



**Bodsham Church of England
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We all know that Lent is a time for personal sacrifice among Christians, but in our worship this week we have also been exploring the idea of Lent as a time to say sorry to God for times we have let Him down. What would your child choose to say sorry for?

8th March 2019

Book Week Has A Happy Ending

Thank you to all parents who helped children dress up today as story characters, your efforts with the costumes really helped to bring our Book Week to an exciting end. The children were also treated to an assembly from representatives of the Books2Africa charity who will transport all your kind donations to children and adults in Africa who don't have access to books. We will be collecting until next Friday (15th) and Books2Africa collect more than just books, so any unwanted clothes or toys would also be greatly received. Visit their website for more information <https://books2africa.org/>

Red Nose Day Next Friday

Another traditional event comes around again next week with Red Nose Day. The School Council met with Mrs Record last week to discuss fundraising ideas and were keen to get the whole school involved in the decision making so conducted a survey in their classes to gather votes. We met again today to share the results and this is what the school have decided that they would like to do:

- Pay £1 to wear your own clothes – including red noses!
- Hold a second-hand toy/games/book stall after school on Red Nose Day (Fri 15th)
- Be sponsored to take part in a Danceathon on Red Nose Day

So if you would like to take part and raise money, look out for Danceathon sponsor forms coming home next week, send in any unwanted toys, books or games for our stall and get some non-uniform clothes and red noses ready to wear on the day! We hope to raise lots of money for this very worthy cause, thank you for your support.



Bodsham Badminton Bonus!

We make great efforts here at Bodsham to enrich our curriculum with new sporting opportunities for our children, so I was really pleased when, on Tuesday, The Woodpeckers children travelled to The Three Hills Sports Centre to take part in a badminton competition. Nat, who took part in the games writes "It was a great time there... we had an almighty fun time!" and Charlie says "We scored around 458 points and broke 5 records – of course we got a gold and another Bodsham team came second". Go Bodsham! Thank you to all the parents who helped with transport as there are too many Woodpeckers for the minibus!

Butterflies Hearing and Vision Checks

Parents of children in Butterflies should have received letters from the School Public Health team outlining the national hearing and vision screening programme. At Bodsham these checks will take place on Wednesday 3rd April. Parents are able to opt their children out of the checks, but will then miss out on important health information about their child and the offer of support if concerns are detected.

Parental Consultation Appointments

Following our Drop In Zone last term, parents are invited to meet their child's teacher this term. We are holding parental consultation evenings on **Monday 18th** and **Wednesday 20th** March. Appointment sign-up sheets have already been out on the noticeboard for parents to complete this week, so if you haven't yet booked your slot please do so soon! Next Friday you should receive your child's Learning Journey – a quick summary of the latest teacher assessment of your child's attainment so far this year.



Nits found!

There has been a case of nits reported in the Robins class. Please check your child's hair regularly and treat any unwanted visitors. This will help reduce the chance of the lice spreading to other children, thank you.



Messy Church in school this Sunday

Parents and children are invited to join our Messy Church in the school hall this Sunday morning. Come along for worship and fun from 10am – all welcome!

Yours Sincerely
Paul Newton
Executive Head Teacher