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Dear Parents/Guardians

This week has been a very busy one for the children of Bridge School, starting with last Saturday, where we were witness to a truly fantastic firework display. Thank you very much to all the volunteers, who put in lots of time and hard work to help run such an incredible event so smoothly. We had a record number of people attend this year – over 2600 – and it was lovely to hear and read such positive feedback about the evening (my feet felt they were reverberating for a good while after that final firework!). I have spoken to the PTA this morning and they think that, once all the final bills have been accounted for, we will have raised more than a whopping £15,500 for the school PTA! This is a truly incredible amount and Mr Tibbles and myself have already got our thinking hats on for how we can use this money to enhance the school experience for all the children who attend the school, now and in the future. Thank you once again to all who helped and attended the evening.

Act of Remembrance

Monday was an important occasion of a different note, as the children took part in the annual Act of Remembrance in school. Mr Tibbles led the service in school and myself and the Year 6 team took our Year 6 children to St Mary's Church, Patricbourne, where the children led their own service. While this was a somber occasion, the children led the service very maturely. The service highlighted to us the importance of us continuing to attend the church, to remember the people from the Parish who lost their lives in WWI. We were left with words of the Kohima Epitaph, read out by Daisy:

When you go home, tell them of us and say, for your tomorrow, we gave our today.



Sports Report



Tuesday saw some of our Year 5 and Year 6 children go to a Basketball competition at Canterbury Academy. The following sports report was written by Jaiden, Mona and Rupert and read out by Otis, Lennon, Mona and Rupert in Collective Worship this morning.

On Tuesday, we went to Canterbury Academy to participate in a school wide Basketball Tournament. When we arrived, we saw a room full of schools. Our first game was against Petham A. In the first game, Jaiden scored 3 points, Kristapus scored 2 baskets and 2 rim points so 6 points in total and Clara scored a point – we won 10-0. After the game finished, we shook their hands and took the win.



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



We had a break for 3 games and got ready for our next game. In our next games, we played Canterbury Primary School. We started but then were 1-0 down but then Rupert scored a 2 pointer and got us in the lead. But sadly, they scored 3 more rim points and we lost 4-2 but we kept our heads up and were ready for the next game.

Our next game was against Wickhambreaux. We started off looking very strong with 4 rim points for Jaiden and a basket for 2 points. Rupert scored 1 rim point, with Kristapus scoring 4 rim points. We finished the game with a 11-0 victory. We were so happy with our win.

We sat waiting to hear if we made it to the Quarter Finals. Luckily, we did and before the big game Mrs Langsdon gave an inspirational talk. Next, we played Blean A, we started 1 up but unfortunately, they made a comeback and we lost 9-1 but we were proud of our team. We would like to thank Mrs Langsdon and Mr Taylor for taking us.

Canterbury Christmas Light Parade

On Wednesday, we were lucky enough to have Becky Vincer come into the school and work with our Year 4 children, to make their own Christmas lanterns. These lanterns will be an integral part of the Christmas Light Parade, leading up to the Christmas Lights switch on this evening. A massive thank you Becky for coming in and to Mrs Tomsett and Mrs Smith for arranging the workshop. If you are coming along this evening, please meet Mrs Tomsett and Mrs Smith at the clock tower at 5.15pm (children must be accompanied by their parents). I will be coming along with two excited toddlers to see the parade and all families are welcome to come along and support, what is always, a lovely 'start' to the festive season.



"It was a great experience using teamwork with our partners. I am very proud of my lantern." – Umaiza & Rory.

"We loved how messy and hands-on the lantern making was! Thank you Becky!" – Kaylon & Lily.

"We learnt how to make lanterns and they turned out amazing...but it was really hard." – Elara and Hunter.

"We enjoyed the day very much and would love to do it again!" – Nate & Millie

Science Museum Visit

The fun didn't stop there. On Thursday, Year 5 left for an epic trip to the Science Museum to support their Science learning about Space. Instead of trying to explain what happened, we have a couple of astronauts who have written about their experience. As an extra challenge, they would like you to see how many space puns they have included.

This Thursday after a long, but luxurious coach trip, we landed with a 'Big Bang' outside The Science Museum in London. We were so excited that even gravity couldn't keep us down.



During the day, we achieved lots of Spacetastic activities, including looking around the space exhibition, with rockets and landing capsules dangling above our heads.

We attended an interactive space show, where we threw sticky balls (photons from the Sun) at different size umbrellas (solar sleeves). This demonstrated that the bigger the solar sleeve, the further it will travel into deep space.

After lunch, we launched straight into the Wonderlab, where we blasted around at the speed of light, trying out hands-on science activities. At one point there was a demonstration of our solar



system on a rotating floor. The scientist explained that light from the sun takes eight minutes to reach Earth, so when we look into the sky we are looking back in time!

Finally, sitting in the IMAX in our 3D glasses, we watched images of our beautiful planet filmed from the International Space Station (ISS). We especially liked the contrasting night time images of North and South Korea. We felt so insignificantly small when we saw the size of Space from the ISS.

Our journey home felt as long as a mission to Venus! It was worth it, what an unforgettable day we all had and we learnt so much.

Astronauts Alfie & Ines Year 5



Children in Need



Today, we have been raising money for Children in Need. It was lovely to see so many children come in wearing the finest spotty clothes - I'm not so sure about Mr Perfect's leopard print top, but it was great to see Miss Ellison and Miss David so co-ordinated.

As Mr Tibbles mentioned last week (I'll magnanimously ignore his gloating), the children were able to use the orienteering trail that has been recently purchased. The activities focussed on Children in Need, with the Key Stage 2 children hunting for the orienteering points and thinking about what they could do to help in different situations they may find themselves in.



This week, Mr Ablett's Radio club have also been thinking about Children in Need. If you would like to listen to their podcast, or any of their audio books, please click on the school website link [here](#).

I hope you all have a lovely weekend. I am hoping to spend some of it reading some more of the fantastic 500-word stories that entered our school competition last week.

All the best

Michael Taylor

Head of School

Celebration

Star Pupils

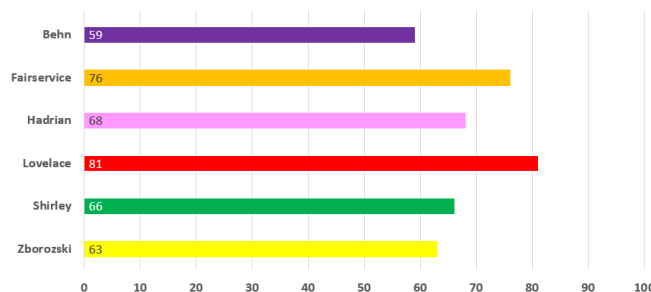
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Imogen M (Elm) for being such a kind and helpful friend to the other children. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Vinelysia C (Hazel) for always being a good role model and demonstrating our school values. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Axel (Ash) for always showing kindness to others and trying his best. <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Senna W (Birch) her brilliant knot making in forest school this week – the close hitch and adjustable knot. Well done! <i>Mr Perfect and Mrs Pearman</i> |
| ☆ Robin C (Willow) for her excellent attitude to learning and super writing! Well done! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Henry P (Holly) for excellent enthusiasm and an Oscar worthy performance at the London Science Museum. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Miles E-R (Rowan) for trying hard with his handwriting this week! <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Kayden P (Maple) for getting 100% in his reading quiz. We're super proud Kayden! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Iggy S (Pine) for trying his best in his work and showing resilience. <i>Mrs Perfect & Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Clara M (Sycamore) for challenging herself to read books by a variety of authors. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Orla D (Oak) for showing brilliant understanding in Maths this week and independently choosing to practice at home. Well done. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Niamh R (Poplar) for a fantastic, independent job at dividing fractions. Well done! <i>Mrs Saint & Miss Allen</i> |
| ☆ Darvin (Chestnut) for his focused concentration and master weaving in DT. Well done! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | |
| ☆ Hattie D (Beech) for her fantastic instructions and fact file on the process of mummification. <i>Mrs Dennett</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 Lovelace 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 Mr Tibbles or Mr Taylor. This weeks' lucky children were:

- Carson (Chestnut) - Fairservice
- Cassidy (Chestnut) – Lovelace
- Clara (Sycamore) - Shirley
- Reeva (Elm) - Lovelace
- Bailey (Rowan) - Zborowski
- Bailey (Beech) - Lovelace

Christmas Events (sorry!)

It's getting towards that time of the year! We have a great number of events planned to celebrate the Christmas season. Our programme remains much the same as it has done in previous years.

Advent Services

In a few weeks' time, we also have our two Advent Services at St Peter's Church. The timings for the services and the classes attending are listed below and parents are more than welcome to join us. Please note that this is slightly different from the Harvest services.

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

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

Salvation Army Concert

On Thursday 28th November, we will host the Salvation Army band, who come and perform for our community whilst raising money for their charitable work. Our choir will also be invited to perform alongside the band and Mrs Brookes will be getting in touch with choir parents soon. This is a great community event and a perfect way to start to get into the Christmas spirit. Tickets will be £5 and payment will be cash on the door.

Year 2 Nativity

The Year 2 children will be giving two performances, which will take place in the church on Tuesday 10th Dec (2pm) and Wednesday 11th Dec (9.30am) – given that space in the church is limited, please can I ask parents to limit themselves to two spaces per family per day?

Christmas Jumper Day

Each year, we raise money for Save the Children on Christmas Jumper Day, but we are very aware of people's finances and the environmental impact of people purchasing items of clothing that may not be frequently worn. In the week before Christmas Jumper Day, i.e. w/c 2nd Dec, we will be collecting donations of Christmas jumpers that no longer fit your children. These will then be 'sold' after school on Friday 6th December, ensuring that these items of clothing are re-used and monies raised for charity.



Senior Citizen's Tea Party

The school has a proud tradition of inviting in our 'older' members of the community to listen to some Christmas songs whilst being offered an afternoon tea and we're pleased that we can, once again, do this. If you have family members or friends in Bridge or the surrounding villages, we would like to extend a warm welcome to Bridge School from 1.30pm on Thursday 12th December. Attached with this newsletter is a poster for parents to display in their windows, should they wish.

Year R Nativity – Please note the time changes to last week's news letter

I hope that our Year R families are looking forward to a the Year R's performance in a few weeks' time on Tuesday 17th December (2.15pm) and Wednesday 18th December (9.30am) – doors will open 15 minutes before each performance.

This will be a seated performance and you will be able to book up to two spaces for each performance from Monday 18th November. Please note that, in the interests of fairness, seating will be randomly allocated.

Christmas Dinner

With Christmas coming up, we are starting to plan for our school Christmas dinner. From next week, you will be able to order this on Arbor. One of the 'quirks' of the system means that we've had to list it under 'trips' but, if you would like your child to have a Christmas dinner on the last day of term, please order this by Thursday 12th December.

Upcoming Dates

Monday 18th Nov	Folkestone Creative – Reading Trip	Speech & Language talk for Year R parents
Tuesday 19th Nov	Folkestone Creative – Reading Trip	Infant Agility Competition at Canterbury Academy
Wednesday 20th Nov		
Thursday 21st Nov	9am: Year 3 Parent Samba Worshop	2pm: Year 6 Battle of the Bands
Friday 22nd Nov		

Monday 25th Nov		
Tuesday 26th Nov	Girls Football Tournament at Simon Langton	Boys Football Tournament at Simon Langton
Wednesday 27th Nov		
Thursday 28th Nov	Advent Services	7.30pm: Salvation Army Carol Concert
Friday 29th Nov		

Monday 2nd Dec	Road Safety Week	
Tuesday 3rd Dec	Creative Folkestone Art Trip	
Wednesday 4th Dec		
Thursday 5th Dec		
Friday 6th Dec		

SENIOR CITIZENS' TEA PARTY

THURSDAY 12TH DECEMBER



**FREE
ENTRY**

**BRIDGE &
PATRIBOURNE
CEP SCHOOL**

**1.30PM
START**

**COME AND LISTEN TO THE CHILDREN OF
BRIDGE SCHOOL WHILST ENJOYING TEA
AND CAKE**

**Join us for a carol concert
at Bridge School with music from the
Salvation Army and the pupils of Bridge
School.**

Salvation Army Christmas Concert

£5 donation on the door.
All monies raised will go towards
supporting the work of the Salvation
Army this Christmas.

28TH NOVEMBER 2024

**TIME: 7.30PM
BRIDGE & PATRIBOURNE
CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL**

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 2 (Autumn)	
Bridge Fireworks	Saturday 9 th November
Christmas Events	
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)
Carols in the Village	Thursday 18 th December
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