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And so we know and rely on the love God has for us. God is love. Whoever lives in love lives in God, and God in them. John 4:16

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A new term in new conditions

This week marks the official start of Term 5 – usually the most significant term in the life of Year 6 children as they would have been taking their SATs in May, giving them a chance to show just how much they have learned over the last seven years at Primary School and setting the expectations for their time at Secondary School. Instead all assessments have been cancelled for this school year, which leaves us all with unanswered questions about our children's learning.

There will be understandable concerns about lost learning time in school. I know that parents will be working hard to minimise the impact of this by using our home learning packs and keeping in touch with your teachers by email. But this is a hard task for parents and no two households will be tackling the issue in the same way. I would repeat the message that is being given to parents by head teachers all over the country: **we are all in this together**. All the nation's children will need additional support when schools return – and we will be here to give it. Please don't worry about anyone 'falling behind'.

What is much more important is that parents have the time and space to focus on their children's well-being. There is no doubt that every schoolchild in the country will remember this event for the rest of their lives. The way adults love and care for them during lockdown will shape these memories. Be kind to yourself as well as others!

What to do if your child is unwell

We have been asked to circulate the latest guidance from the NHS to parents on what to do if your child becomes unwell at this time. Please find this useful leaflet attached with this newsletter.



Home learning expectations

The children would have returned to school on Monday so home learning can begin then also. Your home learning packs will be emailed out later today and also published on our website. Teachers have been advised not to attempt any form of 'live video' teaching for a number of important reasons that have been highlighted by the main teaching unions, including safeguarding issues associated with video platforms. I am also aware that not every home has access to the same level of technology. Emailed lessons, with daily support from your teacher via email has proved to be the most equitable form of learning and allows you as a family to attempt what you can at your own pace.

Share the Love

To remind children that they belong to our school community Mrs Thomas has created a 'Share The Love Project' for everyone to take part in. The aim is to help the children see how the most important of our Christian Values at Bodsham can be put into action, even in the most challenging of times!

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Home Learning Project

Term 5



Dear all,

I hope you all managed to have a safe, happy and healthy Easter. As we start Term 5 by continuing to work from the safety of our own homes, we thought it would be nice to keep our family/community spirit going. I have therefore put together this whole school project idea based on our Christian value of Love. It would be wonderful if pupils, parents and staff could all get involved!

Let all that you do be done in love. (1 Corinthians 16:14)

Share the love project

How can you spread some love in this strange and challenging time?

We would like you to record ways in which you have shown love to others during this time of social distancing/isolation. This could take the form of a diary entry, a photo, pictures, collages, research, PowerPoint or a model. Be as creative as you like! The idea is that your work will be displayed in school when things return to normal.

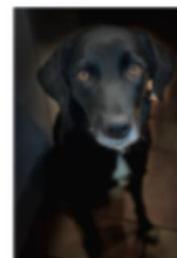
Here are some ideas to get you started but I'm sure you will think of your own!

- Rainbow picture in your window



- Make and send a card to a friend/relative/neighbour to let them know you are thinking of them

- Do a household 'chore' for your parent/s



Take a photo or draw, paint or collage of something you love
- write a caption explaining why you love this.

e.g. Meet my adorable dog Millie. She fills me with love every day because every time I look into her eyes I forget everything that is going on and just think about her. She makes me smile (even when she is being naughty) and is a wonderful companion on our daily walks.

- Can you donate an item of food to someone in need?
- Write a poem/rap/song based on love.
- Create a heart out of any medium you can!
- How can you show love for nature and the environment?
- Create a collage of photographs for display in your home.
- Look for examples of others spreading love.



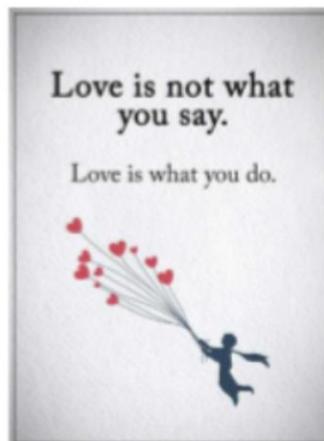
Remember to stay safe if using the Internet (check sites with a responsible adult before using).

Please keep in touch and share your work via email etc for now.

We all really look forward to what you will produce and hope this helps you to stay connected to our wonderful school family.

Best wishes to you all.

Mrs Thomas



Email all your exciting ideas, writing and pictures to love@bodsham.kent.sch.uk and we'll display them on a special page on our website.

I hope you all remain safe and well,

Paul Newton
Executive Head Teacher