Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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Saltwood Church of England Primary School

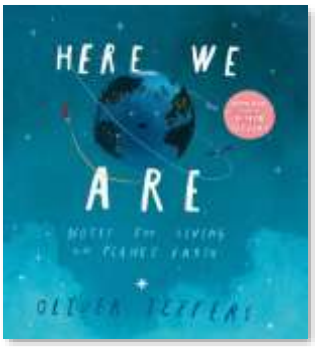
This week the children have heard the story of Jonah and the Big Fish. Jonah was trying to avoid doing God's will, but in the end he saw that God knew what was best for him. We asked the children to think what they do when they need help to do the right thing!

21st October 2022

Can You Spare Some of Your Time?

As we reach the half way point of the Autumn term, it is no longer possible to avoid the thought of Christmas fast approaching. Term 2 always contains some of the highlights of the school year: Nativity Plays, Carol Concerts, Christmas Parties and our service in the Church on the last day of term. It is also time when our PFA find opportunities to raise funds for the school by organising festive activities that add to the seasonal cheer. Later in this newsletter you will see some of the fundraising projects that are already underway. The PTA relies entirely on willing volunteers and at this time of year in particular, every pair of hands makes a difference. If you think you might be able to help with Christmas events this term, please email the PTA on ptfabodsham@gmail.com and say hello. They will be very pleased to hear from you!

An Amazing Week of Writing



This week, every class at Bodsham read the same book in their Literacy Lessons. We chose '**Here we Are – Notes for Living On Planet Earth**' by Oliver Jeffers because as well as being beautifully illustrated it contains a profound message that can be heard on many different levels.

After having spent time reading and discussing the book, we asked the children to use it as inspiration for their own writing. Each class produced a lot of fantastic work this week across a huge range of writing styles. There were stories, letters, posters and poems. Children learnt about authors and illustrators and we hope that this has helped to spark a real interest in writing as a way to make your ideas heard. The week was rounded off with a whole school celebration assembly where each class got to share what they had achieved.

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!

Great Books Guide 2022: best new children's books

Here are 100 books from the last year that we think are great – and so will children. Our priority is to get children excited about books, stories and rhymes because if reading is fun, children will want to do it. That's why we've found this guide full of books we think are absolutely brilliant, carefully chosen to engage and excite children all the way up to age 11. We believe that the "right" book is always the book a child wants to read – and we hope this guide inspires you to find that book.

Click here to open the guide

Please Park Considerately

It's always a shame when we hear that parents from our school have parked in such a way to cause inconvenience to our neighbours. I understand that parking around the school can be difficult in the morning and at home time, but please remember the local residents need access to their private parking spaces at all times. The spaces outside Holt Farm workshop are private and should not be used by parents. Our community is able to use the common land in front of the Timber Batts and the large area of hard standing in front of the barns. Thank you.

Places Available for September 2023

We are currently running tours of the school for parents who might be interested in a place in Bodsham's outstanding Reception class in September 2023.

Contact our office on admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk to book at tour, or you can find us at Wye Farmer's Market on Saturday 29th October from 9am – 12pm. There will be a stall with some special gifts, so why not come and say hello!

PFA NEWS

Creepy Cake Sale

Please donate any creepy cakes on Friday 4th November for sale on the playground after school Don't forget to bring some cash !

Non Uniform Day 11th November

Thank you for all the 'grown up' bottles donated for today's non uniform day. The next one will be on 11th of November. This will be in exchange for gifts for the children's tombola stall that we are running at the Christmas fair. Gifts could be anything that youngsters would like to win at a children's tombola, such as games, toys, sweets and books!

Friday 25th November

An event for all the family to enjoy

Bodsham Christmas Fayre

3.30 – 6 pm

- Crafts & Stalls
- Tea & cake
- Mulled wine
- Tombola
- Wreath Making
- Biscuit decorating
- Christmas Story Telling
- Christmas Games

A fundraiser for Bodsham School PTFA

Woodpeckers save the world, one packet at a time!

The Woodpeckers are continuing to reduce and recycle packaging waste, in partnership with Terracycle. In addition to all bread and cheese packaging, we are also a collection point for all your Pringle tins. The collection points are in the Woodpeckers' Classroom.
We are just about to send off our second box of bread packaging, and our cheese packet box is nearly full! – check out our class page on the website for more details!

Notices

- Bags to School will be outside the school on Monday 31st October. Filled bags of donations will be collected from the school on 10th November. Thank You!
- Do you have any army- related toys, games or costumes that you no longer need? We can make good use of them so please drop at the office.
- Flu Immunisations will take place for all year groups at Bodsham on 3rd November. Please complete your NHS online consent forms by 26th October

Happy Half Term

Term 1 ends today and children are back at school on Monday 31st October. Have a happy and peaceful week and we'll see you after the break!

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

COMMUNITY NEWS AND EVENTS

Hardship Help for Families in Kent

KCC have produced this helpful, interactive, guide to the wide range of help and support that is available to individuals and families who may be facing hardship this winter.

[Click here to open the guide]

Bring the magic of Christmas to life!

Pilgrims Hospices

Letters from Santa Claus

Order & donate by: Tuesday 13th December 2022

Surprise a loved one this Christmas with a personalised Letter from Santa. Each letter is truly unique, is signed by Santa Claus himself, and comes enclosed with an official North Pole certificate.

By making a donation to Pilgrims Hospices you will be helping us to support families who need our specialist care this festive season, thank you.

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Santas on the Bay!
Sunday 27 November
Herne Bay, CT6 5JQ

Santas on the Harbour!
Sunday 4 December
Folkestone, CT20 1QQ

Santas on the Seashore!
Sunday 11 December
Margate, CT9 1HX

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Who have experienced neonatal care and have a passion to make a difference to join the KSS Parent Advisory Group.
We strive for inclusive neonatal care and would welcome members from all communities, including those who are under-heard i.e. Dads/Partners, LGBTQ+, Ethnic Minorities or Parents with Disabilities.
What kinds of things will you need to do?
• Attend regular PAG meetings in person and virtually
• Share your views and opinion's on neonatal care
• Share your journey
• Co-Produce information for the local units
• Join working groups to support service improvement for families
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