Bodsham Church of England Primary School

Federation of

Saltwood Church of England Primary School

"Christ has no body now on earth but yours; no hands but yours; no feet but yours..." this is the start of a prayer we said with the children this week. We helped them to realise that they can continue the work Jesus started, just by showing kindness to each other!

20th October 2023

Helping Our Children Stay Mentally Fit and Healthy

I think we all recognise that the pace of life has become more challenging in recent times and there is plenty of research now that shows this can take its toll on children's mental health. On Thursday we had a visit from the NHS Mental Health Roadshow. The show helped children to recognise how to look after their own mental health with the aid of Captain Wonderweb and sidekick Lieutenant Fishingnet. The 30-minute show focused on ways to help children stay mentally healthy, including managing their technology time, talking to friends and family about their worries, eating a balanced diet, and developing reslience. I wonder if your children can remember any of these messages? You might like to explore this short post-show video together at home!

School Council News

The new school council have held their first 2 meetings and have decided they would like to hold a sponsored active event to raise money for Children in Need. Each class voted on their event and agreed to collect sponsorships for a range of events including, number of gymnastic jumps in 30 minutes, cricket runs, hockey dribbles, and lap of the field. Look out for sponsorships forms coming after half term and let's see what a difference the School Council have made through this event.

Do You Have a Story Inside You?

The BBC's 500 Words is the UK's largest story writing competition for 5-11 year olds. The competition is a celebration of children's creativity, so stories will not be marked on spelling, grammar or punctuation. Once stories have been submitted entrants will be able to download a 500 Words certificate to celebrate their achievement! So why not let your child's imagination fly this half term! Stories must be typed and submitted by an adult. Full details can be found here. The closing date is Friday 10th November.

Half Term Holiday Child Care Now Available

As usual, our friends at Elite Community Coaching will be offering an exciting half term club at Saltwood over the October break. Parents can book online directly with Elite through their website, but be quick as these courses are very popular!

Poppies on Sale from 6th November

Bodsham will again be supporting the Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal after half term. From Monday 6th November, new style plastic-free poppies will be on sale in the school at playtimes along with other items such as wrist bands and key rings. Please send in some cash with your child in week 2 if they would like to purchase something. Suggested donations are 50p for a poppy and £1 for other items.

Bodsham parents also might like to put Sunday 12th November in their diaries as this is the date for the family Remembrance Service at Saltwood Church to which you are all invited!

It's Christmas Time Already?

Just a reminder that the closing date for Christmas Card orders is Monday 23rd October, so do get your orders in online quickly. All children had an order form with your child's unique reference and QR code to make ordering really simple for you. There are other items for sale too, including mugs, coasters and gift tags.

Disco Dazzle!

Our PFA have two fundraising events coming up after half term – a pumpkin carving competition on 1st November, and a firework-themed disco at Evington Hall on 10th November. Look out for more details after half term!

Are you looking for a school place for September 2024?

Come and see our beautiful rural school with an Outstanding EYFS at our Open Days!

Thursday 30th November

(9.30am to 12.30pm)

Individual tours also available

Then come and join us for six, ***free*** school taster sessions

Storytime with Barley the Bodsham Bear

Starting from Monday 2nd October at 2.15pm - 3.00pm

in the Art Studio

Bodsham Church of England Primary School, TN25 5JQ

As a family, you will have the opportunity to listen to a story followed by an activity led by one of our EYFS teachers.

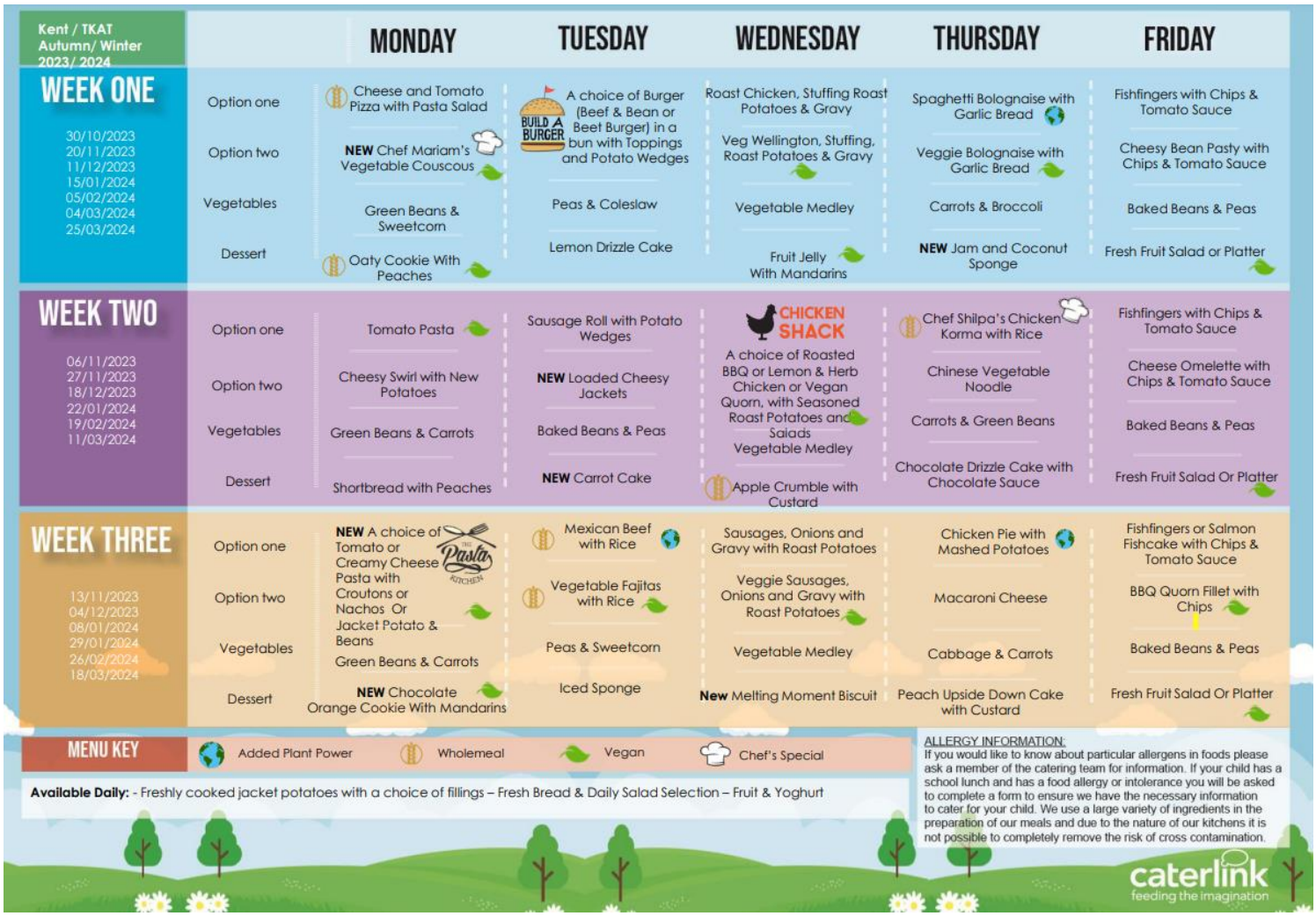
Barley the Bodsham Bear is looking forward to meeting you!

Complimentary light refreshments will be available.

If you would like to come along to our open days and/or storytime sessions then please email admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk to register your interest.

New Caterlink Menu after half term

As the seasons change, so does the menu on offer to children for school meals. Caterlink have published their Autumn Winter menu which starts on Monday after half term. [Click here for full details on our website!]



All that is left is for me to wish everyone a very happy and peaceful half term break. Children return to school on **Monday 30th October.**

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

CARVING A PUMPKIN OVER HALF TERM?

BRING YOUR PUMPKIN IN ON
WEDNESDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

ALL PUMPKINS WILL BE ADDED TO OUR

PLAYGROUND PUMPKIN TRAIL

CHILDREN WILL TOUR THE TRAIL

VOTING FOR THEIR FAVOURITE DESIGNS

PUMPKINS CAN BE RETURNED

OR

DONATE YOUR PUMPKIN TO OUR **HUNGRY LOCAL PIGS.**

POP £1 IN YOUR PUMPKIN TO ENTER