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Dear Parents/Carers,

This week we've welcomed our new Year R children into school and it would be fair to say that there have been a few tears (parent and child alike) but these haven't lasted long and I've loved seeing all the smiling faces in the Year R classrooms this week. I've had feedback from parents that the new system of introducing the children into school has gone down really well and we're looking forward to them joining us full-time next week.

Revising Our Christian Values

Today in assembly I introduced the children to our new and revised Christian Values. These have been in development for a few months now and discussions initially started with Estella and Mrs Perfect back in February. After further discussions with staff, pupils and parents we settled on five Christian Values which we at Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School will promote in order to express God's love for us.

Our new Christian Values are:

Compassion

Forgiveness

Trust

Service

Generosity

There will be further assemblies about these values over the course of the year and we will, of course, promote these in all our interactions with the children and adults in our community,

ParentMail Glitches

I'd like to thank parents who have shown patience whilst we have been trying to address the glitches in the ParentMail system. We believe that all parents are finally on the system! You now also have the ability to purchase school uniform on ParentMail which can be collected or sent home with your child.

School Road

Please could I remind all parents (and ask new parents) not to drive down School Road either at morning drop-off or afternoon pick-up? There is limited space and we do have three families who require disabled access. Other families coming down the road has resulted in the road being blocked which has had the knock-on effect of the school buses not being able to access the school easily.

Meet the Teacher Sessions

I was pleased to see so many of our parents attending the 'Meet the Teacher' sessions this week and I don't doubt that the sessions next week will be just as well attended. Just a reminder that the side gate will open at 2.30pm for these sessions but we will have to lock it at 2.40pm so, if you're running late, you will need to come through the school office.



Messy Church

Finally, I would like to extend an invitation to all our families to join us next Saturday in the school hall for Messy Church.

For those of you who are new to the school, this is a craft-based activity session with singing, a bible story and then we finish with a meal for all attendees, child and adult!

It starts at 4pm and we'd love to see as many there as possible.

Year R Welcome Service

A date for your diaries for our new Year R families. We will be taking the children down to the church to familiarise them with the walk and the building itself. We are aiming to arrive at the church at 2.15pm where Rev. Estella will lead a short welcome service for the children and parents are more than welcome to join us. At the end of the service, parents are welcome to collect their children directly from the church, otherwise we will walk them back to school.

School Photos

The school photographer will be in on Tuesday 8th October for individual and sibling photos. We will send out further details closer to the time.

Challenging our More Able Pupils

As part of our programme of supporting and challenging our more able pupils, Mrs Saint will be taking some of our older children to the Year 5 Science Challenge in Thanet and Miss Andrews will be arranging for some Year 5 and 6 children to attend an 'Able Writers' workshop at Hoath School.

Height & Weight Checks for Children in Year R and Year 6

All parents of children in Year R and 6 should have received a letter via ParentMail about this national programme. If you have not then please speak to a member of staff in the office.



James Tibbles
Headteacher

Autumn Term Dates




Messy Church will return on....

- ❖ Saturday 21st September
- ❖ Saturday 19th October
- ❖ Saturday 16th November

4-6pm Bridge School Hall

Craft activities, singing, stories and a hot dinner!
All Welcome
Donations towards costs appreciated
For more information contact: Rev. Estella Last: 01227 206272

Upcoming Events

Monday 16th September	1KC trip to Dover Transport Museum		
Tuesday 17th September	1LA trip to Dover Transport Museum	2.40pm Meet the Teacher (Year 5)	
Wednesday 18th September		2.40pm Meet the Teacher (Year 4)	
Thursday 19th September		2.40pm Meet the Teacher (Year 6)	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 20th September			 Messy Church on Saturday!

Monday 23rd September			4pm: Governor Meeting
Tuesday 24th September			
Wednesday 25th September	First Class Year R Photos (KM Newspaper)		
Thursday 26th September		2.15pm Year R welcome service	Year 4 Swimming
Friday 27th September			

Monday 30th September	Mini Olympics Competition		
Tuesday 1st October			
Wednesday 2nd October	9.30am and 10.45am Harvest Services		
Thursday 3rd October	Year 5/6 Tag Rugby Competition		Year 4 Swimming
Friday 4th October			

Monday 7th October			
Tuesday 8th October	School Photographer in (Individual & Sibling)		Year 5/6 Handball Competition
Wednesday 9th October	Year 5 Thanet Science Challenge		
Thursday 10th October			Year 4 Swimming
Friday 11th October	Year 5/6 Able Writers' Day		Road Safety Assemblies

Term Dates (2019-20)

These have now been set and are as follows:

- Term 1:** Wednesday 4th Sept to Friday 18th Oct
- Term 2:** Wednesday 30th Oct to Wednesday 18th Dec
- Term 3:** Monday 6th Jan to Friday 14th Feb
- Term 4:** Monday 24th Feb to Wednesday 1st April
- Term 5:** Thursday 16th April to Friday 22nd May
- Term 6:** Tuesday 2nd June to Wednesday 22nd July

Term Dates (2020-21)

* Five staff training days to be determined

- Term 1:** Tuesday 1st Sept to Friday 23rd Oct
- Term 2:** Monday 2nd November to Friday 18th Dec
- Term 3:** Monday 4th Jan to Friday 12th Feb
- Term 4:** Monday 22nd Feb to Thursday 1st April
- Term 5:** Monday 19th April to Friday 28th May
- Term 6:** Tuesday 7th June to Wednesday 21st July

Safeguarding at Bridge & Patrixbourne School

Who is responsible for safeguarding in the School?

At Bridge & Patrixbourne CEP School, everyone is responsible for ensuring high standards of pupil behaviour, safety and welfare.

The Designated Safeguarding Lead (DSL) is the one responsible for all matters related to safeguarding in the school. At our school, this person is James Tibbles (Headteacher).

Michael Taylor (Deputy Headteacher), Carla Long (Inclusion Leader), Morny Starling (Attendance Officer) and Chelsea Huggett (Extended Schools Manager) have also had the necessary training to act as DSL.

What if I have a concern regarding a child?

Concerns are recorded, raised immediately and then discussed with the whole Safeguarding and Welfare Team to identify the appropriate support/action. Every week, the team meet and review all concerns that are currently ongoing and discuss new referrals from staff and parents. If you have any concerns about the welfare of any child in school, then please do not hesitate to come in and speak to any member of the team.

If you have any concerns about a child's **SAFETY** or **WELLBEING** then please speak to a member of our

Safeguarding and Welfare Team



Carla Long
Inclusion Leader

James Tibbles
Headteacher

Chelsea Huggett
After School Club
Manager

Michael Taylor
Deputy
Headteacher

Morny Starling
Attendance
Officer