



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

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Primary School**



"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." *John 3:16.*

As we approach Easter we have been discussing who Jesus was and why the events of Easter are so important to Christians.

19th March 2021

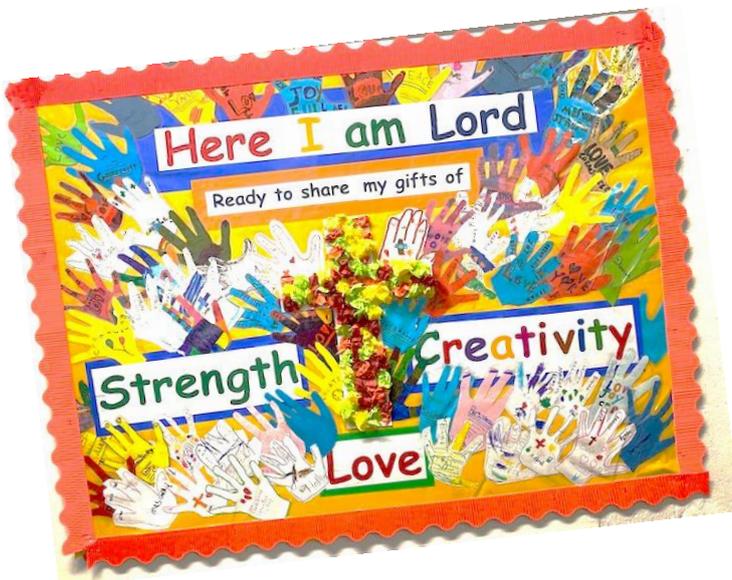
Onwards and Upwards!

It has now been two weeks since all children returned to school and it has been a delight to hear classrooms full of life again. Our children have, once again, proven to be amazingly capable of quickly adjusting to new situations and I'm delighted that the school has had close to 100% attendance every day so far.

As children mix again there will inevitably be a new round of seasonal bugs and sickness. Although the incidence of Covid19 has remained reassuringly low in our school community, we must be vigilant. Any symptom that could be a sign of Covid should be reported to the school and families will need to continue to self-isolate until test results have been obtained.

Thank you to all parents who are supporting our system of controls by wearing masks on site and keeping their distance from others. Please avoid the temptation to hold conversations with friends by the gate before and after school!

I'd like to remind parents that they can further reduce the risk to us all by taking part in the asymptomatic testing programme now available to families with school aged children. [Lateral Flow test kits can be collected or ordered and carried out regularly at home.](#) All our staff are currently taking two tests each week.



Easter Feast on 31st March

Caterlink are operating at full capacity again and school dinners can be booked via the office in the usual way. On the last Wednesday of term (31st March) they are laying on a special Easter menu. Book now, it's one not to miss!



Welcome Miss Sexton

We are delighted welcome Miss Sexton to the Robins Class. She will be joining their bubble as a PGCE student as part of her teacher training. Welcome to Bodsham Miss Sexton!

Spare Uniform to Spare Blushes

Because we are no longer keeping PE kit in school it means that if someone has a 'toilet accident' there is not a set of spare clothes for them to change into. Please could you look in the back of your wardrobe and see if there are any old items of uniform that have been outgrown that you could donate – so we have a range of spare items of different sizes we can offer to children in an emergency! Thank you!



Interesting Activities for All Families

This term's newsletter from The Beacon school in Folkestone is attached. The Beacon is a local centre of excellence in supporting children and families. The newsletter contains several really good ideas that all families might be interested in – from learning basic Makaton at Easter, to tips for better sleeping and how to plant Jelly Beans the night before Easter to grow treats from the Easter Bunny!



Keep Safe! – A Message From Kent Police



Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to seeing our young people returning to their schools as we appreciate this has been a very difficult time for them and wish them all well.

We do ask, however, that children are reminded of the current Covid guidelines when they are travelling to and from their homes.

Please encourage them to make their way straight to school and to NOT meet beforehand with friends in public.

At the end of the school day, the warmer weather will also undoubtedly entice children into parks and other public areas; however it is again important to remember that the current rules only allow meeting one person from another household at a safe distance outdoors, and only as part of daily exercise.

During the next few weeks, our officers will be out in several locations for reassurance purposes and to ensure the safety of children and other people.

Kind regards



Covid19 Reporting Over Easter

*Schools are still being expected to play a part in reducing the transmission of Coronavirus over the Easter holidays. Parents and carers are asked to inform the school if children test positive for Covid19 after having developed symptoms within 48 hours of being in school. For most children this will mean symptoms that appeared on **Friday 1st April** and **Saturday 2nd April**. Please contact us via the admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk email address which will be monitored for the first 6 days of the Easter holiday. Parents of children who develop symptoms after the 48-hour period should follow contact tracing instructions provided by NHS Test and Trace.*

Year R and 1 hearing and vision screening

Children in Year R and 6 are part of the National Child Measurement Programme which aims to provide parents with useful information about their child's weight in relation to healthy norms. The NHS also undertakes hearing and vision checks when children start school to help spot early problems that may impact on a child's development in later years.

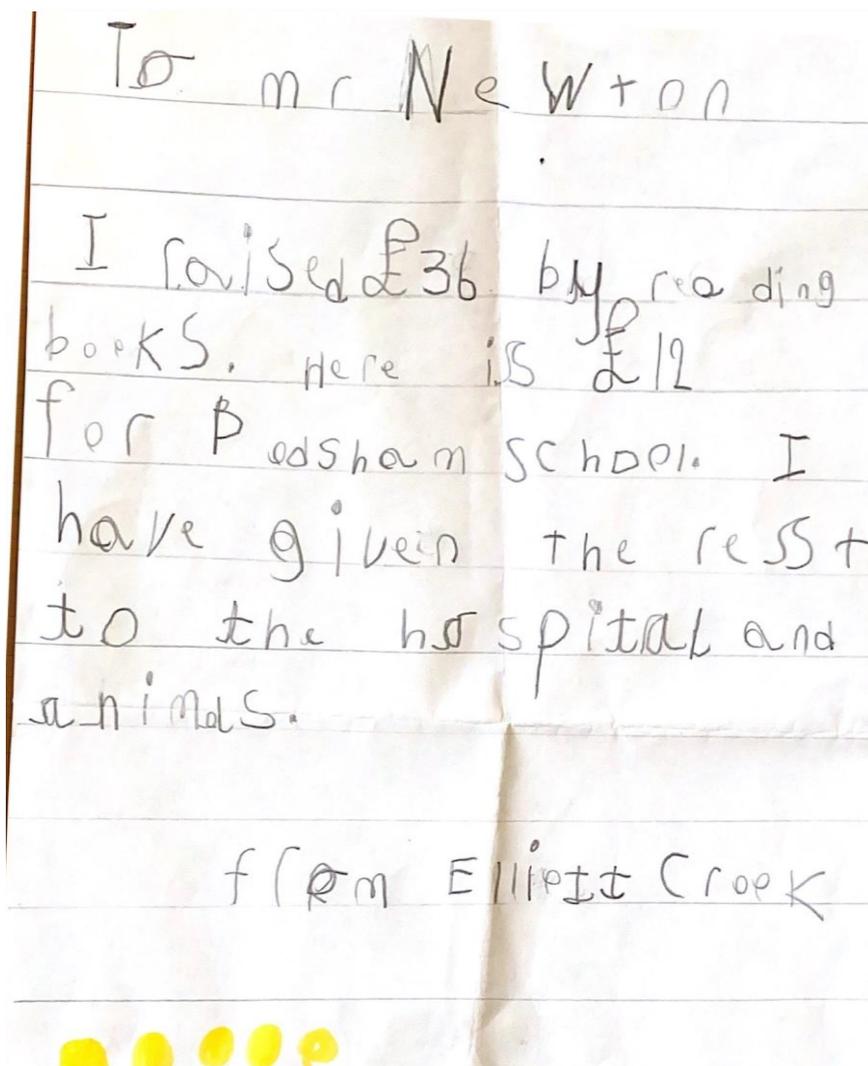
Due to the pandemic parents have been asked to opt in to the hearing screening programme this year and the service will be contacting parents who did so very soon to arrange a community based appointment between mid-March and April.

If there are any parents with new concerns about their child's hearing the NHS team is encouraging you to email kentcft.schoolhealthscreening@nhs.net

The vision screening and weight measurement programme will hopefully recommence in the Summer term.

Thanks Elliott!

I think reading books is an excellent way to raise money for good causes!



Keep Active – Feel Better!

Another encouraging sign of the easing of restrictions is the return of Elite Community Coaching's after school sports club. Although they are not yet able to offer a range of activities over the week, there is now a multisport club every Thursday that will help children get outside, play together and be active. [Parents can book this via the Elite website right now.](#)



Mrs Bax also offers an after school childcare club from Monday to Thursday, which can be booked via the school office

We proudly announce
The Bodsham School

Easter

Eggstravaganza!

31st March 2021

The Bodsham Decorated Egg
And
Egg Rolling Competitions!

Please decorate your eggs at home and
send in a photo by Monday 29th March to:

admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk

School will provide eggs for rolling

Prizes for best decorated egg and egg rolling

Winners will be announced 31st March

The bottom section of the poster features three decorative elements: a pink and blue striped Easter egg with pink floral patterns on the left, a white cartoon bunny holding a basket of colorful eggs in the center, and a green and blue striped Easter egg with pink floral patterns on the right.