Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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Saltwood Church of England Primary School

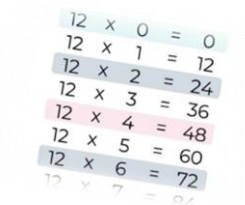
This week the church marked Ascension Day. Ascension is a tricky concept for children as it involves Jesus leaving the Earthly world only 40 days after rising from the dead. Even more tricky is the idea of the Holy Spirit that Jesus left with his followers to guide and empower them. We talked about how the children might notice the Holy Spirit at work today.

19th May 2023

Well done Year 6

Parents may have read the news this week about the level of difficulty of some of the SATs questions Year 6 children were asked to answer in their national tests last week. I just wanted to say well done to all our Year 6 children who tackled these tests with resilience and determination! Parents will receive the results with the end of year reports next term.

Year 4 Multiplication Tables Check coming soon – do they know all their tables yet?



Year 4 children across the country are now asked to take a Multiplication Tables Check in June. This is an online national 'tables test' that aims to help parents and teachers identify children who may need further work on their times tables before they begin Year 5. By the end of Year 4, the expectation is that children will have memorised ALL of their times tables, up to 12 x 12. The check will take place at the start of the month and is an online test consisting of 25 questions, with children given 6 seconds per question. The whole thing only takes around 5 minutes! This is a good time to do some practice at home too and here is a website that is very like the test itself! The signs are good for this test – Year 4 challenged me to a times tables competition today – I just about managed to come 3rd!

PTA Update – Summer 2023

I am delighted to say that, thanks to the work of the PTFA and the support you have shown this year, Bodsham School is in a position to make a major investment in new ICT. By putting additional laptops into each classroom we will be able to give children access to more support with their writing (using speech to text technology) and individual online reading activities, for example.

The next fundraising target is to help us repair the wooden platform over our school pond (which is currently teeming with life) so that the children get a chance to see it all up close!

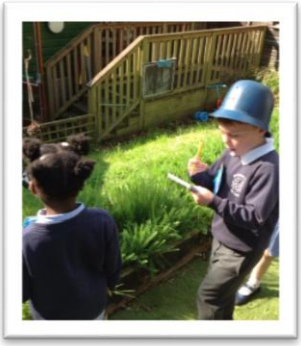
Does Autism Affect Your Family?

We have been approached by a local organisation called The Autism Apprentice to publicise the fact that they are able to offer advice and guidance to families with children who may be on the Autistic spectrum, or have social communication difficulties. Whether your child has a diagnosis or not there is support for issues such as anxiety, behaviour, sensory processing, sleep and diet. Appointments are private and confidential and will last 30-45 minutes. They can be done over Zoom, or by telephone. If you are interested in this useful offer, please email Mrs Thomas, our SENCo here at Bodsham on senco@bodsham.kent.sch.uk and she will arrange a referral.

Visitors From Canterbury Mosque

This week, Robins had a visit from Canterbury Mosque. The children learnt about Islamic family life, special rituals and some celebrations. They had the opportunity to learn the Arabic alphabet and were fascinated that you read the opposite way. The children loved dressing up in Kufis and Hijabs but their favourite part was going on a virtual tour of the Mosque and seeing the beautiful decorations inside.

CSI Sparrows!



Oh No! Our golden sparrows have gone missing! Who has taken them? We used our police notebooks to write down all the clues we could see near where the sparrows hang. Seeds, twigs, feathers? A bird perhaps? Then we went to the garden to search for more clues. Some shiny things and bird poo! Great detective work Sparrows! Have a look at the Sparrows' web page for more pictures of the investigation!

Advanced Warning – School Closed 21st July

Our term dates have been published on our website for months but parents may have missed the planned staff development day on **Friday 21st July**. This means the last day of term will be on Thursday 20th July and After School Club will NOT be running on that evening.

Join us for a Spring Sing

This is my last newsletter of Term 5 and I'd like to invite all parents to our traditional 'Spring Sing' on the last day of term next week. Please join us on the playground at 2:30pm when all pupils will wow us with their singing and the school choir will perform. The PFA will be providing tea, coffee and cake – what better way could there be to start the half term?

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Community News

Yew Tree Farm School

HALF TERM OPEN DAYS

Calf bottle feeding
Interactive horse grooming
Pig feeding
Cuddle corner
Minibeast hunt
Scarecrows Wedding Farm Trail
Farmyard tales, campfire songs & craft
Tickets £8. Babies under 1 free.

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31st May - 2nd June

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3-4 JUNE

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WACKY HAT MAKING
STRANGE CARGO ARTS COMPANY
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FOOD & DRINK

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TREATMENTS

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BREATHWORK AYURVEDIC MASSAGE DRUM
MEDITATION SOUND BATH

ACTIVE

HIIT CARDIO HULA HOOP JAM
LED BIKE RIDE
ELECTRIC BIKE TRIALS TAI CHI
FAMILY YOGA ADULT YOGA ECSTATIC DANCE
FAMILY RAVE MINDFUL WALKS

MUSIC

INDIA BLUE KATIE BRADLEY & DAVE FERRA
ASHFORD YOUTH JAZZ ORCHESTRA
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FOOTBALL PLAYERS WANTED
ASHFORD DISTRICT SCHOOLS FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION REP SQUADS
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Girls and Boys in schools years 5,6,7,8, 9 &10 WANTED!
If you're interested in coming along for a trial please get in touch
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ashforddistrictfootball@gmail.com
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WHAT'S ON

May Half-Term!

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

Please book at: www.whitecliffscountrysidepartnership.eventbrite.com

Green Gang events are for children. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

GREEN GANG: MAKE A GIANT ORCHID
28TH MAY 14:00-15:30
Create a giant orchid on the beach
Location: Samphire Hoe

GREEN GANG: BUTTERFLIES, BEES AND OTHER INSECTS
30TH MAY 13:00-15:00
Investigate the minibeasts found at the Folkestone Warren
Location: Folkestone Warren, Wear Bay Rd

GREEN GANG: MEET THE MAMMALS
1ST JUNE 09:30-11:30
Get up close with the mammals living at the Fort
Location: Fort Burgoyne

GREEN GANG: RIVER DIPPING
2ND JUNE 1000-12:00
Explore the underwater world of our special chalkstream
Location: River Dour, Dover

WHITE CLIFFS COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP

ROMNEY MARSH COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP

CREATIVE MINDFULNESS TAPPING

Saturday 8th
July
10:30 - 13:30

£40

MOVING UP?
WORKSHOP

Help your child feel **confident** about moving up to secondary school. Give them the skills to manage their worries as they settle in.

Lake House Kent, Maidstone Road
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WORRIED ABOUT STARTING SECONDARY SCHOOL IN SEPTEMBER?

Anna and Paula are running a 3 hour workshop, creating a safe place to talk together and teaching strategies to support them as they prepare to transition.

Common worries include;

Travel to school
Making friends
Getting lost
Strict rules
New Teachers

Moving around
Uniform
Bullies
Workload
Homework

Help your child feel **confident** about moving up and give them the **skills to manage their worries** as they settle in.

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