Bodsham Church of England Primary School

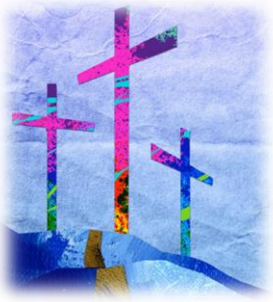
Federation of

Saltwood Church of England Primary School

We have started to tell the children the Easter story, beginning with the events of Palm Sunday. The children heard how Jesus was met by cheering crowds as he rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. They were encouraged to think about things that they would shout and cheer about in their own lives this week!

22nd March 2024

Easter Reflections



I have been really impressed with how well the children have engaged with our countdown to Easter this term. During Lent we have set challenges of things that children could 'take up' rather than 'give up' and they have all had an environmental focus. As a result, we have seen individuals and whole classes making an extra effort to conserve electricity by switching off lights and unused devices, encouraging you to buy more Fair Trade products, recycling paper to save trees and being careful to collect used plastic and put it in the right bin to avoid it going into landfill or ending up in the ocean!

Easter Week at Bodsham

Next week is a busy week in school, we have two parent consultation evenings on **Monday** and **Wednesday** and teachers are looking forward to sharing your child's progress with you. If you still haven't booked a slot but would like a consultation, do call the office to see what times and days we have still have available.

On **Tuesday afternoon** we have our special Decorated Egg and Egg Rolling Competitions. Our lovely PFA will be providing prizes and a special little egg for all the children. **Please bring in your named decorated eggs AND a named hardboiled egg for rolling on TUESDAY**. Parents are invited into school from 2.45pm to enjoy watching the egg rolling fun.

On Thursday we will hold our Easter Service at Hastingleigh Church. Please collect children at 2.15pm ready for our service to begin at around 2.30pm. Parking will be at the Old Saw Mill and the Church Car Park.

Good Luck Mrs Coley

We are very sad to have to announce that Mrs Coley is making the move down Stone Street to join our team at Saltwood. While she has been at Bodsham Mrs Coley has worked in every class and so children from all over the school will miss her. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her good luck in her new role!

Folkestone School for Girls Open Mornings

Current Year 5 students and parents will be interested to know that Folkestone School for Girls are running 5 open mornings from 9.15am to 10.45am from 29th April to 3rd May 2024. If parents wish to attend, can you are asked to please register via their website here. If parents want their daughters to sit the Shepway test in September, then details of this will be given at these open mornings.

A Growing Project

The Woodpeckers have been literally tasting the success of their efforts growing micro-greens for sale. The fresh boxes of pea-shoots, cress and other super-healthy greens were quickly sold out! Thanks to Rebecca Smith and Ed Kyrke- Smith from the Kent School of Food who have helped the children learn about growing their own produce. The children also planted First-Early potatoes last week which should be ready to harvest in the summer – potato salad at the Summer Fair anyone?

News from The Kent School of Food

Parents may know that The Kent School of Food has been formed by Bodsham locals to develop the Timber Batts into a restaurant and cookery school designed to help children learn about and participate in sustainable food production. Bodsham's children are already benefitting from this project, which is why our governors have supported my involvement as one of the Directors of the Community Interest Company. A great deal of funding is still needs to be found, but parents can now view the plans for the Timber Batts, to be renamed The Yard, and the wider project on the recently launched website. There will be opportunities to share your views soon, so please have a look.

Bodsham Choir Delights at Hastingleigh

On Wednesday 6th March, Bodsham School Choir sang at the community Hastingleigh coffee morning. They had practised really hard for months in order to perform nine songs for their audience, including songs with different harmony parts, duet and small group sections, and even one song which was entirely acapella! The concert went down really well amongst parents and all the gathered villagers. Thank you to everyone who came to support us, and to Mrs Jones for driving us in the minibus. What a lovely morning we all had!

Scarlet Fever Latest

We are still receiving new reports of cases of scarlet fever at school, although the numbers have reduced considerably. If your child shows any of the early symptoms of scarlet fever, such as a temperature, sore throat, nausea or vomiting then please contact your GP and let them know there has been an outbreak at school. There is a letter you can print to show them here. It is advisable that children be given antibiotics (even if just as a precaution given the number of cases at school). If diagnosed, children will need to have started antibiotic treatment 24 hours before they return to school.

London Mini Marathon – Places Still Available

Our PTA have secured 25 places on the TCS London Mini Marathon this year and, at the time of writing, there are still 9 places left! Children taking part will have the opportunity to run one mile of the London Marathon course, right past Buckingham Palace! It's not too late to enter. Please see our News section for full details

Anyone for Maypole Dancing At The Village Fayre?

Hastingleigh Village are holding their Spring Fayre on **Bank Holiday Monday, 6th May.** The fayre is a lovely event with food, games and music for the whole community to enjoy together. The organisers have asked if children from Bodsham School would like to take part in the Maypole Dance at the fayre, with Mrs Wenham practicing the skills with them during lunchtimes after Easter. In order to gain a place, you would need to commit to being at the Fayre on Monday 6th May, and ensure that your child has an accompanying adult. Please contact the school office if you'd like your child to take part!

Welcome Miss Pavlik

We are welcoming Elizabeth Pavlik to our team next week as a student teacher working alongside Miss Skinner in the Woodpeckers. She has already met the children on her induction week and will be with us now until July.

Happy Easter!

As this is the last newsletter before we break up, can I wish you all a very happy and restful Easter. The last day of term next week is **Thursday 28th March** and the children return to school on **Tuesday 16th April!**

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Community News

GREEN GANG Easter 2024

Children's Activities

SAMPHIRE HOE EGG ASSAULT COURSE

SAT 30TH MARCH – 13:00-15:00PM

Join Ranger George as we go on a gentle walk along the sea wall to the wacky egg rolling challenge slope. Then test your skills on the egg assault course. (We provide the eggs and spoons).

SUGARLOAF HILL EGG ROLLING

MON 8TH APRIL – 10:00-12:00

Join us on the summit of Sugarloaf Hill, Folkestone Downs, for an egg-citing egg rolling race!

RIVER DIPPING

THURS 11TH APRIL – 10:00-12:00

Come along to explore the incredible underwater world of our very own River Dour!

MEET THE MAMMALS

FRI 12TH APRIL – 09:30-11:30

Ever heard the squeak of a shrew or the rustle of a mouse in the undergrowth but never got a chance to see them? Well now is your chance to meet some small mammals!

All bookings via the website:
www.whitecliffscountryside.org.uk/events/whats-on

WHITE CLIFFS
COUNTRYSIDE PARTNERSHIP

SAMPHIRE HOE
COUNTRY PARK

CG Cricket Coaching

CRICKET COACHING FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS

Easter holiday sessions open to women and girls from all clubs and schools

AGES 7-12 4-5:15PM

Fielding and Fitness - 2nd April £12

Batting and Bowling - 9th April £12

Or £20 if both sessions booked together

A chance to hone cricket skills before the start of the season.

Sessions led by an experienced coach:

- **ECB Core Coach**
- **Girls' County Age Group Coach**
- **Qualified Youth Strength and Conditioning Coach**

AGES 13+ 5:30 - 7PM

Fielding and Fitness - 2nd April £15

Batting and Bowling - 9th April £15

Or £25 if both sessions booked together

A chance to hone cricket skills before the season begins.

10% discount when you sign up with a family member or a friend

For more information or to book a place contact Head Coach Chris

Three Hills Sports Park
Cheriton Road, Folkestone, CT19 5JU

Email- cgccbook@gmail.com
Mobile - 07359 343474
CG Cricket Coaching
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FOLKESTONE RUGBY CLUB PRESENTS

UNDER 11S
FREE OPEN DAY!

Open to girls and boys from YEAR 6 to have fun and keep active whilst learning the basics of a great sport.
Come and chat to one of our certified coaches. Feel free to get involved and see why our players are always eager to brave the pitch rain or shine, the smiles on their faces will say it all.

JOIN US AT FOLKESTONE RUGBY CLUB

SUNDAY 7TH APRIL

WWW.FOLKESTONERUGBYCLUB.CO.UK

10AM START

For more information, visit
tinyurl.com/FRFC-U11sTEAM

Hastingleigh

Spring Fayre

May 6th – 12-4pm

Hastingleigh Recreation Ground

- Licensed bar
- Food – BBQ, Cakes
- Live music
- Activities & games for all ages
- Craft stalls

Are you looking for a job that fits in around your family? Gain the necessary qualifications to support you, fully funded by the ESFA (Education Skills Funding Agency).

Levels 1, 2 & 3 for School Support Course with a Guaranteed Job Interview.

- **Our classes are based online - Run only in term time - During school hours to fit in with the school run -**

Course Times

- Total of 5 days per week (Mon-Fri) for 6 weeks
- There are 2 lessons per day (9.30am – 11am) & (1pm – 2pm)
- Must have internet access and a laptop or tablet.

- **No prior experience necessary -**

Eligibility Criteria

- Must Be Aged 19+
- Must Claim Benefits (Universal Credit, JSA, ESA, PIP, Income Support, Housing Benefits or any type of Tax Credit including Child Tax Credit). If you live in Merseyside, you do not need to claim any benefits.
- You Can't be a student or an International Student
- You Must have lived in the UK for a Minimum of 3 Years (Except if you are from the Ukraine).

www.studysmartuk.online

Diabetes Awareness Day
SAVE THE DATE
Saturday 15 June 2024
9am – 1pm
Wye Surgery