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Friday 15th November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

A Quick Request about Nuts

Please can I ask parents to ensure that there are no nut products in packed lunches, i.e. some flapjacks or peanut butter? I've had reports that these are coming into school and this could be potentially dangerous for children with allergies.

Prospective Parent Tours

Since coming back from the half-term holiday, I've been spending a lot of my time showing prospective parents around the school in readiness for their children starting school next September.

I have really enjoyed these as it has given me the opportunity to showcase our school and what makes it unique in comparison to other schools in Canterbury and further afield. It is all too easy to think that what we have here at Bridge is 'normal' but, as I walk around, it is evident how much goes on within the school and the efforts that the staff make to ensure that the children of Bridge & Patricxbourne CEP School get the very best.

A particular case in point was the support we gained for our annual fireworks event last week. So many of our parents and staff supported either in the morning, in the evening or clearing up the next morning. The money raised from this event will cover 50% of the costs of our school minibuses, which the children benefit enormously from. We've had these minibuses for just under a year now and already I have staff telling me that they can't imagine the school without them.

Prospective parents have also been very impressed with the quality of Art and Music evident throughout the school – this is a real strength and something that I am very keen to continue developing. Our sport provision is also a draw to many parents. We have great links with Bridge Tennis Club through Stewart Bristow and both Mr Perfect and Mrs Pearson do an amazing job of encouraging children into Sport & PE – both in the class and in wider opportunities.

As we walk around, parents usually comment upon the behaviour and conduct of the pupils, which is exemplary and I always ascribe this to the relationships that exist between staff, parents and pupils.

I always finish the school tour in the library. When I first interviewed for this job 18 months ago, it was the library that I highlighted as something I would really like to develop and I'm very pleased with everything we have achieved so far and we're not done yet...!

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'James Tibbles'.

James Tibbles
Headteacher



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[Fireworks Display](#)

On Saturday 9th November we were lucky enough that the weather held off for the school community to enjoy our annual Fireworks Extravaganza.

This has long been an annual fixture in the Bridge School calendar and is the school PTA's biggest fundraiser getting bigger and better which each subsequent year.

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[Bridge School Remembers](#)

On Monday 11th November the children and staff of Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School gathered for our Act of Remembrance.

We heard from Mr Tibbles about the importance of this Act. Even though it has been over 100 years since the end of the First World War, we still remember and commemorate those who fought in the war, those who lived through it and those who died.

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[Children in Need Fundraising](#)

In aid of Children in Need, the school was invited to wear 'mis-matched' clothing this Friday in return for a donation.

There were certainly some sights around the school with children in dressing gowns, sports kits, woolly hats and floppy shoes (although we couldn't tell much difference with some adult's dress sense!)

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Blue Peter Badge Winner

Congratulations to Isaac in Year 3 who recently received a Blue Peter badge!

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Remembrance Poetry

Today, after our whole school Remembrance Service, Year 4 read poems by two of our favourite poets: Roger Stevens and Brian Moses. The book is called 'What are we fighting for?'

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War Pennies

As part of their Remembrance Work, Year 2 have been studying a War Penny that belonged to a relative of Mrs Dennett.

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Fire of London

This week in Year 2 we have started our history topic on the Fire of London.

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Upcoming Dates & Events

All dates and events can be found on our new school calendar.

You are also able to 'subscribe' to the calendar (there is a link underneath the calendar) which means that you can have the school calendar on your phone or tablet and any updates will automatically appear on your device!

Book Fayre (Monday 25th to Thursday 29th November)

In a few weeks' time, we will be holding our Book Fayre from Monday to Thursday so, if you want to buy your child a book for Christmas (and why wouldn't you?!) then please do pop along either before school or at the end of the school day.

Salvation Army Carol Concert (Thursday 5th December)

Just a reminder that the Salvation Army Carol Concert will be held in the school hall on Thursday 5th December, at 7pm. Entrance is £3.00 per person on the night (no charge for school-aged children) and tea, coffee and mince pies will be served during the evening. The Salvation Army Brass Band and their songsters will be performing and our school choir will be singing.

This is guaranteed to be a fantastic evening, where we all get to sing our favourite carols and really get into the Christmas spirit with all proceeds go to the Salvation Army and the sterling work they do for others at Christmastime.

Christmas Bazaar (Friday 6th December)

I met with the PTA on Thursday to discuss the Christmas Bazaar. We have had lots of parental support and volunteers for this event and I hope to be able to share with you some more information in next week's newsletter.

School Disco (Friday 6th December)

The KS1 and KS2 Christmas Discos are fast approaching with our very own DJ Moon in charge of the decks! The KS1 disco starts at 5pm and the KS2 disco starts from 6.30pm and both last an hour. Children can be collected and dropped off from the side hall entrance.

Key Stage 1 Nativity Performances

The Year R and 1 Nativity will take place on the Thursday 12th (pm) and Friday 13th (am) December. Due to space issues, this will be ticketed and more information will be coming home about this soon. There is no cost to the nativity but at the end of the performance, there will be a collection for our chosen charity, Save the Children.

Year 2 will be holding their traditional nativity production in the church on Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th December (both performances in the morning). We won't be issuing tickets but please could we ask parents to limit themselves to two people per performance so that everyone gets a fair chance. As last year, we won't be selling tickets but there will be a retiring collection with all donations going to the Church Fund.

Christmas Jumper Day

Who doesn't love a Christmas Jumper? On Friday 13th December, we'll all be getting into the festive spirit by wearing our Christmas Jumpers with a £1 donation to Save the Children.



Please note that Wednesday 18th December is the last day of term and we return on Monday 6th January.