Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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The children have been talking about how messages are spread across the world these days, so that they can also think about how John the Baptist had a very important message for the world which was to prepare for Jesus by being kind and sharing with those in need Luke 3:10-15

20th January 2023

National Education Union Industrial Action

You may have heard in the news this week that England's largest teaching union have announced a series of national strikes over the coming weeks. The union is in dispute with the government about teachers' pay and are asking for a fully funded pay award for teaching staff in line with the current rate of inflation.

This means that there is a chance that some classes at school will be closed on strike days. During previous periods of industrial action our teaching staff have been reluctant to withdraw their labour, but I think it would be prudent to inform you now of the dates when strikes are planned so that you can consider child care arrangements if they prove necessary. The days affecting schools in our area are:

Wednesday 1st February
Thursday 2nd March
Wednesday 15th March and Thursday 16th March

I will, of course, provide further details as soon as I have them.

Could you be a volunteer reader?

One of the most important things we do at school is to make sure children read regularly to an adult. We are always looking for more volunteers to help us with this so if you think you could spare a couple of hours each week, please contact Mrs Stephen via the school office. It is an important and rewarding thing to do and the children really enjoy showing off their reading skills to an adult!

SUPPORT OUR LOTTERY TODAY

£1 per week

Weekly cash prizes

£25,000 jackpot

YOUR SCHOOL LOTTERY

How it works...

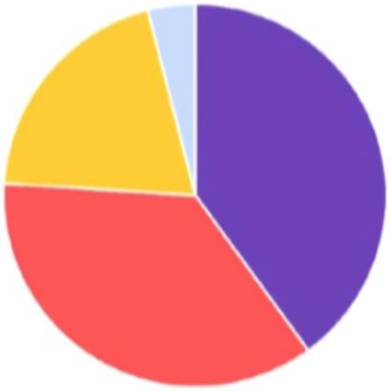
It's simple—choose 6 numbers between 0-9 and if they match the weekly lottery draw, you win great prizes. One of our players will win a cash prize every week, maybe even the £25k jackpot! Tickets cost just £1 per week and the proceeds are donated to Bodsham Primary School

Every Saturday at 8pm the numbers are drawn and posted online. Winners are notified by email and winnings paid into the account of your choice.

The easiest way to join our lottery is online at YourSchoolLottery.co.uk by direct debit or debit card.

It's so easy to join and will make a real difference to Bodsham Primary School

Splitting the £1.00



- **40p** goes to our school
- **36p** goes to cash prizes
- **20p** goes to admin costs
- **4p** goes to VAT

The Maths... **100** tickets sold a week means

= **£30** weekly cash prize

= **£2,080** a year for our school

To start supporting, visit:

yourschoollottery.co.uk

and search for: Bodsham Primary

Supporters must be 16 years of age or older

Working with you to improve attendance

Not surprisingly during the pandemic, school attendance data was not collected in the usual way. Now we are thankfully back in a period of relatively normal children's health, the Department for Education are rightly placing a much more significant emphasis on the importance of regular school attendance.

Do you know your child's attendance rate this year? It may surprise you. A child who misses just two days a month will lose out on 18 day's education across the year – that's nearly four weeks. Poor attendance at primary school can lead to problems at secondary school. Pupils who miss between 10% and 20% of school (that's 19 to 38 days per year) stand only a 35% chance of achieving five or more good GCSE's.

Our Local Authority Attendance Liaison Officer will be visiting Bodsham this week and we will review the attendance of all children who have already missed more than 10% of this school year. I will be writing to parents of all children causing concern.

Please help us to keep children safe

Just a reminder that children shouldn't be left alone at the school gate before 8:40am. There are no adults on duty and so we wouldn't know if they were to leave the school site. The school day starts at 8:50am.

Similarly, please try and collect children promptly at 3:30pm. Teachers have meetings and tasks to attend at the end of the school day! Thank you!

Paul Newton
Executive Head Teacher