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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Christmas has well and truly arrived in the school this week. Those of you who pick up and drop off at Bridge Bees club will have noticed that the Christmas Hoops have arrived early this year. The children (and adults) have put in a lot of time and effort into these and I am sure that they will feature in your households for many years to come. Thank you to all the parents who attended our Advent Services on Thursday. It was lovely to see so many parents turn out to support the children at the start of the festive season. A massive thank you to: Mr Ablett and Mrs Perfect for planning the service; to Mrs Brookes, Mrs Loughlin and Mr Miles for their contributions to the songs and to Mrs Starling, Rev. Estella and Lawrence for hosting so hospitably on Thursday.



### Salvation Army Concert – A report by Mrs Starling



The Salvation Army came and really started our Christmas off here at school last night. The band played, and we all sang Carols as audience participation was definitely encouraged. The Army Songsters, the Army choir, performed some beautiful carols. But obviously the highlight of the evening was the mince pies – No, sorry bad joke, the highlight was our choir of children comprising of children in Year 3 – Year 6, who sat quite still, listened to the Christmas story and sung so beautifully – and looked lovely in their various Christmassy adornments! Thank you to Mrs Brookes for helping the children perform so magnificently. It was a late night for them, but they did so well, I am sure parents we very proud of them, I know I was.

This is a tradition that as Mrs Long said last night has been held here for around 30 years and I hope it continues for 30 more. Although last night was a quieter attended event, we raised £230 for a very worthy charity. Thank you for supporting.

### Parent Workshop - Reception

A reminder to Reception parents that Mr Redpath and Miss Ellison will be leading a physical development workshop at 2.15pm on Monday in the school hall. This is to explain, in a fun and interactive way, how the school helps support physical development and how you can support them at home. The more parents the merrier.

### Podcast – Episode 3

I know Mr Ablett and the children in his radio club are having a great time using our audio recording equipment (so much so, that their club has been extended to the end of the term). This week they put their third podcast together, which can be found here on the school website.

Radio Stars



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



## Sports Report

A couple of very detailed sports reports from our Year 6 girls and boys who went to a football tournament this week.

### Girls' Report

On Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> November, us (Darcy and Sophie) and 16 other girls went to Simon Langton Boys school to compete in a football tournament against 10 other schools. We were split into two teams – Bridge 1 and Bridge 2. In each team were nine players.

Bridge 1's first match was against Barham. The whole team tried really hard, resulting in Immy scoring 3 and Clara 1 which ended the game 4-0 to Bridge. Bridge 2's first match was against Sheldwich. Although our team worked together brilliantly, Sheldwich performed an amazing few goals and sadly won.

Then Bridge 1 moved onto their second match against Aylesham. Their team was tough to beat but thanks to our incredible defenders, no goals were conceded and we won 3-0. In Bridge 2's second game, we were up against Blean; who put up a strong fight and some lucky goals. Blean won 2-0, however we didn't give up and moved on to the next game with a smile still on our faces.

Now, for Bridge 1's third match which was against Chartham. We found Chartham a particularly hard team and they scored a terrific goal. However, we pushed ourselves and scored two goals, one with an unlucky post by Eleanor but Amaya managed to secure the goal. The end result was 2-1 Bridge. Next was Bridge 2 verses Selling. It was a difficult match and with some unfortunate goals, it ended 2-0. We had a friendly match in between which Daisy scored in twice and ended 2-0 to Bridge 2.

Bridge 1's fourth match was by far the hardest but with some great efforts from Mona no goals were conceded and we won 1-0. In Bridge 2's fourth game, we played Wickhambreaux who's striker was very good and we lost 5-0. Unfortunately, that was the end of the tournament for Bridge 2.

Bridge 1 made their way to the Semi-Finals with great effort and when the timer ran it was still 0-0 which led to penalties. With tremendous shots we did very well, although it wasn't enough and we lost on penalties. Then it was a fight for third but due to penalties we sadly lost out on a medal – however, we came in a respectable fourth place.

We'd like to thank Mr Wren, Mrs Langsdon, Mr Taylor and Mrs Brooks for taking us.

*(Written and Read out by: Sophie and Darcy)*

### Boys' Football Report

On Tuesday, Year 6 boys went to Boys Langton to compete in a football tournament. When we got there, we got split into Team 1 and 2. Our first game was against Pilgrims Way. Team 1 started off very strong and won 3-0. After our first game we had high momentum for our next game. Our next game was against Chartham. With great chances from both teams neither team scored. Our third game was against Canterbury Primary. The team lost their concentration and we conceded 2 goals. We fought back but it wasn't enough. Our last game in the group stage was against Blean 2. The team kicked off with great team work. We were able to bag a 4-0 win. We sat down with hope and prayed we went through to the next round and ... WE DID!

We were against Blean 1. We started off very, very strong with Finn defying a great free kick. Unfortunately, no teams scored, so off to penalties we went. Both teams scored in both 2 pens and then Blean took the 3<sup>rd</sup> pen but Finn was like a brick wall and saved a brilliant shot. All eyes were on Rupert. If he scored, we went to the final... The next thing we knew, he placed it into the bottom corner. At that point, we knew that we were through to the final.

We started off the final with great momentum and were all over Canterbury Primary. Rupert played a delightful ball in to Stanley, and he placed it into the bottom left corner with great composure. We were 1 nil up in the final, until a lucky ball bounced to their number 7 and he volleyed it in. In the dying seconds of the game Charlie played a beautiful corner into Henry and he placed it into the top bins. It was a screamer and with that the ref blew the final whistle.

Bridge had one the tournament. We had won the tournament because of our amazing defence which had Rupert, Louis, Dexter and Laurence Our brilliant attacking with Henry, Oliver, Stanley, Nik and Charlie – but our keepers (Callum and Finn) really kept us in it.

Bridge 2 were amazing as well and played FANTASTIC but sadly they didn't make it out of the group stage.

*Report written by: Finn, Oliver and Rupert. Read out by: Rupert, Callum and Stanley.*

I hope you all have lovely weekend! I am looking forward to putting up my Christmas decorations and Christmas tree, likely to be swiftly followed by putting a barricade around it to stop my toddlers from toppling it over!

All the best

Michael Taylor  
Head of School

## Celebration

### Star Pupils

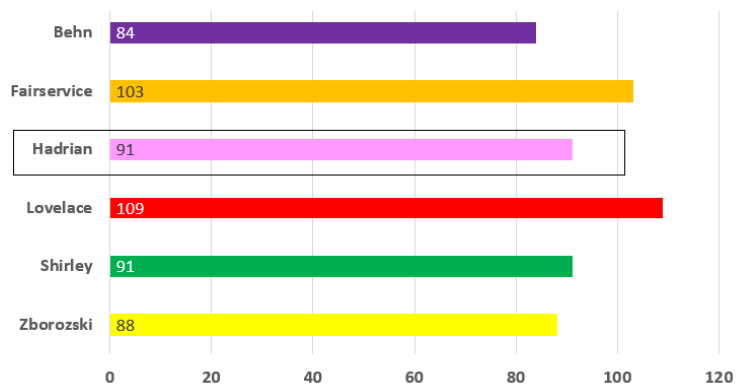
Each Friday, we celebrate children who have impressed the adults in school either through their learning or demonstrating one of our Christian values.

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| ☆ <b>Florence S (Elm)</b> for excellent listening, attention and focus when writing her sentences this week. <i>Mr Redpath</i>                          | ☆ <b>James S (Hazel)</b> for her excellent independent write based on Weslandia. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i>                         |
| ☆ <b>Dawson (Ash)</b> for his amazing, independent sentence writing! <i>Miss Ellison</i>  | ☆ <b>Spiros V (Birch)</b> for his excellent contributions during all maths lessons! Well done. <i>Mr Perfect</i>               |
| ☆ <b>Aaron R (Willow)</b> for reading with confidence at our Advent Church Service. Well done! <i>Mrs Cork &amp; Miss M Smith</i>                       | ☆ <b>Benny Y (Holly)</b> for confidently leading the prayer on the candle of Hope in the Church. <i>Mr Ablett</i>              |
| ☆ <b>Sahina H (Rowan)</b> for working hard to use adjectives in her writing this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i>  | ☆ <b>Emily M (Maple)</b> for the most entertaining and interesting presentation to the class! Great job. <i>Miss Allison</i>   |
| ☆ <b>Scarlett M (Pine)</b> for reading beautifully in Church today and for always working hard. <i>Mrs Perfect &amp; Mrs Tomsett</i>                    | ☆ <b>Matilda W (Maple)</b> for the most entertaining and interesting presentation to the class! Great job. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ <b>Polly B-C (Oak)</b> for always being a bright, bubbly and positive member of the class – you are a great role model to others. <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ <b>Lennon K (Sycamore)</b> for creating and reading a wonderful poem about advent. <i>Mr Wren</i>                            |
| ☆ <b>Angus S (Chestnut)</b> for his lovely descriptive writing full of creative ideas. Well done! <i>Mrs Amelia</i>                                     | ☆ <b>Imogen B (Poplar)</b> for showing clear and accurate workings in maths – well don! <i>Mrs Saint &amp; Miss Allen</i>      |
| ☆ <b>Harvey E (Beech)</b> for his creative and detailed design of his Egyptian necklace. <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 Hadrian house who, this week, both earned the greatest number of house points – extending their lead over the other houses.



It was lovely to play host to the following 6 children for a quick cup of hot chocolate this afternoon.

- Tadisa (Poplar) - Lovelace
- Jason (Elm) – Fairservice
- Ziva (Hazel) - Shirley
- Ruben (Willow) - Shirley
- Arthur (Willow) - Hadrian
- Taylor (Hazel) - Lovelace

## Christmas Events

### Generosity

In the front foyer we have three boxes for the following donations underneath our Christmas tree, any donation – big or small is very much appreciated.

### Christmas Jumpers



We are 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

### Chocolate Oranges

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's 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.

### New Toys

Additionally, we will be collecting new 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.

### Year 2 Nativity

The Year 2 children will be giving two performances which will take place in the church on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec (2pm) and Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> 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 Citizens' 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 17<sup>th</sup> December (2.15pm) and Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> 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 18<sup>th</sup> 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. You can now 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 12<sup>th</sup> 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 19<sup>th</sup> 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

<b>Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec</b>	Reception Parent Physical Development Workshop	Road Safety Week
<b>Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> Dec</b>	Creative Folkestone Art Trip	
<b>Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>		
<b>Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>		
<b>Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>		

<b>Monday 9<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>		
<b>Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 2 Nativity 2pm at the Church	
<b>Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Year 2 Nativity 9.30 am at the Church	Year 6 Bishopsbourne Walk (am)
<b>Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Jumper Day	Senior Citizen's Tea Party 13.30 – 15.15
<b>Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	PTA Christmas craft morning	

<b>Monday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>		
<b>Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	School Christingle Service in school (just pupils)	Reception Nativity 2.15pm School Hall
<b>Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Reception Nativity 9.30am School Hall	
<b>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Party Day – Wear Christmas Jumpers	
<b>Friday 20<sup>th</sup> Dec</b>	Christmas Lunch – Wear Christmas Jumpers	

# 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**



Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

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