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Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

This week has been incredibly busy with parental consultations and the continuation of tours for prospective parents. We're now approaching the Christmas season and there are a great many dates and events coming up as detailed later on in this newsletter.

Booking has now opened for the Year R and 1 Nativity performances and **will close on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December**. Parents of these children should have received information via ParentMail and there are further details in the Upcoming Dates & Events section of this newsletter

### Book Fayre

Next week, the book fair is back in school. Parents and children will be able to browse and buy books before school from 8.30am and after school until 4pm. Today, in assembly, we had a visitor who introduced some of the exciting books on offer and we look forward to seeing you browsing!

### Parent Council

On Wednesday at 7.30pm, I will be meeting with the Parent Council to discuss the steps that the school has taken to address the three main issues raised in the parental survey. There will also be the opportunity for the Parent Council representatives to raise any other issues and I would urge you to get in touch with your year group rep if you have anything you would like raised. If you are not sure who your rep is, you can email [parent.council@bridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:parent.council@bridge.kent.sch.uk)

We are also looking for a rep for Year R. If you are interested then please email [parent.council@bridge.kent.sch.uk](mailto:parent.council@bridge.kent.sch.uk)

### Charitable Donations

Finally, I would like to say a huge thank you to everyone who supported our 'mis-match' day last week. We raised a grand total of **£508.68 for Children in Need**. We also received news from Laurence Dunderdale that the school also raised **£572.05 for the Poppy Appeal**. This is a very generous contribution from our children and families, especially so close to Christmas. Thank you.



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

James Tibbles  
Headteacher



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Highlights from the week's selection of blog posts

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### Leo's Birthday Party

What a week we have had! On Tuesday, we found out it was Leo's 10th birthday on Thursday and we had to get everything ready for the special celebration!

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### Rhythmic Gymnastics Success

There have been a number of children who have competed in Rhythmic Gymnastics competitions recently, against high level opposition from clubs invited from throughout the UK.

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### Roman's, lend me your ears!

This week Year 4 have been painting our Roman legionnaires that we made during our visit to the Dover Roman Museum.

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### Miracles in Year 3

Following on from our visit to Canterbury Cathedral, where we looked at the Miracle Windows of Thomas Becket, the children thought it would be fun to create their own stained glass windows...

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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!

### Advent Services at the Church (Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> November)

Next Wednesday, the children will be attending church to learn more about the Advent Season and parents are welcome to join us for these services.

9.30am service: RAM, 1KC, 2GD, 3SA, 4JH, 5JS, 6NA

10.45am service: RJP, 1LA, 2RF, 3HA, 4ST, 5JP, 6MB

### Salvation Army Carol Concert (Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> 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 6<sup>th</sup> December)

As I mentioned in last week's newsletter, I am very grateful to have received a great deal of parental support for this event and can now share the details and arrangements for the day. When planning this event, we considered the feedback from children and parents about what they liked and what they did not like about previous bazaars.

#### In the morning

- All children from Years R to 2 will have the opportunity to visit Santa in his grotto for a donation of £1, which should be paid for on the day.

#### In the afternoon

- There will be games set up in the Year 4 and 5 classrooms for all children to play (these games will only cost 20p each)
- Year 6 children will take their reading partners around.
- There will be a café set up in the Year 6 classrooms where children can buy drinks and cake (donations greatly appreciated)

Across the whole day, the PTA have organised a 'gift-shop' where children can come along and purchase a small gift for a member of their family. These will be a maximum of £2. Children will be taken down to the gift-shop in their classes.

#### How can you help?

We would be very appreciative of donations of cakes to be delivered to school on the Thursday or Friday morning please. If you can help during the day, then please do let a member of the Bridge School PTA know.

### School Disco (Friday 6<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Year R and 1 Nativity Performances

The Year R and 1 Nativity will take place on the Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> (pm) and Friday 13<sup>th</sup> (am) December.

Seating is always a contentious issue and over the years, there have been many attempts to get this right so that no parents are disadvantaged. Last year we introduced a new system which received positive feedback and so we will be using the same system again.

Each child will be offered two seats initially and these can either be used for the Thursday afternoon performance or the Friday morning performance. **Booking is open now and close on Monday 2nd December at 9am.** After this time, extra seats will be allocated to fill remaining space if there is any. Initially, there will be a maximum of two extra seats permitted. If you ask for eight extra tickets, you will only get two!

Once the seat selection has been completed, we will allocate seating. In order to ensure fairness, this will not be first-come, first-served on the day so there is no need to spend an hour queuing outside. Seating will be allocated randomly.

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 Nativity Performances

Year 2 will be holding their traditional nativity production in the church on Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> 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 13<sup>th</sup> December, we'll all be getting into the festive spirit by wearing our Christmas Jumpers with a £1 donation to Save the Children.



### Senior Citizen's Tea Party (Monday 16<sup>th</sup> December)

As is tradition, we will be inviting the Senior Citizens of Bridge into the school to hear performances from the children kindly organised by Mr Miles. We are aiming for a 2pm start with doors opening at 1.45pm.

### Christmas Dinner

This will take place on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December and school will finish as normal at 3.15pm.

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