct	Year 5 Residential	
Tuesday 22nd Oct	Year 5 Residential	Rev Estella – St Anselm’s signing Year 6 - am
Wednesday 23rd Oct	Year 5 Residential	
Thursday 24th Oct	Inset Day	
Friday 25th Oct	Inset Day	

Monday 4th Nov		
Tuesday 5th Nov		
Wednesday 6th Nov	Individual School Photos	
Thursday 7th Nov	Year 3 Parent Samba Workshop (am)	Year 5 Jazz Sharing Assembly
Friday 8th Nov		

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

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