Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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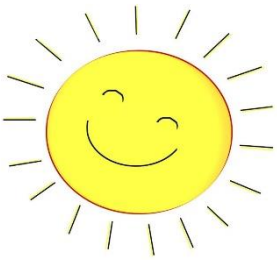
Saltwood Church of England Primary School

This week we have talked with the children about the Resurrection of Jesus after his crucifixion and burial. We asked the children to think about how they feel about reuniting with their friends and classmates after the long Easter break and compare their feeling to those of the disciples when they were reunited with Jesus !

19th April 2024



Here comes Summer!

This week sees the start of our Summer Term, although the weather clearly hasn't got the memo! Terms 5 & 6 include some of the highlights of the year and so here are some important dates for your diary:

6th May – Hastingleigh Spring Fayre
13th May – Year 6 SATs week!
10th June – Sports Day
22nd May – Class Photographs
5th July – Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer
13th July – Summer Fete
19th July – Class 6 Leavers' service at church

Teachers have already sent their Summer Term newsletters separately with details of the summer term's curriculum and trips. You can also find them on the website!

London Mini Marathon This Weekend

I'm sure you'll join me in wishing good luck to all the Bodsham children who are taking part in the London Mini Marathon on Saturday. They will be running a mile of the actual London

Marathon course past Buckingham Palace, with sponsorship in aid of the school. There is still time to make a donation to help them reach their target of £2500 by visiting their JustGiving Page here.

Attention Year 5 Parents!

Secondary Schools are now starting to announce open days and information events for children who will be entering Year 7 in September next year, so please look at the websites of any schools you might be interested in. We can authorise absences to attend these events if they fall in school time. I will be holding a Zoom meeting for all Federation Year 5 parents at **5:30pm on Thursday 23rd May** where I will outline the process of applying to secondary schools and how to register for the Kent Test if you are considering a grammar school as one of your choices. We will write to all Year 5 parents soon with more details.

Well Done Miss Hughes!

We were delighted to hear that our very own Miss Hughes has been selected to receive a Kent Teacher of the Year award! Thank you to the very kind parents who nominated her for her amazing work with our youngest children – and also her leadership of sport at Bodsham. Congratulations Miss Hughes – you deserve it!!

Attendance Matters

There has been a national focus on the importance of school attendance recently and I'm sorry to report that Bodsham's attendance does not compare well with the national average. Thank you to parents who understand that children can still come to school with the minor coughs and colds that you would expect at this time of year. Our staff will always have the children's best interests at heart and will contact you quickly if we feel someone is not well enough to be at school! I asked teachers to mention any attendance concerns during last term's parents' meetings, so you will know if your child's attendance is a concern.

I should also mention that a planned increase in the level of fines imposed on parents for unauthorised absences has also hit the headlines recently. Almost all of these fines can be avoided by making sure you don't take the children on holiday during term time!

Year 5 Treading the Boards!

On Thursday, Year 5 travelled to the new Garlinge Theatre at Chartham, near Canterbury. They were met by actors from Broken God's Productions and took part in Shakespeare workshops. The children had a fantastic time having a tour of the theatre (including behind the scenes), and acted out scenes from Macbeth, that they then performed on the stage. One of the highlights of the day was learning how to participate in 'stage combat'. We are pleased to say that nobody was hurt in creating these photographs! Do check out the new, local Theatre, where Broken Gods are performing throughout April and May 2024

You can see more pictures on the website!

Gold Book Winners this week!

Margot, Phoebe, Frankie, Saba, Ethan, Mason, Silvia, Astrid

Team Spirit Award

Teddie

Tiny the Tortoise Maths Super Star

Anwen

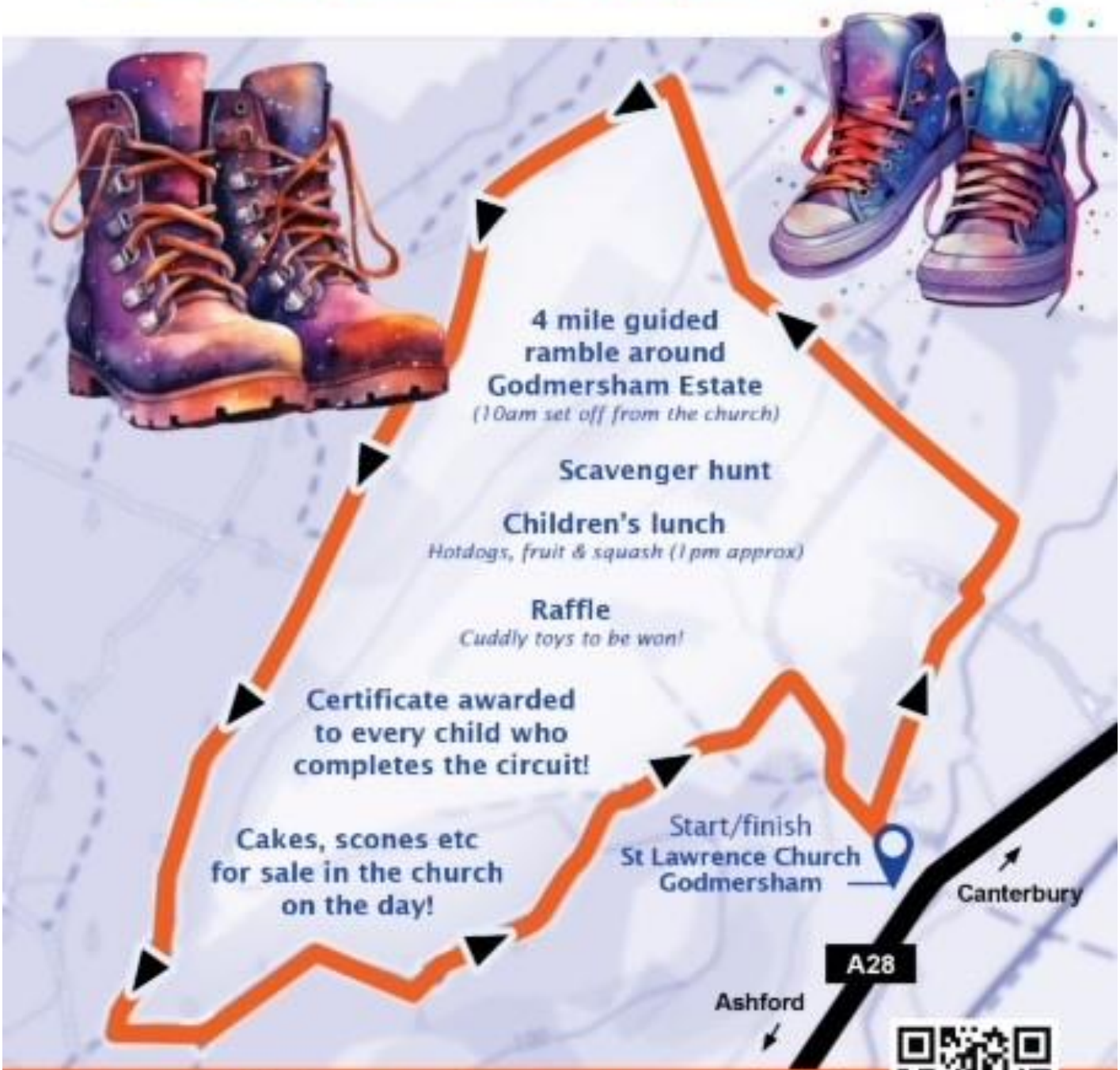
Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Community News

GODMERSHAM GREAT 4 MILE RAMBLE

St Lawrence Church, Godmersham | Bank Holiday Mon 6th May | 10am - 2pm



£10 per child | Please scan here to sign up & pay

Limited spaces available, put your name down today!

Children must be accompanied by an adult *(Adults go free)*

For queries or dietary requirements please contact **godmershamchurch@gmail.com**

CRUNDALE COUNTRY FAIR

SAT 15 JUNE 2024
12NOON - 4PM

Kids' Train	Tractor Rides	Tennis
Plants & Produce	Sheep Shearing	Nearly New Rail
Coconut Shy	Homemade Cakes	BBQ
Swimming	Magician	Ice Creams
Book Stall	Bar	& More!

SIGNPOSTED FROM A28 AT WYE

£3 Admission & Children (U10s) go FREE

CASH ONLY (Remember that old thing!)

Sorry, no dogs due to farm location