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This week we have focussed on the idea of seeds being containers of life. The children were asked to try and interpret Jesus's parable of the Good Seeds and they should now be able to explain what this lesson means to Christians!

21st March 2025

Book Your Parents' Evening Appointments Now!

As we have just passed the half way point of this school year, it's time for another parental consultation! We are holding parents' evenings on Monday 31st March and Wednesday 2nd April. You can book appointments via Arbor right now, so please do find a slot that suits you. We will be sending home a 'Learning Journey' summary on Friday next week so you can see where your child is with their learning at this time of year, so keep an eye on bookbags!

Welcome Mrs Anderson!

I am pleased to announce that we have appointed Mrs Gemma Anderson as our new Reception Class teacher. Mrs Anderson is an experienced Early Years practitioner who has worked in Shepway schools for many years. She will be joining the children in Sparrows to introduce herself before the end of term, ready to take over from Mrs Hughes after Easter. Welcome to the team Mrs Anderson!

Mother's Day Pictures Appearing Soon

As usual, our children produced a beautiful picture for **KM Media's "My Mum"** supplement to celebrate Mother's Day. The pictures that have been so lovingly drawn will appear in a special supplement to be carried in your local KM Media Group newspaper next week on March 27th.

Daffodil Teas Next Week

Here's hoping for good weather for our Daffodil Teas event on Wednesday next week. This old Bodsham tradition is being revived for our 150th anniversary year and we are looking forward to welcoming Bodsham alumni back to school for a cup of tea and some cake! The children will be helping to serve our guests and the choir will be treating them to a special performance.

We've Been Seeing Red!

Thank you to everyone who took part in our Red Nose Day today. It was great to see all the funny costumes and red noses on display. Here are some of the entries to our Design a Red Nose competition. The winners received a Comic Relief Red Nose, which they got to pick in front of the whole school!

We raised over £60 for Comic Relief today.

Easter Service Reminder

This year's Easter Service will be at Hastingleigh Church on the last day of term (Friday 4th April). School finishes at 2.15pm with the service beginning at around 2.30pm – please come along!

Pond dipping

The Woodpeckers made good use of our fantastic new bridge this week as part of their science work on invertebrates and habitats. This impressive new structure was funded by parents thanks to the work of the PTFA, so thank you all very much for this valuable addition to our school site!

Attendance Update

The school's overall attendance this year continues to show a marked improvement on last year, so "thank you very much" to all parents who are making that extra effort to encourage children to come into school, especially on those days when they might not feel 100%, but are still not ill enough to stay at home!
This week the Robins get to look after Elvis the Attendance Aardvark after they achieved an impressive 99% attendance for the week.

This is a good time to remind all parents that new government guidance is clear that head teachers are not able to authorise family holidays in term time. If you take your children on vacation outside of the school holidays, you risk a Penalty Notice, which has recently been increased to £180 per parent per child.

This is a Nut Free School

Nuts can cause severe allergic reactions. A person with an allergy does not have to eat nuts to have a severe reaction, this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles. Peanut allergy affects around 1 in 50 of children in the UK. Please do not send in any food or snacks that contain nuts or peanut butter

It's Not Too Late to Sponsor Sue!

I'm sure you'll all join us in wishing our lovely office assistant Sue Sutton the very best of luck as she prepares to run the Liverpool half marathon on Sunday. Mrs Sutton has very kindly decided to raise money for the school with her run and we are all really proud of her! If you would like to sponsor her, you can [Visit her fundraising page here!]

A Letter From The Woodpeckers!

Dear Parents,

To celebrate Global Recycling day, we would like to remind you that we are representatives for Terracycle. We can recycle some objects that you can't put in your household recycling bins.

We can take:

- Any Pringles cans
- Any cheese packaging
- All bread wrappers
- Wrappers from sweet and savoury biscuits and cake bars

Simply bring these items to Bodsham School and place them in the boxes outside our classroom. We will send the items off to be recycled. Your waste can be turned into new items, such as outdoor furniture, and soft play coverings. This will prevent these items from ending up in landfill, or worse, our rivers and oceans.

Help us to be a better friend to our community, as we try to be God's caretakers on Earth.

Kind Regards, The Woodpeckers Class

Paul Newton

Executive Head teacher

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