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Dear Parents/Guardians,

We have had another exciting week inside and outside of school this week. My personal highlight was taking our reading prize winners from last term, Beech class and Holly class, across to the Folkestone Book Festival to meet two different authors. Holly Class were lucky enough to meet Catherine Johnson, who has written the book 'Race to the Frozen North' and Beech class met Crystal, who has written the Spellcasters series. The children also got to have books signed and had the opportunity to ask questions about the how they became authors and what they like about their jobs. Thank you to our reading lead, Miss Allison, for arranging the visits.

Canterbury Christmas Light Parade

It was lovely to see so many children from Year 4 attending the light parade on Friday evening. A massive thank you to Mrs Tomsett and Mrs Smith for their support for the evening. If you would like to read more about it, please see the blog post [here](#).



Music

On Thursday, Mr Miles led two different music events in school for parents and pupils. Year 3 had a Samba workshop, with parents invited to come in and learn some of the samba rhythms that the children have been learning in class. I know the children really enjoyed teaching their parents what they have been learning: here are a few thoughts from the children who attended:

Aisling – *I enjoyed playing the songs.*

Harvey – *I enjoyed showing how we had learnt the different songs and rhythms.*

William – *I liked clapping the rhythms, especially the TAs and the T's.*

Jocelyn – *My favourite was teaching our mummies and daddys to do the samba. They did well but not as well as the children.*

In the afternoon, Year 6 parents had the pleasure of listening to the Year 6 rock bands perform. The children joined together and performed 4 different songs: Harry Styles – As it was; Miley Cyrus – Flowers; One Republic – I'm Worried and Billie Eilish – What was I made for?



Here a few highlights from some of the children: Anya – *'It was good to see the parents enjoying our performances,* Callum – *' All the music sounded really nice. The singers were brilliant'* and Alan said *'It was lovely having everyone join in together.*

Thank you to Mr Miles and the year group teams for helping put on the showcases.



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



Advent Services

Final reminder that we have our Advent services on Wednesday 27th November. It will be a wonderful opportunity for us to come together as a community and reflect on the true meaning of Christmas. Children will be attending in their classes and the times are below.

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

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

Clubs

We have had a successful run of Autumn term clubs and for the majority they are now finished until our next set in January. There are a couple of exceptions – please see below.

- Orchestra will finish on the 5th of December
- Mrs Brookes' choir will finish on the 11th of December and Mr Miles on the 12th December
- Lunch time drama club will continue until the end of the term

Salvation Army Concert

Next Thursday (28th November), we will host the Salvation Army band who come and perform for our community whilst raising money for their charitable work. If your child is a member of the school choir then they will have been invited to attend the evening by Mrs Brookes. I think we only have 3 children who have confirmed they are attending so far, so if your child is planning on attending please let Jacqui in the office know. 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.

Generosity

Thank you to everyone who supported Children in Need last Friday. With the donations for children dressing up in their finest spotty clothing all being totted up, I am delighted to say that we raised £479.38.



Thank you once again!

As we approach the festive season, it is time to spread some holiday cheer and give back to those in need. We have a range of opportunities for our families to show their generosity and bring warmth and joy to those less fortunate during this special time of year.



Next week, we will be collecting Christmas jumpers for Save the Children. If you have any old or unwanted jumpers that are still in good condition, please consider donating them to our collection. Other parents will then be able to purchase these from the playground after school on Friday 6th December for a donation to Save the Children. The PTA will also be hosting a second-hand uniform sale (we have A LOT) at the same time, so please bring in your pounds and pennies.

In the spirit of giving, we will, once again, be collecting chocolate oranges to show our appreciation for the hard work and dedication of the NHS workers. Last year, we did this under the banner of Team Chocolate Orange, the inspirational initiative created by Chris Lamb. Chris' son, Elliott, spent a lot of time in hospital with a number of significant health complications but sadly passed away just before Christmas in 2010, aged 4 years. Chris wanted to do something positive to cherish Elliott's memory and embarked on a mission to thank NHS staff for the care they provided.



These small tokens of gratitude will go a long way in brightening their day and letting them know how much we value their efforts. Please consider donating a chocolate orange to this worthy cause. Last year, it was lovely to hear that, as

a school, we donated 124 Chocolate oranges out of a total 1,038, giving a much-deserved thank you to staff from Pilgrims Hospice, East Kent Hospitals, and South East Coast Ambulance Service.

Additionally, we will be collecting toys for the Salvation Army present drive. Every child deserves a special gift during the festive season, and your donations will help make this possible. If you have any new, or gently used toys that you would like to contribute, please bring them to the school office.

Finally, we will continue our tradition of collecting for the [Canterbury Food Bank](#) as they continue their tradition of the Reverse Advent Calendar. As we all come together to celebrate with our loved ones, let us not forget those who may be struggling to put food on the table. Any non-perishable food items that you can spare will be greatly appreciated and will make a huge difference to those in need. Alongside this newsletter is a list of products that would be appreciated by the foodbank.



Thank you all for your continued support and generosity. Together, we can make a positive impact in our community and spread joy during this festive season.

All the best,

Michael Taylor
Head of School

Celebration

Star Pupils

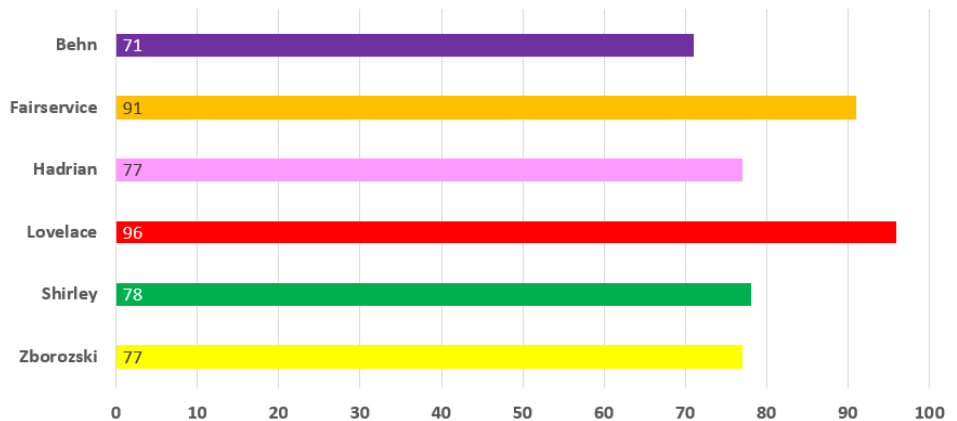
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ Florence B (Elm) for fantastic attention to detail in her Kandinsky painting. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ James S (Hazel) for his beautifully presented and detailed diagram of Mayan hierarchy. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Frankie (Ash) for being a great friend and always trying her best. <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Raef W (Birch) for showing a lot of resilience when planning an independent narrative based on Weslandia. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Grace L (Willow) for persevering with the fire striker at Forest School! <i>Mrs Cork & Miss M Smith</i> | ☆ Niall B (Holly) for mature and considered responses to the themes within Hidden Figures this week. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Olive T (Rowan) for having a fantastic attitude to all her learning! <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Harry B (Maple) for sharing his families amazing memories and stories from World War Two. Thank you Harry! <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Alexandre B-C (Pine) for showing great interest and understanding of the events of the Great Fire of London. <i>Mrs Perfect & Mrs Tomsett</i> | ☆ Anya T (Sycamore) for writing an incredible narrative about a WWII evacuee. <i>Mr Wren</i> |
| ☆ Jesse C (Oak) for his enthusiasm with his singing during our nativity practice. Well done! <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Erin B (Poplar) for being an excellent role model in class and always being polite and courteous. <i>Mrs Saint & Miss Allen</i> |
| ☆ Isla (Chestnut) for working really hard at her sentence stacking about Tadeo Jones! Well done! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> | |
| ☆ Aisling R (Beech) for her amazing attitude towards all of her work in Year 3. <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 and Fairservice house who, this week, both earned the greatest number of house points – extending their lead over the other houses.



I know how excited the children get about the prospect of hot chocolate with Mr Tibbles. This week's lucky children were:

- Emile (Sycamore) - Behn
- Ruben (Willow) – Shirley
- Stanley (Sycamore) - Behn
- Amelie (Maple) - Shirley
- Arianna (Holly) - Hadrian
- Jaxon (Hazel) - Lovelace

Christmas Events

We will leave these here for one more week as a reminder of our remaining Christmas dates.

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?

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

I hope that our Year R families are looking forward to 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. Children can wear their Christmas jumpers to celebrate the occasion

Christmas 'Party' Day

An extra date for your diary, and another opportunity to roll out the Christmas jumper. On Thursday 19th December the children will be having their class Christmas Party day. This is a lovely day, with Year 5 and Year 6 children hosting activities for the rest of the school and individual classes having their own class parties.

Upcoming Dates

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		

Monday 9th Dec		
Tuesday 10th Dec		
Wednesday 11th Dec		
Thursday 12th Dec		
Friday 13th 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	Friday 21 st March
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 24 th 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