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Dear Parents/Carers

As you will know, I have been absent from school this past week doing my best to recover from an injury to my shoulder. I want to express my sincerest gratitude to all the staff at the school, in particular Michael Taylor and Carla Long, for making sure everything has run smoothly especially with so many events taking place such as the Art & Music Event and PJ & Sweetie Night. I'd also like to thank those parents who have sent their own best wishes; my recovery is slow but I have an MRI scan on Monday which will hopefully be able to identify the specific issue.

I did pop into school briefly yesterday and saw that our new computers in the Computing Suite are up and running and that the school library is also coming along nicely. Thank you to all those parents who have donated books as well as those who have given their time to label and sort them. I would also like to thank you for your support with the book fair this month, we managed to raise more than £1,400 which we will be using to buy more books for our school library. We're hoping to have an opening date towards the end of May and I've also heard that local author Anne Booth will come and officially open the library for us!

Art & Music Event

I hope that you all enjoyed our Annual Art & Music Event, as well as having the opportunity to walk around the school and see the work on display in the classrooms. This is an event where every member of staff pulls together to make it a success but particular thanks have to go to our Music Team of Mr Luck, Mrs Clay and Mr Miles.

Staffing

Speaking of Mrs Clay, you will know that today is her last day at Bridge & Patricbourne CEP School. I haven't known Mrs Clay for very long but I do know that, not only is she a great teacher, she is one who inspires those around her and I have no doubt that once she returns to teaching she will be successful wherever she ends up. On behalf of all the staff and pupils, we would wish her every success. Thank you to those parents who contributed to Katie Clay's collection today, she was presented with a personalised metronome.

Success for William

The afterschool art club have had a great term and have been working on their entries for the Turner Contemporary's Portfolio art competition called Rebel Art. William from Year R has been shortlisted in the reception category (pictured right) and will attend the awards evening on 1st May at Christ Church University where they will announce the winners.



The after-school art club will start back 20th May. They will then be working on a project with Eurotunnel and Canterbury College, creating artwork to hopefully be displayed in the terminal building as part of the 25th anniversary of the Eurotunnel being opened.

I wish you all a wonderful Easter break.

Yours sincerely,

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Upcoming Events

Monday 22nd April	Easter Monday (no school)		
Tuesday 23rd April	First Day of Term 5		
Wednesday 24th April	Sadie Bristow Foundation Launch @ Bridge School		
Thursday 25th April	9:30am and 11am: Church Services		
Friday 26th April	Metrobank visiting Year 5	9:15am: St. George's Parade	1.30pm: Senior Citizen's Tea Party
Monday 29th April	School Council visiting Lord Mayor's Office		
Tuesday 30th April	Year 5 Residential Trip to Salisbury		
Wednesday 1st May	Year 5 Residential Trip to Salisbury		
Thursday 2nd May	Year 5 Residential Trip to Salisbury		
Friday 3rd May	Metrobank visiting Year 5		
Monday 6th May	May Bank Holiday (no school)		
Tuesday 7th May			
Wednesday 8th May	PESE Meeting for Year 5 Parents		
Thursday 9th May	Year 3 & 4 Mini-Tennis Tournament	High Five Netball Tournament	
Friday 10th May	Year 5 Visiting Metrobank in Canterbury		
Monday 13th May	Year 6 SATs		
Tuesday 14th May	Year 6 SATs		
Wednesday 15th May	Year 6 SATs		
Thursday 16th May	Year 6 SATs		
Friday 17th May	Year 6 to PGL Residential		

Term Dates (2018-19)

Term 5: Tuesday 23rd Apr to Friday 24th May

Term 6: Tuesday 4th June to Tuesday 23rd July

Staff Training Days

Monday 3rd June 2019

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

Sadie Bristow Foundation Launch

The Sadie Bristow Foundation will be launched on Wednesday 24th April at both our school and Chartham Primary School. We would like to invite all parents to come in and see a taster of some of the activities that the children will be completing. The school field, with activities, will be open from 2.40pm. There will also be a short presentation by representatives of the foundation at 2.55pm to parents and children. This will be followed with the opportunity for all parents to talk to different representatives of the foundation and its supporters until 3.30pm. More details to follow.

Church Services

As Easter is towards the end of our upcoming holiday we warmly invite you to join us at our Easter services on Thursday 25th April. The service for RJP, 1SA, 2LA, 3JS, 4JH, 5EC and 6SM will start at 9.30am. The service for RDL, 1KC, 2RF, 3HA, 4AM, 5JP and 6MB will start at 11.00am. Tea and coffee will be available in the Church between the two services.

St George's Day Parade

Foundation Stage and Key stage One will be completing their annual St George's day parade on the first Friday back at 9.15. If you would like to cheer them along as they march through Riverside Close, along the High Street and back through the park it would be great to see you there.

Senior Citizen's Tea Party

Once again, we invite our more 'established' members of the Bridge Community into school to enjoy an afternoon tea with musical acts from children across the school from our recent Music Event. This will be held on Friday 26th April at 1:30pm in the school hall.

School Council visiting the Lord Mayor's Office

Mrs Andrews and I will be taking the School Council to visit the Lord Mayor who will give us a guided tour of both Tower House and the Guildhall and talk about the duties of the Lord Mayor and Sheriff as well as any other mayoral or historical aspect that may be of interest. At Tower House the Lord Mayor's and Sheriff's robes, which are worn at ceremonial events throughout the year, will be on display. You will also be able to see other civic regalia - the Lord Mayor's chain of office, the Sword, the Mace and the Burghmote Horn which dates back to 11:55am and is still blown at the Council's Annual General Meeting and on other special occasions.

Year 5 Residential to Salisbury

Year 5 will be going on their annual residential from Tuesday 30th April – Thursday 2nd April. The year group will be visiting Stonehenge, Old Sarum, Salisbury Cathedral as well as completing a 'surprise activity' on the final day.

Metrobank Visits

Year 5 have had the first of four visits from Metrobank, designed to help the children develop an understanding of money and apply it to real life situations. The first session looked at the role of a bank and towards the end of term 5 the children will have the opportunity to visit the Metrobank in Canterbury.

PESE Meeting for Year 5 Parents

There will be a short presentation by Mr Tibbles about the Procedure for Entry into Secondary Education (PESE) which will include information about the 11+ followed by an opportunity to ask questions. This will start promptly at 3.30pm in one of the Year 5 Classrooms (whichever is tidiest!)

Year 6 SATS

Please make sure that your children get a restful night's sleep and are prepared for their SATs this week. In the past I have heard parents say that SATs are of no benefit to the children but I would answer that these results to determine their target grades at GCSE level.

Summer Fete Update

We continue to plan the summer fete and we would ask that if there are any parents who would like to have a stall at the summer fete, i.e. arts/crafts then please do contact the school or speak to a member of the PTA.

Lion King Update

We have now received confirmation from the theatre. A reminder that our dates for the performances of our production of the Lion King are Wednesday 10th and Thursday 11th. There will be both afternoon and evening performances and more details will be given closer to the time. We have requested the license and are awaiting the scripts to be delivered. Auditions will take place in May.

