Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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Saltwood Church of England Primary School

Taking inspiration from Nehemia 2:18, we have been talking about how, together, we can rebuild our school community now that we are all able to be together again.

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All Together Now

We have started this term doing things that, as a school, we have not been able to do for nearly a year and a half. It was my pleasure to lead our first whole school Celebration Worship assembly today and I was very impressed with how quickly the children have adapted to play and lunch times with other year groups again. We are looking forward to welcoming Rev Lawrence to the school next week Tuesday to lead her first worship in our hall for many months!

However, we must not be complacent. At Saltwood the first confirmed case of Covid-19 this year occurred in the After School Club as one of the adult helpers tested positive on Tuesday. Parents of children who attended were contacted with a recommendation that they take a Lateral Flow Test as soon as possible.

If we hear of a case of Covid-19 in any class, the new guidelines do not require schools to send the whole class into self-isolation. NHS Test and Trace will inform any contacts who need to take action. As a precaution, it will be our policy to inform all parents of children in the class affected and ask that they take a Lateral Flow Test straight away.

New Look Outdoor Space for the Children

Over the summer we have been busy installing new pay equipment in our outdoor spaces. Thanks to the support of our PTA we have been able to install a brand-new adventure trail on the field that provides the children with a real agility challenge!

There are also some new visitors to our school field in the form of a whole family of wooden animals donated by the parents of our Year 6 leavers last term. The children are already finding imaginative ways to involve them in their play!

Welcome back…. Homework?!!!

Although not everyone may agree, the reintroduction of regular homework signals a welcome return to a much more normal curriculum. Next week teachers will be sending out homework via our Seesaw platform on Friday, with the expectation that children will have completed and sent back the work by the following Tuesday. In our new Sparrows Class, Mrs Bax and Mrs Stephen will use the Tapestry platform to suggest helpful home learning activities. Please contact the school office if you can't locate your child's Seesaw login code!

More Choices for the Children

We are proud of our curriculum, and also the extra-curricular offer we can make to the children. Starting next week, children will be able to take part in a range of lunchtime and afterschool clubs, run for free by our staff. Details were sent home earlier this week.

Ride and Stride to Help Our Churches

This Saturday sees the welcome return of the annual Ride and Stride event in aid of local churches. The event is open to all families. Meeting at Saltwood Church at 10am on Saturday and then walking to St Leonard's at Hythe, you will tour other local churches, returning to Saltwood for a BBQ at lunchtime. There will be a quiz on the way for the youngsters. If you're not able to walk, why not sponsor family members who are?

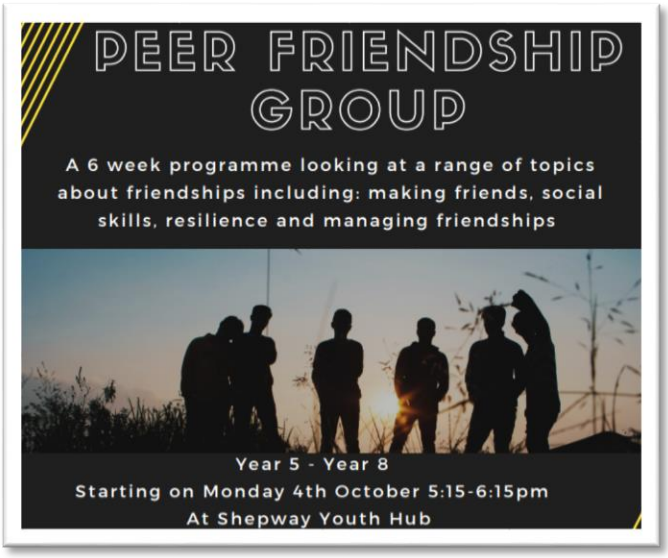
If you would like to take part, please email parishadministration@saltwoodchurch.org

No Dogs On Site Please

The start of a new term is a good time to remind parents that dogs are not allowed on the school site at any time so please do not bring them onto the playground at home time – thank you!

Does your child need help building friendships?

The pandemic has affected every family in some way and children in particular have faced significant disruption to their 'normal' lives. If you think your child might benefit from a programme designed to help rebuild confidence in making relationships, please email our Senco, Mrs Thomas at senco@bodsham.kent.sch.uk and discuss a referral to the Open Access scheme due to run at the Shepway Youth Hub in Folkestone.



After School Clubs off to a great start!

We strive to offer a full wrap around care offer to Bodsham parents so I was very pleased to see our new after school provision being used well by the children. On Monday and Tuesday parents can book in to Elite's Multisport club after school and on Wednesday and Thursday there is high quality creative child care available from our new friends at Badger's Bridge. Call 07709 420736 or email badgersafterschoolclubbodsham@gmail.com to book your place.

We have had an enquiry about the possibility of extending the after school club offer to Fridays. Please let us know if you would be interested in using the club at this time so we can help to support all our working families.

Paul Newton

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