



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

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**Saltwood Church of England
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In our worship we have been hearing the Bible's account of God's creation; how He separated the land from the sea and filled the ocean with all manner of creatures. The children found out about pollution and thought about what God might want us to do about it. They were clear about reducing our use of plastic as a good way to start!

1st March 2019

The Value of Friendship

Our Friendship week before half term at Bodsham was a big success and the children took part in a number of activities. The cake sale organised by the children to restore our Buddy Bench raised £69 and a big thank you to parents who have offered their time to help with this project! We will be in touch in due course to make arrangements for the restoration project!



Book Week next week!!

We are excited to be celebrating Book Week next week. We would love to receive photographs of the children sharing a book with an adult, for a display board in school. Is your child 'A Story Reading Star'? ...complete the activity sheet at home, and return to Miss Skinner, to earn a certificate! Look out for your free 'World Book Day' book voucher, coming home on Thursday. We have decided to move our dressing up as a book character day to Friday (8th March, and not Thursday 7th as previously stated). So please keep hold of your costumes for another day and come in to school in your fantastic book character costumes on Friday. We look forward to seeing you all in your wonderful costumes!



Christian Values in Action – books to Africa

Mrs Billingsley is helping our children to show they care about other, less fortunate, children around the world by organising a collection of books for Africa. 90% of children who finish school in Africa still cannot read, partly because they lack books. As part of next week's Book Week, please donate any unwanted books to school and they will be delivered to the charity by Mrs Billingsley at the end of the week.

Keeping Children Safe Online – concerns in the media

Parents may be aware of recent items in the press and on television of worrying reports of online videos and messages aimed at children. We have received very clear advice from online safety experts at the Local Authority that such concerns are being exaggerated by over-sharing and media speculation. I have published a letter to parents on our web page that will guide you to reliable ways to fact check such reports and information on how to talk to your children if you are worried at all.

www.bodsham.kent.sch.uk/safeguarding/online-safeguarding/

Ashford School Year 7 Open events

With Secondary School offers due out today I have been asked by the Ashford School to mention they still have spaces available for entry into Year 7 this year. They are holding a series of open events for interested families on the following dates: 14th & 26th March, 29th April, 14th May, 12th June. Contact the school for further details www.ashfordschool.co.uk

Herald Cup kicks off

Our Tigers team travelled to Saltwood on Wednesday to play their first match in this prestigious local competition The Herald Cup. This is the first time Bodsham have been able to compete in this tournament and they will face some much larger schools. Well done to our team in their first match, although they lost 4-0 to Castle Hill they played with spirit and showed great teamwork.



Please note - THERE WILL BE NO LATE ENTRY HERALD CUP MATCH NEXT WEEK (4th March).

Parents Evening Sign Up Next Week

Parents evening this term will be on 18th and 20th March, but the sign-up sheets to book your appointments will be going up on Monday so please make sure you book your slot.

Yours Sincerely
Paul Newton,
Executive Head Teacher