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Dear Parents/Guardians,

I hope that you and your families are enjoying the much improved weather; thankfully the peak of the heatwave seems to be hitting us over the weekend and it's looking like next week will be a little cooler (you know us British, we do like to talk about the weather – just ask Mr Perfect!)

With the upcoming events that we have planned (Summer Fete, Sports Days, etc.), I've been thinking a lot about the importance of community and specifically, diversity within the community – not necessarily ethnic or cultural diversity (although that is important) but the simple fact that we are all unique, with our own individual gifts and characteristics. Whilst we are all different, we are all equally important and valued - our diversity in backgrounds, languages, abilities, and experiences is something to be celebrated and makes our community richer and stronger.

This metaphor of the vine that we selected as part of our Christian Vision reminds us that whilst we are all unique branches with our own individual gifts and characteristics, we are all part of the same vine – we belong together, we grow together, and we flourish together as one community.

Sadly, this week I have had to remind some of our pupils about these important principles. There have been occasions where children have been heard promoting the exclusion of specific peers, and I want to be clear that this does not reflect what Bridge School stands for.

Every child in our school – regardless of their background, ability, appearance, or any other characteristic – deserves to feel welcomed, valued, and included. When we exclude others, we diminish not only their experience but our own community as a whole.

I have no doubt all members our school community share these values, and I am confident that together we can continue to build an environment where every child thrives. As parents and carers, you play a crucial role in reinforcing these messages at home through your conversations and the examples you set.

Please be assured that we will continue to address any incidents of exclusion or unkindness swiftly and with care, always seeking to educate and guide our pupils towards better choices. Our commitment to our children extends beyond academic learning to encompass the social and emotional development of every child.

Thank you for your continued support in helping us create a school community where everyone can truly flourish and grow within the love of God. Together, we can ensure that Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School remains a place where all are welcomed, all are valued, and all belong.

James Tibbles



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Coming Up

KS1 and KS2 Sports Afternoons – Monday 23rd June & Thursday 26th June

We are busy making the arrangements for our annual sports afternoons on Monday 23rd June (KS1) and Thursday 26th June (KS2).

Parents are, of course, invited to watch these and the PTA will be selling drinks and refreshments as well as providing ice lollies to all (child) participants.

Gates open between 1.15pm and 1.30pm (KS1) and 12.45pm and 1pm (KS2). Please note that the gates are not manned and so you will be not be able to access the school field outside of these times. If anyone needs to leave, you can do so through the one-way gate that leads to the car park but you can't get back in!

Also for safeguarding reasons, there will be no access to toilets for adults – we can't have adults wondering the school.

I know that parents will be concerned about the heat that we are currently experiencing and we are keeping a close eye on the weather forecast. At the moment BBC weather is showing Bridge being slightly cooler next Monday and Thursday 23/24 degrees with some cloud cover – we'll also have the gazebos which the PTFA kindly purchased for the children last year.



If for some reason, the weather is exceptionally hot, we do have a back-up plan – some of you may remember that two years ago (I think!) we scheduled the races so that children were only outside for half hour at a time and parents could be on the field for their child's half hour.

Either way, please ensure that children have their water bottle and have applied sun screen in the morning.

OPAL Afternoon for Parents – Wednesday 25th June

You will have heard a lot about OPAL from your children over the past few weeks and we would like to invite parents to come in and see it in action!

The afternoon session will start at 2pm with a brief presentation in the school hall about the principles of OPAL and how it looks in practice. After this, parents will get to see OPAL in action as the children will have an additional playtime in which parents will also observe.

Children will go back to their classes at 3pm and parents will congregate on the playground as they normally do to collect their children at the end of the school day.

Moving Up Day – Thursday 3rd July

Moving Up Day is our annual transition day where our Year 6 children will be at their new secondary schools and therefore we take the opportunity to have all the children spend the day with their new class teacher.

The arrangements for this day will be much the same as it has been for the previous few years; the children will come into school as normal and spend most of the day with their new teachers and teaching assistants before returning to their classrooms before the end of the day.

Next week, we will be writing to all parents to let them know which class their child will be in next year.

Summer Fete – Saturday 12th July

It's not long until our annual summer fete – an event that I've heard numerous people describe as '*the best summer fete we've ever attended*'.

Raffle Tickets

Raffle tickets came home last week – please sell as many as you can! Stubs and money should be returned to the school office in an envelope and more are available from the office! The more we sell, the more money we make for the school and the children.

Arena Performances

As last year, all children are invited to come to the arena and perform with their class – we'd love as many children as possible to showcase the excellent music and dance that takes place at Bridge School.

Timings are on the right, please note that this is the start time of the performance and pupils should be ready 10 minutes before – we will be using Mrs Harvey-Maw's classroom as a meeting point.

12.00pm	Dance Xtreme
12.30pm	Year 6
1.00pm	Year 5
1.20pm	Year 4
1.40pm	Year 3
2.00pm	Year 2
2.20pm	Choir
2.40pm	Year 1
3.00pm	Year R

Nerf Battles

Always a popular one with the children and I'm extremely appreciative that Primary Sports Giants have very kindly offered to run these again for us. Sessions are £5 for half-hour and can be pre-booked on Arbor in the 'shop'.

Booking is now open and will close at 11am on the day of the fete – although spaces can still be paid for on the day subject to availability.



Bring a Bottle Day

On Monday 30th June, we're asking for donations of bottles that can be used in the bottle tombola. These can be anything from wine, other alcoholic drinks, soft drinks (or anything that comes in a bottle) - please don't send anything in that is out of date. The main office is the collection point.

Notices

School Uniform

I know that over the summer, many of you will be thinking about purchasing school uniform and there is always a mad rush at the office at the end of July and beginning of September.

I'm pleased to share that you are now able to buy school uniform directly from our school supplier and can have this delivered to your house at your convenience.

We do still have school uniform in stock in school but, once that has run out, you will need to purchase from the [Price Buckland website](#).

Any purchased from Price Buckland can be delivered to the school free of charge (where you can collect) or you can have this delivered directly to you.

If you wish to place an order for in-school delivery before the summer, you must order by 6th July.

The next delivery then will not be until 10th September and parents need to order by 24th August to guarantee delivery for that week.

If you have any questions, please speak to one of our ladies in the school office.



Mixing of Year 1 and Year 4 classes

As happened last year, when our current Year 1 children move into Year 2 we will be rebalancing the Year 1 and Year 4 classes. The reason that we do this is to ensure that there is an equal balance of gender, attainment and need across both classes to ensure fairness for all children. The teachers have asked the children for friends that they would like to be placed with and we will be informing parents next week.

Parent Survey

Each year, we ask parents to complete a short survey about their experiences of the school and we use these responses to shape our school development plan next year as well as recognise success from the past year. I would invite all parents to complete the linked survey and feedback on what they feel has worked well this year and any suggestions of how we could improve things for the children. Link: <https://forms.gle/1tEeVBHnNrjnnvuz6>

News & Blogs

Year 5 Athletics

On Tuesday, year 5 went to Canterbury Academy to take part in an Athletics Competition. We started off with the 75m sprint. Next was the standing long jump, followed by the vortex throw and 600m run. We finished the afternoon with a 600m relay race.

We enjoyed the 75m sprint the most and found 600m most challenging. We all did our best and we had lots of fun. Thank you to Mrs Brooks and Mrs Radford for taking us and to Mrs Langdon for organising it.

Henry & Amina

Celebration

Star Pupils

In line with our Christian vision, every Friday we celebrate children who have made a positive difference either to themselves, their community or the wider world.



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| ☆ Dillon O (Elm) for fantastic work during phonics often reading on sight. <i>Mr Redpath</i> | ☆ Harry G (Chestnut) for outstanding effort, enthusiasm and determination in potted sports! <i>Mrs Amelia</i> |
| ☆ Lukas (Ash) for being a kind and caring member of the class and for always trying his best. <i>Miss Ellison</i> | ☆ Patrick P (Hazel) for independently developing his writing to include more descriptive features. <i>Mrs Harvey-Maw</i> |
| ☆ Isaac M (Rowan) for his excellent understanding when comparing numbers in maths this week. <i>Miss Andrews</i> | ☆ Amna F (Birch) for her excellent participation and efforts during an athletics event this week. <i>Mr Perfect</i> |
| ☆ Teoman R (Willow) for his wonderful writing this week. <i>Mrs Cork and Mrs M Smith</i> | ☆ Ella W (Holly) for her excellent effort in all subject and for growing in confidence to ask for help when she needs it. <i>Mr Ablett</i> |
| ☆ Elias W (Pine) for sharing your enthusiasm for all of your learning with us all this year. <i>Mrs Tomsett & Mrs Perfect</i> | ☆ Ellis J (Maple) for being, kind, fun, creative, sharing her knowledge and being an all-round asset. <i>Miss Allison</i> |
| ☆ Orla D (Oak) for improved confidence in Maths and always drawing a picture to help her solve word problems and calculations! <i>Miss J Smith</i> | ☆ Xavier F-W (Poplar) for being a fantastic help making props for the play – especially destructed Chitty! <i>Mrs Saint & Mrs Allen</i> |
| ☆ Tilly B (Beech) for your amazing answers during guided reading this week. <i>Mrs Dennett</i> | ☆ Oliver P (Sycamore) for being an excellent role model during KS2 Potted Sports. <i>Mr Wren</i> |



Each week, we select six random children to come and enjoy a hot chocolate. This week's lucky six had the pleasure of having hot chocolate with me this afternoon are:

Aadhya (Elm)	Jasmine (Ash)	Robin (Willow)
Oscar (Maple)	Adar (Rowan)	Belle (Hazel)

Upcoming Dates

Monday 23rd June	Year 5 Mosque Trip	KS1 Sports Afternoon	
Tuesday 24th June	Creative Folkestone Art Trip		
Wednesday 25th June	Year 5 Mosque Trip	Year 1/2 Multiskills Competition at Petham	OPAL Afternoon for Parents
Thursday 26th June		KS2 Sports Afternoon	
Friday 27th June			

Monday 30th June			
Tuesday 1st July	Year 4/6 Rounders Competition		
Wednesday 2nd July	Year 1 Frampton Farm Trip		
Thursday 3rd July	Transition/Moving Up Day		
Friday 4th July			

Monday 7th July			
Tuesday 8th July	Year 6 County Cricket Finals		
Wednesday 9th July	Year 1 Frampton Farm Trip		
Thursday 10th July			
Friday 11th July			

Dates for your Diary (2024-25)

Term 6 (Summer)	
Sports Afternoon (Year R to 2)	Monday 23 rd June
OPAL Parent Session	Wednesday 25 th June (2pm to 3pm)
Sports Afternoon (Year 3 to 6)	Thursday 26 th June
Moving Up Day	Thursday 3 rd July
Bridge Village Fete	Saturday 12 th July, 12pm to 4pm
Year 6 Production (Red Cast)	Tuesday 15 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
Year 6 Production (Green Cast)	Wednesday 16 th July, 1.30pm and 6.30pm
End-of-Year Church Services	Tuesday 15 th July (morning)
Year 6 Leaver's Assembly	Tuesday 22 nd July, 2pm