Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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Saltwood Church of England Primary School

Today is our Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer. The children have been invited to leave their cares in God's hands and walk in His creation for the day. In Matthew 6:28-29 Jesus reminds us of the beauty of a single flower. What did your children notice today?

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Ofsted Report Coming Soon!

This is my first newsletter since our Ofsted inspection at the end of May and I was hoping that the report would have been published by now. Until it is on the Ofsted website there are strict rules about sharing the contents of the report. I have read the draft report and can say that we are pleased with the way the inspection was carried out, and feel that the inspection team have captured a fair picture of our unique little school! Parents will be emailed a copy of the inspection report when we receive the final version.

Summer Fair – Saturday 2nd July

Our PTA are making frantic preparations for the return of the famous Bodsham summer fair. It will be taking place on the school field from 11am to 4pm next Saturday and all are welcome. Bring your family and friends (and some cash!) to enjoy an exciting array of food and drink along with traditional summer fair games and activities. Any parents who have not yet volunteered their services who might be able to help on the day in any capacity can email Mrs Smith on ptfabodsham@gmail.com

Wimbledon Themed Lunch Day – Thursday 7th July

To get us in the Summer Spirit, our school meal providers, Caterlink, are offering the children a Wimbledon themed lunch on Friday 7th. Meals can be booked via their website as usual. Fresh Strawberries, anyone?

...And Then It's Sports Day - 12th July.

There's so much going on in this packed half term! Once the Summer Fair is over our minds will turn to Sports Day on 12th July. Parents are invited into school from 12pm to have a picnic lunch outside if you'd like to. There is, of course, still the option to order a school meal from Caterlink on that day. The hot meal will be hot dogs, (vegetarian or meat sausages), potato wedges, lemon and mixed berry cake which can be eaten outside with parents as a picnic.
Team activities will be from 1pm with races around 2.15pm which parents can enjoy from the shade of our magnificent chestnut tree.

New Appeal from Shepway Food Bank

We continue to have close links with the Shepway Food Bank project and they have asked if we can publicise their latest appeal.

Thinking of getting your ears pierced?

Although children enjoy getting their ears pierced, it can cause problems if they are unable to remove their earrings for PE lessons. Our PE policy requires children to do this before taking part in PE as taping up ears is not sufficient protection. So if you are thinking of allowing your child to get their ears pierced, then the **start** of the summer holiday is the time to do it! Six weeks is plenty of time for ears to heal sufficiently to allow the safe removal of earrings. Please also note that only small stud earrings should **ever** be worn to school as loop earrings can cause serious damage if snagged.

Can you help Bowles?

We send our Y6 children to Bowles every year. It is a first class outdoor education centre right on our doorstep in the West of Kent. This year the Bowles Centre had one of their minibuses stolen. They are trying to crowd fund for a replacement. If your child has enjoyed time at Bowles, you might like to help their appeal! Thank you!
Bowles Rocks 2022 (Stolen) Minibus Appeal! Support children's adventures this summer! - JustGiving

Well Done Team Bodsham!

Our children have taken part in two different outings this week. The Sparrows enjoyed a day at Canterbury Cathedral. They found out about the Kings, Saints and Pilgrims who have all visited the Cathedral. When they dressed up as these characters and climbed the steps on their knees like thousands of pilgrims before them, I understand the visiting tourists were delighted!

Our Football team travelled to Stelling Minnis CEP School for their first ever competitive matches in a local tournament organised by Mr Gray. I was proud of how the 7-a side team played together and never gave up, even when faced with very challenging opposition.
What both of these trips have in common is the excellent way our children represented Bodsham outside of the school. I couldn't ask for more!

Help for the Holiday

The Holiday Activities and Food programme is available to all children who are entitled to a benefits related Free School Meal. The Shepway Sports Trust have just announced some really exciting summer holiday camps which are offering 270 free spaces to local children. Saltwood parents who receive HAF vouchers from the school can use them to book places on any of the camps on offer! Parents can book using the Wonde link that comes with the vouchers. More details can be found in our News section on the website.

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