



**Bodsham Church of England
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As we approach the end of the school term the children are reflecting on the way Jesus felt in the last days of his life. We talked about how his friends let him down in the garden of Gethsemane. Who would your child turn to if they felt let down?

5th April 2019

Willow Sculpture from L'Arche

As you know our children have been working with the Canterbury based charity L'Arche this year and we have been delighted to welcome some of their residents to the school to meet the children. They have been kind enough to donate some willow branches to the Robins class which Mrs Stephen has used to make a sculpture with the children in our raised bed.

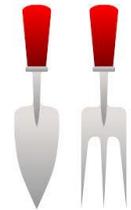


New Arrangements for Purchasing School Uniform.

After the Easter break we will be announcing a new way for parents to purchase school uniform. Our uniform supplier KMAC Embroidery & Print will be adding Bodsham to their online ordering service. This means we will no longer be selling uniform from the school office. Full details will follow next term from the PTFA.

Beautiful Bodsham Event After Easter Holiday – Saturday 27th April

On the first weekend after the children return from the Easter holiday we are hoping for the usual grand turn out for our traditional Beautiful Bodsham event. Families and friends offer their time and effort to come into the school on Saturday and weed, fix, plant, dig, paint and clean all over the grounds. This act of generosity saves the school thousands of pounds each year! This time we are looking for anyone who can donate play grade bark chippings for the adventure play trail and turf and topsoil for the field. Anyone who can help should contact Abi King or Sarah Kipling. Fingers crossed for a sunny day! Food and drinks will be provided throughout the day to keep everyone fed and watered!



Hastingleigh May Fair

The Hastingleigh May fair on Saturday 6th of May run by Evington Community Project has asked groups who use the hall to run a stall at the fair in return for some of the profits. Bodsham are now making regular use of this community space to host our productions so the PTFA has agreed to run the barbecue stall. We are looking for volunteers to take a turn at manning it. It's always a lovely event and all offers of help will be very much appreciated. Anyone wishing to help please contact Abi King.



Bodsham Battle in Herald Cup

Our intrepid football team travelled to Lympne Primary School on Thursday to take part in the final round of the Herald Cup. The team played brilliantly once again, the match report from Joe and Percy says "We played a tall team of year 6 boys and we heard a rumour that their coach had worked with the French team! We did our very best. Eddie set Ossie up to score a super goal....you could barely see the ball! Unfortunately we lost 6-1. Better luck to us all next time!....." That now marks the end of the Herald cup tournament for us at Bodsham but a super effort by all in all matches and a big Thank You to Mrs Billingsley for entering us and thanks to parents for assisting with transport. Watch out for our new football kit coming soon!





The Big Pedal

Well done to everyone who has walked, cycled or scooted to school as part of the 'Big Pedal' initiative. We haven't won any prizes but we hope you enjoyed being active in the Spring sunshine!

After School Clubs – Summer Term Bookings

Please find details for next term's after school clubs run by Elite Community Coaching with this newsletter. Activities run on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and are booked online at www.elite-coaching-uk.co.uk/book-online from April 8th.

Owls Bring The Past Alive

I was very impressed with all the work that went into the Owls' Open Lesson this week. Putting on a Viking Museum for parents to come and browse gave children the chance to work both at school and at home to research, create, design and build. The children all chose their own way to present their information – using models, writing, ICT presentations and even stop-motion animations. Thank you to all parents and carers who not only supported the work at home but came along to provide an audience for the children.



No Messy Church this Month

Please note there will be no Messy Church this Sunday 14th April due to some major works scheduled on the school site over the Easter holidays. Thank you.

Happy Easter!

Thank you to all parents and children who joined in the traditional Bodsham egg rolling and decorating fun this week – judging the entries was a truly impossible task as the standard was so high. Thanks to the PTFA for organising the egg rolling and prizes.

Finally, can I wish you all a happy and peaceful Easter break. We'll see you all back at school on Tuesday 23rd April.



Yours Sincerely
Paul Newton
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