



**Bodsham Church of England
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Primary School**



At the start of Black History Month the children have been learning about how Dr Martin Luther King's Christian faith gave him the strength to lead a call for peaceful change, sharing his dream of equality and justice for all people.

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Thank you for your generous gifts

It was with great pleasure last week that I watched the gifts for our Harvest Festival flood in. Your generosity will help Vinnie's Diner in Ashford provide hot meals for anyone who needs them at this difficult time. Our picture shows just some of the donated items. Thank you!



Spreading The Word About Bodsham

Bodsham is a small school, which I feel is our greatest asset. We have a genuine community where all the children know each other and parents feel part of a wider 'family' who share our school values and ethos. However, being small can make it hard to attract the new families so this year we have commissioned a promotional film about our special little school. I am delighted to share it with you.

<https://youtu.be/nOKxv78iXV4>

With thanks to our PTA, Nick Maclennan and The Kent Video Company who all helped contribute to the making of this video.

Bringing Our Pond To Life

Thank you to Diane and her team of volunteers from the Kentish Stour Countryside Partnership, who came to school on Wednesday to help clear our pond and the surrounding area. Bodsham's pond is home to frogs, toads and newts, so we needed expert help to clear excess vegetation without causing too much disturbance to their habitats. The work they have done means our children can study some awesome wildlife without leaving the school!



Fire Safety Talk For Our Children

We are being very careful to limit the number of visitors to the school to make sure we remain a Covid secure environment. We can't let the Coronavirus stop us from delivering important safety messages to our children however, so we were pleased to welcome Anna from the Kent Fire and Rescue Service this week. She delivered a fire safety talk to each class.

News from PTFA – Vacant Positions and Class Reps

We are fortunate at our school to have a Parents, Teachers and Friends Association (PTFA), our association is about much more than simply fundraising. The PTFA exists to provide closer links between home and school and it is an excellent way to bring staff, parents and friends together socially in support of the school, working towards a common goal.

We currently have vacant positions on the PTFA Committee, Chair, Vice Chair and Secretary. If you are interested in any of these positions or would like more information, please email the office who will forward on your message. A big thank you to Abi King and Cat Wearing who are stepping down this year from committee positions, their hard work over the last couple of years have resulted in funding being raised for some fantastic projects, e.g. the new ICT suite.

Our class reps play a very important role, providing a link between individual classes and parents, and the PTFA committee. The support from class reps is vital when it comes to organising events. We really could not manage without them. We need a class rep for each year group, if you are interested in helping please email the office and state which year group you would like to represent. A big thank you to last year's class reps too.

Parent/Carer Telephone Consultations

There has been a good response in appointments being booked via our office for parent consultations next week. For obvious reasons we are not able to ask you to come into school so class teachers will use contact telephone numbers from our SIMs Pupil Records System to call you at the agreed time. If anyone, has changed their contact telephone number and not informed the School Office, please do so as soon as possible.



Important Information about Flu Immunisation for All Children

Nasal Flu Immunisation is booked in for the morning of Tuesday 10th December and will be offered to YR – Y6 inclusive. More details will follow from the Immunisation Team.

Year 6 Secondary School Applications

Year Parents should already be aware that applications for secondary school next year are now open and need to be completed by 2nd November. You can choose up to 6 schools this year as you will not know the results of the Kent Test before the closing date. I am aware that we were not able to hold the usual consultations at the end of Year 5, so if any parents feel they need more information about school applications this year please email admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk to arrange a telephone call with me.

Yours sincerely

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