Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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Saltwood Church of England Primary School

For the next few weeks, the children will be learning about the life of King David. The Bible is clear that, despite his many faults, God always loved David. One reason for that is David's ability to recognise his mistakes and say sorry. We will be asking the children to see if they can follow this example when things go wrong!

15th November 2024

Respecting our differences

As part of Anti-Bullying Week, lots of us wore odd socks to school to encourage people to express themselves, celebrate their individuality and highlight that we are all unique.

It was great to see such a wide range of socks; the long to the short; the bright to the dark; the patterned to the plain. A wide variety, just like our school community!

Book Fair Next Week!

On Monday our Scholastic Book fair will open after school and will run until Wednesday. The school receives a percentage of the sales which will go towards new non-fiction books for the library so please pop in for a look after school. Books can be purchased with cash or paid for with a unique QR code. Why not pop in after school for a browse? – it's a great chance to pick up some early Christmas presents!

Robins Class visit to Dover Transport Museum

The Robins finished their topic on the history of transport with a visit to Dover Transport Museum. The children saw lots of vehicles from the past, including some of the ones that they had studied at school. They also enjoyed looking at other artefacts and speaking to the lovely

volunteers who work there. Well done Robins on representing the school so beautifully on our first class trip. [Click here for more pictures of the visit]

Bodsham is a Nut Free School

Nuts can cause severe allergic reactions. A person with an allergy does not have to eat nuts to have a severe reaction, this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles. Peanut allergy affects around 1 in 50 of children in the UK. Please do not send in any food or snacks that contain nuts or peanut butter

Special Bowles Assembly 6pm Monday 18th November

Year 6 children and parents are invited to a special assembly at **Saltwood School** on Monday evening next week to share the children's favourite memories from their residential experience at Bowles. It will be an informal opportunity to see photos and hear stories from the children, as well as providing a chance to meet up again with new friends from Saltwood, who will also be attending. Siblings are welcome to join us too and we anticipate the presentation lasting approximately 45 minutes. Drinks and snacks will also be provided.

Children In Need a Roaring Success

It was fantastic to see so many amazing animal costumes in school today. Thank you to all who took part in this fun dress down day in aid of Children in Need!

PTFA News

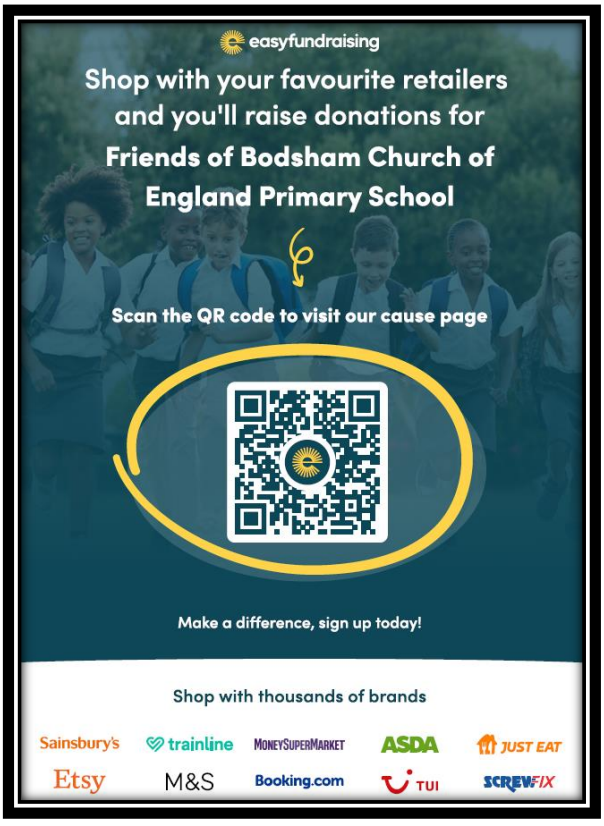
School Disco

Last Friday, the Bodsham School Disco took over The Evington Hall led by Kev at the decks. Events like these aren't possible without all those who volunteered their time and expertise, from supplying food to all those parents who stayed to the bitter end to help clear up - it was much appreciated! An extra special thanks, of course, to Kev for getting the party going and bringing all the equipment, but also to Rosy and Mary whose mobile nail salon painted countless nails; Mayra, Flo and Sarah for perfecting face painting with the help of a head torch; Nicola for manning the food stall, Andy for providing some much-needed wine for the parents, and Tony and Rachel whose colourful hairspray creations also led to some brightly coloured baths the following days! The event raised over £500, so a huge thank you, and to Mrs Stephens for glossing over all the colourful fingers at school this week!

We realise that a loud disco may not be everyone's cup of tea, therefore we hope to organise a craft event for pupils next term. This will be as fun just without the flashing lights and pumping tunes, so watch this space!

Easy Fundraising

This week we launched Easy Fundraising. This is an absolute no-brainer for us to participate in and costs you nothing. Every time you shop online with over 7,000 brands including John Lewis, Moonpig, Boots, Screwfix, the list goes on... Bodsham receives money. It is really that simple! Simply register and shop via the Easy Fundraising app or website. Better still set up a Donation Reminder, which is a browser extension on your toolbar that pops up when a brand will donate as you shop. Please share this one with friends and family, especially in the run-up to Christmas.



Christmas Hampers

Christmas wouldn't be Christmas without the Bodsham Christmas Hamper! Each class creates a hamper bundled full of goodies that will be up for grabs with the raffle drawn at Carols on the Playground on Friday 6 December. Look out for the raffle tickets, (two books/10 tickets), which will be placed in the school bag of one child of each family on Monday 18 November. You have until Wednesday 4 December to return the sold tickets and make payment (online using the reference HAMPER followed by your name and ticket number) is also fine, e.g. HAMPER/Brown/00045). The office will hold additional tickets, so please grab some more if you are on a selling streak, there are plenty to go around! We issue only two books in case any go missing or get left unsold, so please also return any unsold ones.

Bags2School

Thank you to everyone who cleared out their wardrobes and bagged up their unwanted clothes and shoes to donate to Bags2School. This is a great cause that lightens your wardrobe while raising money for the school!

A full list of PTFA events taking place in the run up to Christmas can be found below. Details are also on the PTFA webpage and the school calendar. Exciting!!

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BODSHAM'S FESTIVE DATES

It is official, Christmas is creeping up on us so save this handy calendar of dates to make sure you are up to speed with Bodsham's festive season!

Monday 11 November	Deadline to complete Christmas Cave Tags and make payment.
Monday 18 November	Christmas Hamper Raffle ticket release - two books/10 raffle tickets will be placed in one child's school bag of each family to sell ahead of the draw. Additional tickets are available at the school office but limited numbers are given to children in case they go missing/left unsold.
Throughout December	Christmas Giving Tree - pick a bauble from the school's Christmas Tree to reveal a gift to buy for the school.
Tuesday 3 December	Christmas Cave - don't forget to send your child with a bag to carry their presents!
Wednesday 4 December	Deadline to return sold Christmas Hamper tickets.
Friday 6 December	Carols on the Playground and Christmas Hamper Draw.
Friday 6 December	Christmas Wreath Workshop for adults at The Evington Hall at 7 pm, pre-booking essential.
Friday 13 December	Christmas Nativity by Sparrows and Robins - mulled wine and mince pies for sale so don't forget your pennies!
Tuesday 17 December	School Christmas Lunch - children can wear their best Christmas jumper for a £2 donation.
Thursday 19 December	Class parties and a surprise visit from Father Christmas! Pupils can wear party clothes and parents/caregivers will need to hand to the office a wrapped present costing no more than £5 for the big man to gift to your child.
Friday 20 December	Church Service and last day of term - and breathe!

Eat Your Greens!

Thank you to Mrs Smith for helping our children grow such an amazing range of vegetables in the garden of the old Timber Batts pub this year. The Woodpeckers have really gained an understanding of sustainable food production – and healthy eating!

Colouring Competition

The Rylance Theatre in Ashford is holding a colouring competition for children with the chance of winning a family ticket to their production of Snow White in December and January. Anyone who would like to enter can download the form here. Entries can be returned to the school office

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I am a Child Psychotherapist with seven years of experience. I currently have private practice from my consulting room in Wye and I am also the lead psychotherapist at a local secondary school. I trained at the Tavistock and Portman NHS Trust which is world renowned for its focus on children's mental health. I specialise in helping families, children and teens with emotional challenges.

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Community News

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Evington Hall, TN25 5HR

30th November 2024

4 – 6 pm

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