



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

**Federation
of**



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Primary School**



In our Worship we have been talking about how, when God looks at you, He sees what's in your heart, not your outward appearance. As a school community we will try to think about the good things people say and do more than the way they look.

9th February 2018

A Message from Mr Newton

Well, we are now officially half way through the school year. Lots has happened at Bodsham this year and there are plenty of plans afoot for the next three terms – not least of which is the Term 5 & 6 trial of our after school club which will run until 5.30pm each night. Please do get in touch if you think you might want to make use of this club as the numbers that attend will dictate whether or not the club is viable in the future.

Woodpeckers Host Important Visitors

The Woodpeckers were visited this week by Tony and Jackie Binskin, the owners of Wingham Wildlife Park, who were delighted to receive our cheque of £339.40! We have been able to adopt a gibbon called Pickle and we will have a plaque placed on her enclosure to recognise this. All the children have been given a pencil and have been invited to come to the park in the near future, to meet her!



Robins Fly To The North Pole

The children had a great day on Monday as we welcomed our Polar Ambassador, Jo Fox, to launch our Polar topic beginning after half term. Jo talked to the whole school in a special assembly focussing on the RRS Sir David Attenborough. She also brought along an inflatable Boaty McBoatface which was passed up and down the hall on a wave of hands! Throughout the day, Jo held workshops for each class, building robotic Lego research stations which the children programmed to move using tablets. The children enjoyed this new learning experience.



Guitar Lessons Start Next Term

Having had brass instruments tuition for the first half of the year, the Woodpeckers will be having guitar lessons after half term. These lessons are free to parents and are paid for by the school and the Wider Opportunities Music Fund, which aims to increase children's access to music lessons across the whole country. Woodpecker children will be able to take home their loan guitar each week for practise at home, please take very good care of the guitar and ensure that it comes back to school in the exact same condition, thank you. It will be great to see what they have achieved by the end of the year!



Messy Church This Weekend

Parents and children are invited to this month's Messy Church in the school hall on Sunday 11th February. Come along at 10am for fun and worship as a family!

Chinese Day for School Dinners 22nd February

When we return to the new term we will be helping to celebrate Chinese New Year with a special Chinese menu for dinner on 22nd Feb. On offer will be Chicken Chow Mein and Sweet and Sour Vegetables with rice! Sign up now!

Paul Newton
Executive Head Teacher