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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new term and I trust that you all had a wonderful break; it was certainly a welcome break after the frantic Christmas season.

### Staffing News

Some staffing news to begin with: I'm very pleased to inform you all that Emma Haynes has taken on the responsibility for the school library as our new School Librarian as well as her role at the Breakfast and After-School Club.

Sadly, Mrs Dunton's recovery from her back injury is not going as well as planned and she continues to be off school but we're very pleased that Mrs Holdaway is continuing to support Year 4. We also heard that Mrs Weatherhead fractured her elbow over the holiday and so, whilst she is recovering, we have Mrs Moon supporting Year 3. We're very lucky to have such support available to us and I'd like to express my gratitude to both Mrs Holdaway and Mrs Moon for stepping in.

### Kent Teacher of the Year Award

It is that time of the year again where nominations open for the Kent Teacher of the Year Awards. Despite the title of the awards, this is open to all staff and volunteers who work in schools and support the children in so many different ways. Ever since joining the school, I have been so impressed with the contribution that the staff and community make to the children and this is very easy to see as common practice but I can assure you all that the staff of Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School frequently go above and beyond for our children.

Whilst no one works in school for public recognition, it is a huge encouragement and a pat-on-the-back for them so please do consider nominating staff who, in your eyes, make a stand-out contribution.

You have from January 1 until March 1 to nominate – simply visit [www.kentteacheroftheyear.co.uk](http://www.kentteacheroftheyear.co.uk) and fill in the online nomination form. Thank you!



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### Year 6 Production

The children were informed at the end of last term that their Year 6 production this year will be 'School of Rock'. We're very much looking forward to taking the children to see the West End performance in February and parents should already have received details about this.



### Bikeability

Historically, the Year 6 children complete their Level 1 and Level 2 cycling proficiency in the Summer Term and, whilst this will be the case for this year, we are making a change for the current Year 5 children who will complete their Level 1 cycling proficiency next month and then complete their Level 2 in Year 6. Details will be coming home to Year 5 parents next week.

### Messy Church

It seems incredible to me that we've have been running Messy Church at the school for a year now and I'd invite all members of our school community (and beyond) to come along and share the celebration on Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> January.

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## **Come and help the Messy Church Team Celebrate their First Birthday.....**

**Saturday 18th January**

**4pm-6pm**

**Bridge and Patrixbourne School Hall**

**Craft activities, singing, stories and a hot meal for the whole family.**

**Donations to cover costs welcome!**

**For more information contact Rev Estella on 01227 206272**

