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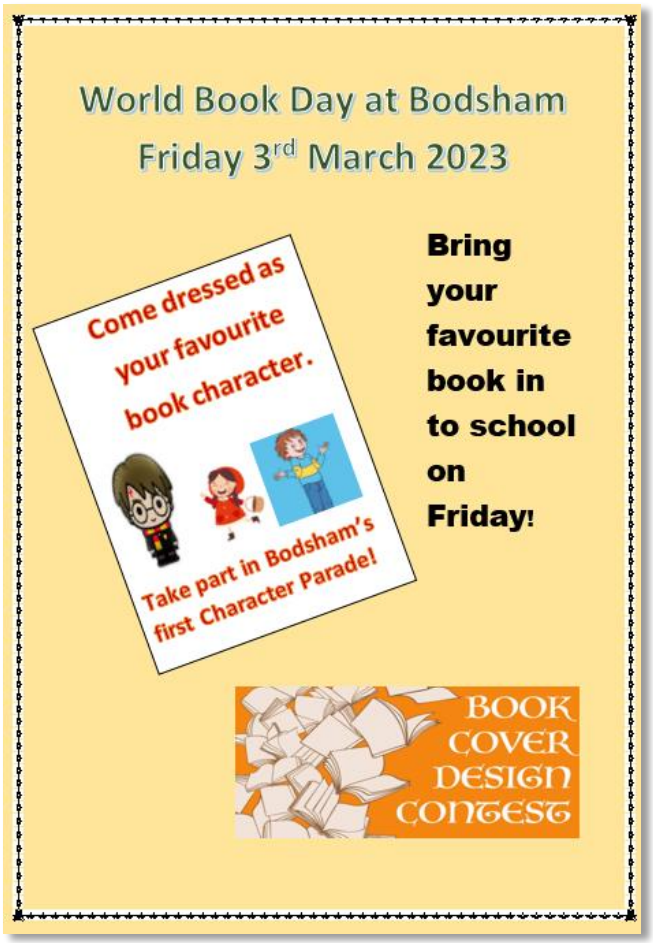
As we enter Lent, we have encouraged the children to think about what this period means to Christians and to consider for themselves how they might find strength to resist the temptation to do something wrong.

24th February 2023

Here Comes Term 4

So we begin the second half of this school year and look forward to the many events that herald the arrival of Spring and, eventually, Summer. This week the children have been talking about the importance of Lent (while having some fun with pancakes on the way) and later in the term they will learn the full Easter story and why this time of year is so important to Christians around the world. The run up to Easter concludes with our Easter Service in church on **Friday 31st March**, to which all parents are invited so put that date in your diary!

It's Book Week Next Week!



Late Arrivals

As part of our drive to improve attendance in general at Bodsham, we have opened up a Late Book in the school office. Children arriving after the school gates have closed at 8:50 will need to be signed in to the book by an adult please. It's also worth knowing that if your child arrives at school after 9.10am when the registers have closed, they will receive an unauthorised absence mark for the morning session.

National Education Union Strike Action – Thursday 2nd March

I'm sure you will be aware that the NEU are asking their members to go out on strike again on Thursday. As was the case for the last day of industrial action by teaching staff, I have received no indications that any of our teachers are planning to strike on Thursday, but if they were to choose to do so it may be necessary to close classes at relatively short notice. I will, of course, keep you informed if I hear any new information about our staff's intentions.

Does Your Child Have An Interesting Hobby?

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Sparrows Feed the Birds!

In Sparrows class we have been thinking about why it is important to feed the birds in the Winter time. We have been using pinecones to make a winter treat for the birds and followed a sequence of instructions to create our feeders. We have found the perfect place to hang our pinecone feeders in our garden and it didn't take long until we spotted birds using them. We have been really excited to see so many different birds and have regularly topped up the feeders. We made a bird hide and kept really quiet, we soon saw more birds visiting our garden! See more pictures on the Sparrows' web page!

2023-24 Term Dates Now Published

If you are planning next year's holidays already you might like to know that the Term dates for 2023-24 are now available on our website, including the 5 staff development days on which the school will be closed.

My Community Voice

We have been asked by Kent Police to circulate details of a new scheme designed to encourage communication between the community and local policing.

"My Community Voice is a messaging service that helps Kent and Medway residents, businesses, and community groups to keep in touch with their local policing teams. The service sends updates about your local area directly from the police officers themselves.

My Community Voice is more than just a messaging service; it allows you to reply to the alerts we send you, share information and tell us about the issues affecting you.

We are committed to engaging with communities to increase trust and confidence and to help protect people from harm. Police, partners and the public working together can build resilient and safe communities, and both reduce and prevent crime."

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher