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Dear Parents/Guardians,

What a whirlwind of excitement we've had at Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School! I'm thrilled to share some of the fantastic experiences our pupils have been enjoying.

First off, we've had the pleasure of hosting six children and two staff from Eridian International School in Montpellier as part of our French exchange programme. It's been a wonderful opportunity for cultural exchange and new friendships. A big thank you to all our host families for opening your homes and hearts. We're already looking forward to our reciprocal visit to Montpellier in May!

Our Year 6 pupils had a magical time at the Marlowe Theatre last night, watching 'Chitty Chitty Bang Bang'. It was more than just a fun outing – it's given them inspiration for their end-of-year production in July and I'm sure they'll put on a spectacular show! I was particularly proud to hear that members of the public commented on how well-behaved our children were. A reminder of the wonderful pupils we have – if we needed one!

We've also had some lovely parent events this week. Year 1 and Year 4 parents were invited to come and see their children's learning first-hand. Thank you to all who attended – I hope you enjoyed seeing your children shine as much as we did!

Now, I'd like to share some absolutely fantastic news. The final tally from our mini-marathon is in and I'm blown away by the results. So far, we've raised an incredible £16,246! With gift aid, this will come to just over £19,000. That's a phenomenal amount, and it's all thanks to your generosity and support. The OPAL team is already putting this money to good use. They've drawn up exciting plans to improve our children's playtimes, and some of this work will be taking place over the Easter break. I can't wait for the children to see the changes when they return!

Speaking of Easter, I'd like to remind everyone about our Easter Services taking place at the church on Thursday, 24th April. Parents, you're more than welcome to join us – it would be lovely to see you there.

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

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

As we wrap up this term, I want to express my gratitude to all of you – pupils, parents, and staff. Your hard work, enthusiasm, and support make our school community truly special.

Have a wonderful Easter break, everyone!

*James Tibbles*



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## 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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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ <b>Stanley B (Elm)</b> for incredible determination and resilience in his independent writing. <i>Mr Redpath</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Gabrielle (Ash)</b> for developing her confidence and her very impressive independent writing. <i>Miss Ellison</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Lorin T (Willow)</b> for her excellent attitude to learning. Lorin has done fantastic work in Maths and written a super story. <i>Mrs Cork &amp; Miss M Smith</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Bailey E (Rowan)</b> for showing great confidence when reading and signing during the Rowan class assembly. <i>Miss Andrews</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Archie L (Pine)</b> for independently writing an exciting and lively story about a new adventure for Peter Pan. <i>Mrs Tomsett &amp; Mrs Perfect</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Tia M (Oak)</b> for a fantastic first term in Oak class and always trying her best. <i>Miss J Smith</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Thea P (Beech)</b> for her detailed booklet on Skara Brae. <i>Mrs Dennett</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Ethan M (Chestnut)</b> for a detailed leaflet about Skara Brae. Well done! <i>Mrs Amelia</i></li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☆ <b>Chris K (Hazel)</b> for showing great resilience when writing his amazing bread making instructions. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Charlie P (Hazel)</b> for his fantastic attitude and contribution to all of his learning throughout the week. <i>Mr Perfect</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Fatiha A (Holly)</b> for her excellent newspaper report on the fight between Beowulf and Grendel! <i>Mr Ablett</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Finn F (Maple)</b> for his amazing Newspaper report on Beowulf – You are an amazing writer! <i>Miss Allison</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Sophie L (Sycamore)</b> for using incredible vocabulary during our Viking lessons in English. <i>Mr Wren</i></li> <li>☆ <b>Scarlett O (Poplar)</b> for keeping on top of her daily reading &amp; Maths every day this term and for always putting a huge deal of effort into her schoolwork – well done! <i>Mrs Saint &amp; Mrs Allen</i></li> </ul> |
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### 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 the Fairservice House who earned the greatest number of house points this week. Lovelace have finally snuck into the lead, taking a two point lead over Shirley into the Easter break.



Each week, we select six random children to come and enjoy a hot chocolate with either Mr Tibbles or Mr Taylor. This week's lucky six are:

Erica (Elm) – Lovelace	Maizie (Rowan) – Fairservice	Kayden (Maple) – Behn
Caterina (Ash) – Zborowski	Leonard (Holly) – Shirley	Lily ( Birch ) – Shirley

## Upcoming Dates

<b>Monday 21<sup>st</sup> April</b>	Easter Monday Bank Holiday <i>School closed</i>
<b>Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>	
<b>Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	
<b>Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Easter Services
<b>Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April</b>	

<b>Monday 28<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5 Bikeability		
<b>Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5 Bikeability		
<b>Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> April</b>	Year 5 Bikeability	Year 6 Football Tournament – Girls (am)	Year 6 Football Tournament – Boys (pm)
<b>Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> May</b>			
<b>Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> May</b>	Dutch Teachers Visiting Bridge School	2pm PTFA Meeting (Summer Fete planning)	

<b>Monday 5<sup>th</sup> May</b>	May Bank Holiday <i>School closed</i>		
<b>Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> May</b>	School Nurse in – vision checks for Year R		
<b>Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> May</b>			
<b>Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> May</b>	Year 3 & 4 Tennis Tournament		
<b>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> May</b>			

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

<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 23 <sup>rd</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 12 <sup>th</sup> July, 12pm to 4pm
<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