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St Paul wrote about the idea of the 'Armour of God'. He was encouraging Christians to use the teachings of Jesus as a way to protect themselves from wrong doing and give them confidence to stand up for what is right. This week we talked about 'The Belt of Truth'. The children all agreed it was best to tell the truth, as lies can make you feel bad!

21st June 2024

Tell Us How We're Doing

As we reach the end of another school year, it is a good time to gather your views on how well the school is doing. This year has seen some significant changes to leadership and a new approach to sports day, so we'd love to hear what you think. Please can you take 5 minutes to complete our annual parent survey by clicking the link below. You can answer anonymously if you'd prefer. All responses will be reviewed by our governing body and used to help us develop our school improvement plan for 2024-25! Thank you!

Click here to open the parental survey

Summer Fayre – we need you!

Bodsham's Summer Fayre is taking shape – gates will open at **10am Saturday 13th July** and visitors will be able to enjoy the traditional variety of amazing stalls with games, food and drink for all! A HUGE thank you to everyone's contributions so far, from offering to cook food for the day, helping run a stall and the very generous donations already received. The dress-down days have been a big success, securing some amazing prizes. Our next dress-down day is next **Friday 28th June** where we will be asking for more bottles for the adult bottle tombola please!

The Bodsham raffle is renowned for having some impressive prizes, and this year is no different. Some great prizes have already been secured, including vouchers for Primary Giant's holiday camps, beauty products and vouchers from The Vault beauticians, a Zip

boiling water tap and tickets to the O2 to name just a few. Can you help add to these? Whether that is an experience, product or vouchers, we'd love to hear from you!

Finally, more help is still needed on the day so we'd appreciate it if you could let us know if you are free, even if it's just for a couple of hours. Please drop the PTA a line at ptfa@bodsham.gmail.com

Welcome Rev Dawn!

We were delighted to welcome our new priest, Rev Dawn Stamper, to Bodsham this week. She is the new vicar at our local churches and we are really looking forward to getting to know her in school. She led the children in worship on Monday and will be joining us on our morning of Pilgrimage and Prayer on Friday 5th July.

Imagination Competition!

Oliver in Woodpeckers' class won a competition to take part in a workshop with the Institute of Imagination. The Woodpeckers thoroughly enjoyed sharing in Oliver's win, making their 'Wild City' from Lego and recycled materials. There are loads more pictures on the Woodpeckers' webpage!

The Summer Reading Challenge is back!

Children aged 4-11 are invited to join the Summer Reading Challenge in Kent Libraries this summer. The Summer Reading Challenge 2024 will start on Saturday 6 July and will continue to run throughout the summer, finishing on Saturday 7 September.

The Summer Reading Challenge is aimed at keeping children reading throughout the summer while away from school, as well as providing a fun, free activity for families. The theme is: **Marvellous Makers**! Developed in partnership with Create, a leading charity bringing the creative arts to those who need it most, this year's Challenge aims to fire up children's imaginations and unleash storytelling and creativity through the power of reading.

As in previous years, children can choose to join and participate in the Summer Reading Challenge by visiting their nearest library or they can take part by visiting the Summer Reading Challenge website. Once completed, all children can visit the library for their medal and certificate! The school with the most children completing the challenge will receive a trophy, so come on Bodsham – get reading!

Special Schools Consultation

After several years of poor Ofsted inspections and increasing parental disquiet, KCC are in the process of a complete review and reorganisation of Special Educational Needs provision in the county. One part of this review will be to make changes to the way Special Schools in Kent admit pupils and support mainstream schools with the inclusion of children with significant needs. A parental consultation period has now opened and KCC would like to hear from you. Full details are here.

Art Studio To Become Polling Station

As a general election has been called for 4th July, our Art Studio will become a local Polling Station. Please be aware of members of the public who may be visiting Bodsham to cast their votes!

Find Your Special Stone!

Our Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer is approaching! On Friday 5th July the whole school will leave Evington Hall for our annual pilgrimage through local countryside that inspires and enriches the children with its natural beauty. The aim of the day is for children to leave their troubles with God for the day and spend some mindful time on a special journey. We would like all children to find and bring to school a special stone. It would be lovely if you can decorate this stone at home with a positive message, so the children can leave it for others to find on Pilgrimage day. Thank you!

Talented Bodsham!

On 2nd July we will be inviting the parents of our string musicians to come into school for a special concert supported by our string teacher Stelios Chatziiosifidis. This will include our individual musicians as well as our ensemble. If your child learns an instrument outside of school but they would like the opportunity to perform in the concert, please email Mrs Stephen with the name of the instrument and the piece they would like to play.

District Sports is back!

This week we have held our trials for the District Sports Competition which will be held on 3rd July at Three Hills Sports Park, to find the fastest and strongest sports stars Bodsham has. We are delighted to send home letters today now that we have selected our athletes. Please return the permissions for these as soon as possible. If your child is unable to take part, do let us know so we can offer the place to our reserves. Our name is on the cup for 2023 as we were the overall winners in the small schools category. Come on Bodsham let's do it again!

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

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