Bodsham Church of England Primary School

Federation of

Saltwood Church of England Primary School

This week we reminded the children of the hope that Christians find in the Easter story. The Resurrection of Jesus sends us a message that there is hope, even in our darkest moments. Jesus told his disciples that heaven can grow from the smallest of seeds. Can your child think of themselves as a seed, waiting to grow into their full potential?

21st April 2023

Springing into Summer

So we begin our Summer Term, only really half way through Spring! But there are signs of renewal all around and the extra daylight is giving us all a boost. The highlights of this term include Sports Day and our Summer Fair. There will be a Coronation Celebration in May and we have our Pilgrimage and Prayer day in June. Year 6 will be putting on their end of year production in July. All dates can be found on our website calendar.

Tell Us What You Think

As we reach the final season of this school year, our minds are already turning to September and the new school year. It is very helpful to gather your views on how we are doing, so I'd be very grateful if you could take some time to complete this year's parent survey. Your responses will be shared with our governing body and will help inform the School Improvement Plan for the coming year. Thanks!

Click Here to Open the Parent Survey

Cycling to School this Summer

The good weather and bright mornings may tempt you to consider cycling to school with your child this term. We encourage children to take this healthy option over coming by car and there is a bicycle storage rack in school. Bikes are left at your own risk and it is compulsory for children to wear a cycling helmet if they bring their bike to school. Parents may be interested to read this letter from Kent Police with tips and helpful information on how to cycle safely!

Year 5 Secondary School Open Days

Parents of children in Year 5 should now be starting to think about secondary school choices for September 2024. Some schools are offering open events already – others will do so in the Autumn. Folkestone School for Girls have sent us the following information about their events next month:

Year 5 Open Mornings

This year we are running 4 open mornings on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th May 2023.

If parents wish to attend, can they please register with reception either by email to: reception@folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk or phone: 01303 251125.

If parents want their daughters to sit the Shepway test in September, then they should attend as details will be given by the Principal.

Registration for the Shepway test will be via our website between 5th June and 14th July 2023.

I will be holding a Zoom meeting for all Year 5 parents at **5:30pm on 24th May** where I will go through the process of applying for secondary schools next year. Following that all Year 5 parents will be invited to a meeting with Mrs Allen and myself in June to discuss your child and their suitability for grammar school. More details to follow later!

Welcome Mrs Masterson

As we wave goodbye to Mrs Albertini and wish her good luck in her new post at Lady Joanna Thornhill Primary School, we welcome Mrs Rebecca Masterson to Bodsham as our new Business Manager. Mrs Masterson has been in charge of the finances at Saltwood for several years, so she is already very familiar with our Federation and how Bodsham runs. She will be helping me set our budget (and stick to it) as well as making sure our unique old building is properly maintained!

Welcome Mrs Sennett

Another new face around the school is Mrs Ayshin Sennett, who joins the Robins class to provide individual support to children. We are very happy to welcome her to the team!

Coronation Celebrations

On Friday 5th May we will be holding some special events to celebrate the King's coronation (and then taking Monday 8th off as a Bank Holiday to recover!) There is a special school dinner menu that day and, later, you can also choose to bring in some snacks and join us for a Coronation Picnic later in the afternoon (please remember to keep all snacks brought into school nut-free)

Music Assembly

Each term we try and celebrate the children's progress in the music curriculum with a joyous whole school music assembly. Just before Easter we gathered again and each class performed for the whole school. Playing in front of an audience is a real boost to children's confidence!

Guitar and Ukelele lessons restart on Monday. If your child has signed up for these, please remember to bring instruments in next week. If you would like your child to start lessons this term with Leon, please contact Mrs Stephen via the school office.

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PTFA

iPads for our children

We are well on the way to raising the last £1000 for new iPads for the school. During the last term we have been fundraising and your support has been amazing

The school lottery has raised **£147.80** since February. It only costs £1 per week and there is a guaranteed Bodsham winner every week. A big thank you goes out to the parents who have donated their winnings back to the school. We have even had one parent win 3 times, so don't delay get your ticket to win and help the school. Register on www.yourschoollottery.co.uk

The Easter Hampers raised **£342.00** - thank you to the Class Reps for putting together beautiful hampers and for everyone who bought tickets.

And finally, Bag2School raised a little less than normal at **£35.00** but every little helps!

So, in total last term raised **£424.80.** We need to raise just over £500 to make our £6000 total. Please continue to support our fund-raising events during the summer terms.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Community News

LOOKING FOR A SUMMER ACTIVITY?

Paddlesport for children is back on the programme at Seapoint Canoe Centre between April-September. Learn to kayak and enjoy fun team games on the water.

Saturday Kayak Club 10am-12pm
Thursday After School Kayak Club 4.30-6pm
£10 per session
Ages: 8-13
Abilities: Beginners and beyond
Location: Hythe Canal

Equipment is provided

To book, head to www.seapointcanoecentre.co.uk or email info@seapointcanoecentre.co.uk