



BRIDGE and PATRIBOURNE C. E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

CONYNGHAM LANE, BRIDGE, CANTERBURY

AN INTRODUCTION

“The aim and office of education, say many people, is to make a man a good citizen, or a good Christian; or it is to enable him to do his duty in that state of life to which he is called. Of course it is none of these. These are at best secondary and indirect aims of education: its prime aim is to enable a man to know himself and the world.”

Matthew Arnold

This booklet is designed to give parents a little information about Bridge and Patricbourne C. E. P. School. Although originally intended for the parents of 'new entrants,' parents of older newcomers will no doubt find it helpful. We attempt to answer 'the questions they always ask.' If we have not asked the right questions or have left them unanswered then please come and see us before your child starts School.

In fact – come anyway.

The school's official address is
Bridge and Patricbourne C. E. Primary School,
Conyngham Lane,
Bridge,
Canterbury CT4 5JX.

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When do we start ?

The Law makes provision for the education of every child in the term after the fifth birthday. When circumstances permit we prefer to admit children at the beginning of the term in which they are five.

We arrange 'getting to know you' sessions on four afternoons prior to entry. These are not compulsory of course, but the children look forward to them.

Before children come to school a simple admission form must be completed and birth certificate checked.

How do we prepare ?

By the time that you have read this you will already have completed most of the important preparation. Your daughter/son will know how interested you are in his/her activities, how pleased you are that he/she is ready for school, and how confident you are that he/she will love every minute of it.

Fortunately for us, the little ones (and big ones) come with a wide variety of attitudes, skills and abilities — we cater for them all — but it does help if he/she can go to the toilet unaided.

- dress and undress
- manage coat fastenings
- change from outdoor shoes to plimsolls.

We DO NOT expect you to have taught your off-spring to read! But you can help to equip him/her with many pre-reading skills.

- Invent games that train your child to be aware of shapes, signs and symbols.
e.g. bus numbers, street names, colours, sounds, etc.
- Play singing games, tell nursery rhymes.
- Read stories together and spend time discussing the pictures.

All this is so much more valuable than a name learnt in capital letters!

The world of school will be demanding — new voices, new faces, new games, new relationships, but with your encouragement he/she will soon be a confident explorer in this new land.

What do we wear ?

We do encourage children to wear our colour scheme (it can hardly be called a uniform).

Winter. Girls.

- Dark green skirt
- Dark green cardigan
- Dark green knickers (P.E.)
- White blouse and tie
or
- Primrose or pale green
floral blouse
- Grey or white socks
- Dark green tights

Boys.

- Grey trousers
- Dark green pullover
- White/Grey shirt
- Green tie
- Grey socks

Summer.

- Primrose or pale green
blouse/dress

All of these items are available at various Canterbury stores.

You will see that our scheme is not rigid, but we are grateful to parents when they give thought to our plan when buying school clothes (especially outer garments). We are often 'out of school' together, on these and other public occasions a uniform colour scheme makes a considerable difference — to the wearer as much as to the onlooker.

What do we bring ?

ALL children need plimsolls for P.E. (preferably with gusset).

ALL children need dark knickers or shorts.

Boys from the SECOND YEAR upwards need football boots.

ALL children need a maxi-shoe-bag (named).

A large apron or shirt (for painting) will save us a lot of worry and you a lot of work!

Children staying to Lunch must bring 12p a day
i.e. 60p on MONDAY MORNING.

This should be in a named envelope or purse.

National Savings Stamps are on sale on TUESDAYS.

This money should be in a named envelope or purse.

ALL INFANTS need inflatable arm bands for swimming lessons.
(Parents will be notified of arrangements at the start of the Summer Term).

THE GOLDEN RULE.

If it comes to school PUT A NAME ON IT (please).

What do you do ?

The school operates a very wide curriculum. Central to our teaching style is the conviction that basic skills are vital and for much of the time your child will be acquiring, in a variety of lively and interesting ways, the ability to read and express himself/herself verbally, creatively, and in physical operations. He/she will develop from an early-formed number sense the ability to control and manipulate both physical quantities and later the symbols that represent those quantities.

Before he/she has reached the fourth year of the Junior Department, the Arts, the Sciences, and the relationship of the human being to the Physical World will have been explored and experienced as widely as our resources allow. This will have happened in an atmosphere where

