Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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**Now we are in Lent, the children are being encouraged to think about why these 40 days are so important to Christians, and what they could do themselves during this time. Rather than giving something up, we will be encouraging them to take action to make a positive difference to the world around them!**

23rd February 2024

## Term 4 means Book Week!

This is always an important term because we count down the days to Easter and all that means to us as a church school. The other significant event in March is Book Week. This Year **World Book Day is Thursday 7th March** where children can come in dressed as a favourite book character, and take part in our parade on the playground. I'm always impressed with the originality of the ideas at Bodsham!

## From Tiny Seeds…

Parents may be aware that there is a project underway to convert the Timber Batts Pub into an amazing bar and restaurant with an associated training kitchen, designed to promote sustainable food production and help children learn cookery skills. This project, the Kent School of Food, has a long way to go to realise its dream, but the children of Bodsham are involved right from the start. Rebel Farmer, Ed Kyrke Smith will be sharing his expertise in permaculture planting with the children, showing them how, with a patch of un-dug ground, some cardboard, compost and seeds, you can grow your own food and protect the environment. We will be growing in school, revamping our poly tunnel for micro greens, and in the garden at the Timber Batts, inviting the community to take part too. We look forward to seeing, eating and perhaps even selling the produce grown by the Woodpeckers!

## Flipping Great Time

The children celebrated Pancake Day early at the end of last term with Bodsham's traditional pancake races. Great fun was had by all!

## Please Help With This Important Survey

The Education People's Early Years and Childcare Service is conducting a survey on behalf of Kent County Council, of parents/carers and expectant parents to determine interest in the childcare entitlements that are being introduced this year and their arrangements for wraparound care of any primary school aged children. The survey will also gather the views of parents/carers using or wanting to use more childcare in Kent. This combined information will help us assess where there are gaps in provision. Please scan the QR code or follow this link to start the 10 minute survey.

## Bodsham Choir on Tour Next Week

Mrs Allen is taking our choir to sing at Evington Hall on **Wednesday 6th March.** The coffee morning there starts at 10.30am and our choir will be singing at 11am. Bodsham parents are warmly invited to attend – no need to book, just come along!

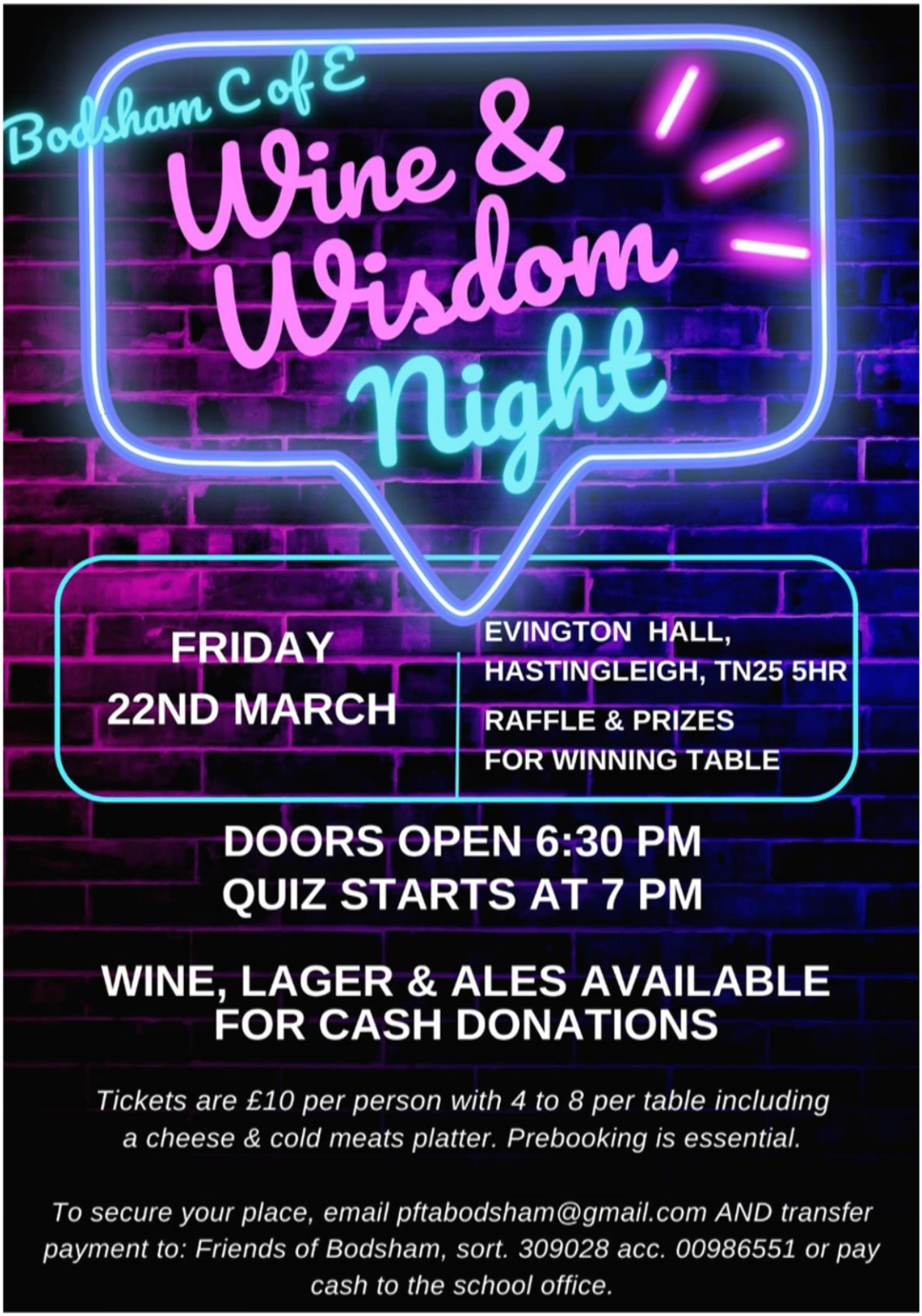
## Lent Projects For Us All

Over Lent we will be encouraging children to take up different projects to help make a positive difference. This week we have been asking children to help switch off unnecessary lights and devices. Have you noticed them doing this at home? Next week we will be talking about Fair Trade, so you might be pestered to change your shopping habits a little!

## Football Fun – just for the girls!

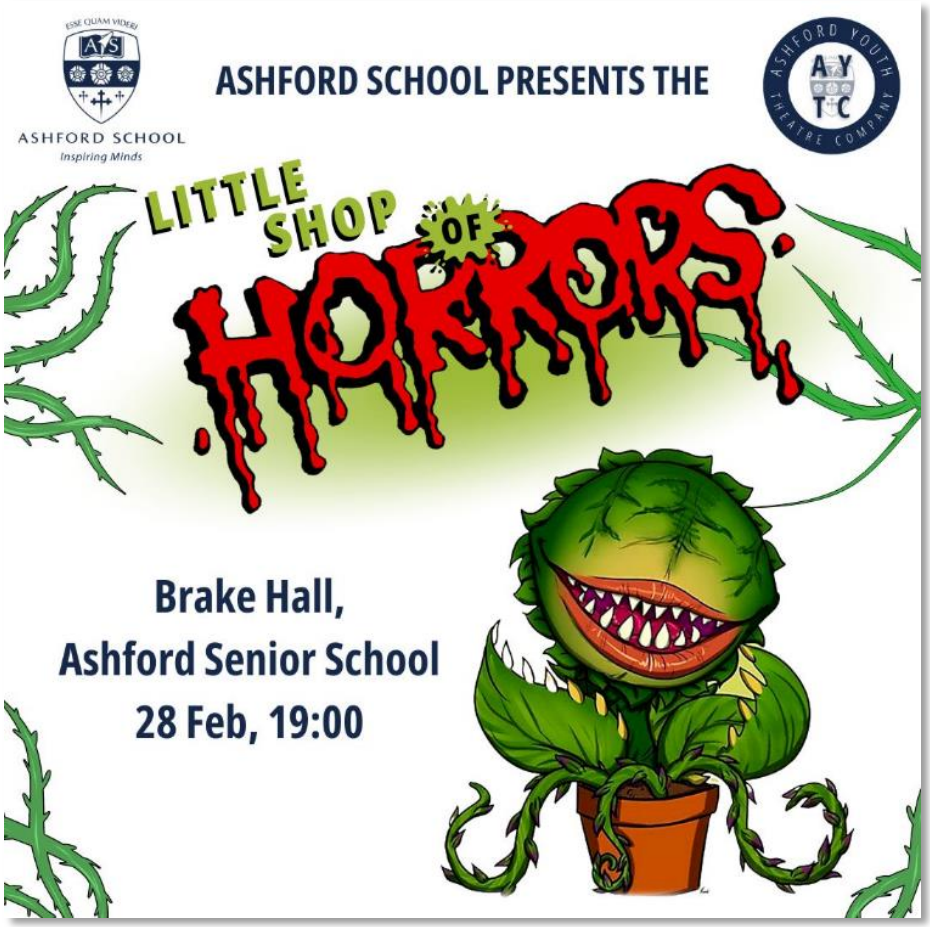
On Friday March 8th we will be taking part in the Biggest Ever Football Session #Letgirlsplay. Organised by England Football, we will be offering some lunchtime and after school football fun just for the girls. More details coming next week!

Paul Newton, **Executive Head Teacher**


Bodsham C of E
Wine & Wisdom Night
FRIDAY
22ND MARCH
EVINGTON HALL,
HASTINGLEIGH, TN25 5HR
RAFFLE & PRIZES
FOR WINNING TABLE
DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM
QUIZ STARTS AT 7 PM
WINE, LAGER & ALES AVAILABLE
FOR CASH DONATIONS
Tickets are £10 per person with 4 to 8 per table including a cheese & cold meats platter. Prebooking is essential.
To secure your place, email pftabodsham@gmail.com AND transfer payment to: Friends of Bodsham, sort. 309028 acc. 00986551 or pay cash to the school office.

# Community News

## Musical Performance at Ashford School




Ashford School would like to invite you to the open dress rehearsal of their musical: Little Shop of Horrors on Wednesday 28th February 7PM, Brake Hall, East Hill, Ashford. TN24 8PB.

Admission is FREE via this link ONLY www.ticketsource.co.uk/Ashfordschool using the password: FREEADMISSION

Limited Tickets Available on a first come first served basis. A maximum of 5 tickets per family. Recommended for ages 6+ Run time: 2.30 hours (including interval). A range of refreshments will be available.