Our Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer this week gives children and staff a time to make a special journey that allows us all to leave behind our worries for a time. We encouraged the children to write down a worry and leave it behind in God's hands. 'Cast your cares on the Lord because he cares for you' *1 Peter 5:7*

23rd June 2023

A Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer

Today saw our annual pilgrimage from Evington Hall back to the school. On the journey the children had the chance to lose themselves in nature, leaving their worries behind for a while. After we gathered at Hastingleigh, the children were encouraged to write down something that is worrying them and stick that worry onto our 'Hands of God' display – with the message that God will hold onto these worries today so they don't have to.

A pilgrimage is not a journey that is just about reaching your destination. It is a time for escape and reflection as you travel. I hope everyone involved in today's walk found time to stop and look around at our beautiful setting. The children left stones decorated with positive messages along the route for others to find and appreciate. Thank you everyone who volunteered to come along. Put your feet up this evening, you deserve a rest!

Please come to the Summer Fete!

The weather forecast looks amazing for Saturday's Fete. Doors open at 12pm for an afternoon of fun, food and music. The event is open to all, so why not bring your friends and family too!

It's a sign of how times are changing that I feel the need to remind everyone to please bring **cash** to spend on the day – I'm afraid we still haven't quite worked out how to swipe your card at the coconut shy!!

Teacher Industrial Action 5th and 7th July

You may have heard the news that the dispute between teaching unions and the government over pay and conditions is far from being resolved. The NEU has called for its members to take industrial action on 5th and 7th July. I have had no indications from our teaching staff that they are intending to strike on those days, so the situation as it stands is that all classes will remain open. I will, of course, update you asap if that situation changes.

Bodsham is a nut free school

When packing lunchboxes, please remember that we are a nut free school. There are children with significant allergies in school, and including any product that contains nuts in a packed lunch puts them at risk. Thank you!

A Message from our Catering Company

Bodsham Caterlink Survey

Hello,

As your catering provider we value feedback from all stakeholders to help us improve the service we provide to you and your pupils. This term we are completing a Parent/Guardian survey on the meal provision we provide.

The survey will close on 21st July, we will provide an update to schools which have taken part in the autumn term.

https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/M67CD59

Many thanks for your continued support.

Year 6 complete Bikeability

I was pleased to hear that our Year 6 children have completed their 'cycling proficiency' course this week – now known as Bikeability. It's good to know that we will be sending these children off to their secondary schools equipped with the road skills they'll need to ride their bikes safely. It was also very pleasing to receive the feedback from the Bikeability instructors who praised our children's manners and good behaviour. Well done everyone!

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher