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Friday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Christmas is an incredibly busy time of year, particularly in schools and we have made a conscious effort this year to spread out the traditional activities that the school normally takes part in which is one of the reasons we held Advent Services at Church this year rather than Christmas Services.

I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Rev. Estella and Mrs Perfect who coordinated these services and supported the staff and children in preparing for their role in the service.

I've had some very positive feedback about the services as well as some feedback that parents felt the concept of Advent went over some of the younger children's heads.

We are always looking to develop and improve upon everything we do for the children and welcome feedback.

### Bridge Benefice Christmas Card Design

Well done to Henry in 2GD whose design was selected as the winning design for use as the Bridge Benefice Christmas Card which will be sent out to all who live within the benefice.



### Christmas Bazaar

Some messages from the PTA in preparation for this Friday's Bazaar:

- All activities (including visiting Santa) will be 20p each;
- Donations of cakes and other goodies for the café would be very much appreciated on Thursday and Friday morning
- Please could children bring in child-friendly bottles for the bazaar tombola

### Parking

As reluctant as I am to return to this topic, it is one that affects us all and is so important as it relates to the safety of the children. Please can I ask that the cones down School Road are not moved? These are in position to allow parents and children to safely use the pavement. I'm also told that some parents are partly blocking the High Street.

Please do consider using our school Walking Bus which enables parents to drop off by the tennis courts. More information can be found on our website: <https://bridge.kent.sch.uk/key-information/walking-bus>

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### Supertato

Last week we planned and wrote our super hero stories. The children were very proud of themselves, as were we, and many of them have chosen to display their writing on our Proud Wall.

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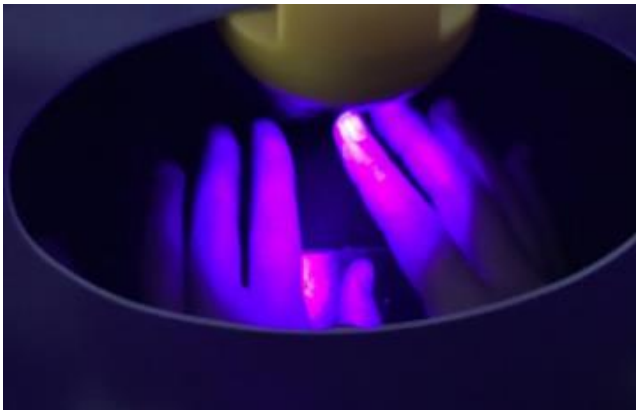


### Cross Country Success

Congratulations to Ben in Year 6 from all at the school. Ben came 3rd out of 160 children in a local Cross Country event.

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### Wash Away the Microbes

On Friday, year 4 had some visitors from Pfizers. We learnt about microbes and how to wash our hands properly.

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### Kent Cricket Squad

Hannah Chapman (Y6) and Holly Pattison (Y5) have attended the Kent Cricket trials recently.

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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!

### 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 5<sup>th</sup> 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 20p, 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. **Entrance is £1.**

### 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.***