



NEWSLETTER

Friday 9th February 2018

VALUE	WALKING BUS NUMBERS	THOUGHT OF THE WEEK	REMINDER
Thankfulness	43	Believe you can and you're half way there	Term 4 begins on Monday 19 th February

Dear Parents

Chinese Students

We have had a very busy time in school over the past couple of weeks. As you know, we had a group of Chinese students who came to stay. The children had a fantastic time visiting our school, participating in lessons, assemblies, playtimes and lunchtimes. Last Monday, the Chinese children joined our children from Reception and Keystage 1 for a very colourful Chinese Parade through the village and photographer attended from *'The Kentish Gazette'*, who will be writing an article in the local newspaper.

Our children and staff extended an extremely warm welcome to our visitors and I know that some of them have forged friendships which will continue for many years. I would also like to say an extremely big thank you to all the host families, who so kindly looked after and entertained our guests so well. Through the generosity of our parents, the Chinese students got the chance to understand English culture and visit many local attractions, such as Canterbury Cathedral; a ride on the Romney, Hythe and Dymchurch Railway; swimming, and a host of other activities, which I am sure they will be able to share with their families when they arrive home. This trip could not have happened without the help of the host families and we are most grateful to you.

Safer Internet Day

On Tuesday, we had Safer Internet Day in school, when an assembly was held for the children about keeping safe online, both at home and at school. A further parents' workshop will be organised after the half-term holiday, and details will follow.

History Days

On Wednesday and Thursday, the children linked all their history learning around the Suffragettes where every class looked at the history of the Woman's suffrage movement. This year celebrates the centenary of the first votes for some women in 1918 and examples of the children's work and photographs will be put onto our website very soon. Thank you to Mrs Evans, our history subject leader, for organising this.

Year 3

Year 3 children have had a very exciting term. They have been: scientists, archaeologists, writers, readers, historians and active learners and are looking forward to next term. Last week, the children held a DT day and built their very own Class Iron Giant, based on their English work on the Iron Man. Further information can be found on the school website.

Sporting Events

Over the past few weeks our children have represented the school in several different sporting events, including Speed Stacking, the Fit and Fun Challenge (Year 4) and Dodgeball (Year 6). We have performed very well in all the events and one of the Year 4 teams won in the Fit and Fun Challenge, which required a lot of stamina and endurance! If you would like to see how the teams got on, please see the Physical Education section on our school website.

Choir

After further consideration, it has agreed that choir **will continue on a Wednesday** after school for the foreseeable future, but will finish at the later time of 4:30pm next term, to allow more time to prepare for the Art and Music event.

Parent Consultations

Parent consultations will take place as follows :

Friday 2nd March : Reception

Monday 5th March : Year 6

Monday 12th March : Year 5

Tuesday 13th March : Year 4

Wednesday 14th March : Year 1

Thursday 15th March : Year 3

Friday 16th March : Year 2

Time slots are available to book with your child's teacher via Parentmail.

Reverend Estella Last

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to Reverend Estella Last, our new vicar. Estella is looking forward to working closely with the school and meeting you all.

School Uniform

Please can you reinforce high standards of uniform at home, as we will also be doing this at school. Large, fancy bows or headwear are not part of the uniform and any child wearing one will be asked to remove it, as they are distracting to other children.

Children are expected to wear uniform to create an atmosphere for learning and foster a sense of belonging.

Please may I remind you that our school uniform consists of the following :

Girls' Uniform

- White blouse or polo shirt
- Grey skirt, skorts or pinafore
- Grey trousers
- Grey or black tights
- White socks (not coloured or patterned)
- Blue sweatshirt with school logo (available from school) £11 each
- Suitable flat shoes (black)
- In summer a blue and white checked dress of suitable style, or white short-sleeved blouse and grey skirt/skorts may be worn

Boys' Uniform

- White shirt or polo shirt
- Grey or black trousers
- Blue sweatshirt with school logo (available from school)
- Grey or black socks (not coloured or patterned)
- Suitable flat shoes (black)
- In summer a white short-sleeved shirt and grey shorts may be worn

PE and Games Kit

- A blue T-shirt with school badge (available from school) £4 each
- Navy shorts (available from school) £4 each
- Trainers or plimsolls

Long hair must be tied back for health and safety reasons, hairstyles should be appropriate for school. Nail varnish should not be worn. Any child coming into school seen to be wearing nail-varnish will be asked to remove it. Nail-varnish remover is kept in the school office.

Book Fair

The next book fair will take place in school between 19th and 22nd February. The books will be on sale before and after school. This is a fun and very successful event whereby children can earn rewards to fill our school with free books and teaching resources.

PJ and Love Hearts Night

Book week starts the week beginning 19th February and we will be holding a PJ and Love Hearts night on Tuesday 20th February. The children are invited, with their teddies, to come along at 6pm, in their pyjamas, to hear stories read by members of our staff. While your child is hearing their story, you are invited to the book fair in the main hall to enjoy a cup of tea/coffee or soft drink. Further details are attached to this letter.

Year 3 Visit to Canterbury Cathedral

Year 3 children will be visiting the Cathedral on 7th March - information will be sent to parents via Parentmail on 19th February.

Parking

It has been brought to our attention that parents are parking in Bridge Haven car park, which is causing problems for people visiting relatives there. This is private property and, therefore, may I ask you not to park in their private car park. On this note, may I also remind you that unless you have prior permission, parking anywhere in the school road is forbidden as this causes problems for the school buses and delivery vehicles. Parents parking in the bays are taking up spaces which our breakfast and after school club staff require.

Relax Kids

A parent workshop will be held at 1.30pm in the school hall on Thursday 22nd February 2018. The cost to attend is £6.50 per adult and further details attached to this newsletter. Slips and payment in a secure envelope should be returned to the school office, for the attention of Carla Long, Inclusion Manager, **by Tuesday 20th February 2018.**

Art and Music Event

May I remind you that all slips for the Art and Music Event are due back into school on Monday 19th February, as auditions will be taking place that week.

Calling all Photographers...

On 5th and 6th May, a photographic exhibition is being held in Bridge Village Hall. Anyone living, working or studying within 5 miles of Bridge, in a rural parish, is invited to submit up to three frames photographs. Children and young persons are especially encouraged to exhibit. For more information, visit www.artinbridge.org.uk.

THURSDAY 30 th and FRIDAY 31 st AUGUST – Staff Development Days		
Term 1	MONDAY 3 rd SEPTEMBER – WEDNESDAY 17 th OCTOBER 2018	18 th Oct + 19 th Oct – Staff Development Days
Term 2	MONDAY 29 th OCTOBER – WEDNESDAY 19 th DECEMBER 2018	
Term 3	MONDAY 7 th JANUARY – FRIDAY 15 th FEBRUARY 2019	
Term 4	MONDAY 25 th FEBRUARY – FRIDAY 5 th APRIL 2019	
Term 5	TUESDAY 23 rd APRIL – FRIDAY 24 th MAY 2019	
Term 6	TUESDAY 4 th JUNE 2019 – TUESDAY 23 rd JULY 2019	3 rd June – Staff Development Day

Finally, I wish you all a good half-term break and thank you all for your continued support.

Best wishes

Matt Harper
Acting Headteacher

Att

TERM DATES

and ACADEMIC YEAR DATES 2017/18

OFFICE NEWS**END OF TERM 3**

- 19th Feb 18: First day of term 4
Book Fair all week
- 21st Feb 18 : 7pm, Year 5 Salisbury and Secondary Transfer Meeting
- 22nd Feb 18 : Reception Fun Day at Canterbury High
- 28th Feb 18 : Japanese Students visiting all day
- 1st Mar 18 : World Book Day
- 2nd Mar 18 : Reception Parent Consultations
Year 6 books home
- 5th Mar 18 : Year 6 Parent Consultations
- 8th Mar 18 : KSG Infant Agility, Canterbury High, Years 1 and 2
- 9th Mar 18 : Clubs Finish
- 12th Mar 18 : Year 5 Parent Consultations
- 13th Mar 18 : Year 4 Parent Consultations
- 14th Mar 18 : Year 1 Parent Consultations
- 15th Mar 18 : Year3 Parent Consultations
Cross Country at Chartham
- 16th Mar 18 : Year 2 Parent Consultations
- 22nd Mar 18 : KSG Quicksticks, Years 3,4,5 and 6 at Polo Farm
1.00pm, KS2 Art & Music Event
3.30-8pm, school open, Art and Music
- 23rd Mar 18 : 2.15pm, KS1 Art and Music Event
7pm, KS2 Art and Music Event
- 27th Mar 18: Church Service
- 28th Mar 18: Church Service
- 29th Mar 18 : KSG Gymnastics, Canterbury Gymnastics Club

END OF TERM 4

Please may we kindly remind you of the following:

No dogs are allowed on the school for health and safety reasons.

Please park courteously in Conyngham Lane and in the village. Parents are not allowed to come down the school road unless they have permission to do so for valid reasons. If your child is being collected by someone else, please would you kindly remind them of this – Thank you.

In the interests of safeguarding, if any parent would like to give a message to, or see their child's teacher in the morning, please could they let one of the adults on duty know or go round to the school office.

TERM DATES FOR 2018

Term 4 – Monday 19th February – Thursday 29th March 2018

Term 5 – Monday 16th April – Thursday 24th May 2018

Term 6 – Monday 4th June – Tuesday 24th July 2018

PTA NEWS

All Parents are invited to join the PTA. If you would like further information, please email bridgeschoolpta@gmail.com

INCLUSION NEWS

If you or your child has a medical condition, has a specific need or you think you are eligible for pupil premium, please contact Mrs Long, via the school or on carla.long@bridge.kent.sch.uk.

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