Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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We have been talking to the children about the events of Holy Week and how they are remembered in church today. When Jesus rode into Jerusalem, he was greeted as a King. As King Charles' coronation draws near, the children have reflected on what sort of King they would like him to be. The most common answer was 'kind'!

24th March 2023

Easter Week Approaches

This is my last newsletter of Term 4 and next week is the final week before we break up for the Easter Holidays. As a church school, we place a lot of importance on the build up to Easter. Our school worship assemblies and RE lessons have all helped the children to get a real insight into why this time of year is so important to Christians. We would love you to join us at Elmsted Church at 2:30pm on Friday next week for our traditional Easter service. **Please collect the children from school at 2:15pm.** Each class will have prepared a presentation on the theme of Easter and the Owls will be helping to tell the Easter story through Bible readings.

Attention Year 5 Parents!

It's coming up to the time of year when Year 5 parents need to turn their thoughts to their choice of secondary school when the children reach Year 7. Although this will seem a long way off, there are lots of things to consider before we get there. Secondary schools are starting to offer open sessions where children can visit to get a flavour of the school (see FSG information below) We are able to authorise absences for this visits if you'd like to take your child along. Next term, we will give Year 5 a chance to take a Cognitive Ability Test (CATs) and then in June we will invite you to a meeting to discuss the results of these tests and help you decide whether or not you would like your child to sit the Kent Test in September.

Red Nose Day Total

Well done Bodsham for raising over £100 for Comic Relief last week. The money will all go to the good causes they support each year.

Folkestone School for Girls Open Mornings for Year 5

We have received the following from The Folkestone School for Girls

> We would very much appreciate it if you could help us advertise our Year 5 open mornings to your current Year 5 students and parents.
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> This year we are running 4 open mornings on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th May 2023.
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> If parents wish to attend, can they please register with reception either by email to: reception@folkestonegirls.kent.sch.uk or phone: 01303 251125.
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> If parents want their daughters to sit the Shepway test in September, then they should attend as details will be given by the Principal.
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> Registration for the Shepway test will be via our website between 5th June and 14th July 2023.

Keep an eye on the websites of other local secondary schools. We'll share any messages they send to us, but not all of them do!

Attention Year 6 Parents!

Year 6 will be sitting their important Key Stage 2 SATs from **Tuesday 9th May to Friday 12th May**. It is essential that all children are present for these tests. The outcomes help to set expectations in secondary school, so they really matter!

Goodbye and Thank You Mrs Albertini

Congratulations to Mrs Cadie Albertini who has gained an appointment as Business Manager at Lady Joanna Thornhill School in Wye. Cadie has been a familiar face in our school office since 2017 and has been our very own School Business Manager since 2020. She has helped me keep the school running, ensuring we stick to our budgets and worked tirelessly to improve and restore our wonderful old school building. Mrs Rebecca Masterson, who is currently Saltwood's Business Manager will be taking over Cadie's responsibilities after Easter. Mrs Albertini's last day in school will be Thursday next week so parents who would like to contribute to her collection should contact the school office, but please avoid handing the money directly to Mrs Albertini as she is likely to suspect something!

Learning is fun in Bodsham's Early Years!

The Gingerbread Man ran so fast that Sparrows had to think of a clever way to catch him! They planned how to catch him and wrote instructions on how to make a trap. We followed our plans and used recycled materials in imaginative ways to create some amazing traps. We enjoyed testing them out!

Sparrows class have also really enjoyed learning about dinosaurs. We found out how fossils are created and how they help us to learn new facts about dinosaurs. Mrs Stephens brought her fossil collection into school for us to explore and we made our own fossils from salt dough. We are hoping to see lots more fossils on our trip to Folkestone Museum – we have heard that there is dinosaur footprint for us to discover!

Have a look at The Sparrows' web page for lots more pictures!

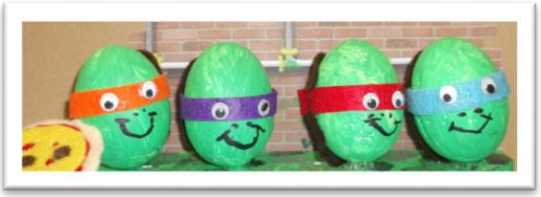
Woodpeckers Go Roman Around Canterbury!

On Tuesday the Romans invaded Canterbury! The Woodpeckers visited the Beaney Museum and the Roman Museum to learn about Roman artefacts found in Canterbury, Roman technology and the Roman Army. We had the opportunity to dress like a Roman, visit the site of old Watling Street and a large section of Roman wall still standing in Canterbury!

Check out the Woodpeckers' web page for a record of their whole day!

Egg Decorating Competition

As part of our Easter Eggstravaganza on Thursday next week we will be holding our traditional decorated egg display! Why not get to work this weekend with your children and use the medium of 'hard-boiled egg' as a way to express your creative talent. Prizes will be awarded for the best decorated eggs, which can have an Easter theme, or just go for the funny bone!



Easter Eggstravaganza!

As well as our Easter Service in church on Friday, parents are also invited to our Easter Eggstravaganza on Thursday. Please come along from 3pm for Egg Rolling, a Decorated Egg Display and the PTA's Easter Hamper Raffle. Refreshments will be served.

Final Reminders!

Don't forget that our parental consultations are taking place on Monday and Wednesday next week. Please contact the office if you have not yet booked an appointment. **There is no child care available during these consultations and children cannot be allowed in the school unsupervised, so please come without them if you can**!

Term ends on Friday and the children return to school on **Tuesday 18th April**. School is closed for a Staff Development Day on Monday 17th April. Have a great Easter everyone!

Paul Newton
Executive Head Teacher

Community News

Folkestone Junior Chess Club

Chess is enjoying a boom right now hence Folkestone Junior Chess Club is expanding. We now also meet on Saturday afternoons.

[Please see the website for more details.]

KENT JUNIOR SQUASH STARS

hythe squash juniors

Ladies Walk, Hythe CT21 6AX

Baz Hodson (ESL 2 Coach)
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squash www.kentsra.co.uk

Exciting opportunities for all children to have fun and play squash.

FREE Junior Open Days during Easter at Hythe Squash Club.

Sessions for any ability from ages 7-12. All kit provided, just bring a clean soled pair of sport shoes. Please scan QR code for further details sign up.

Scan me!

Autism Acceptance Week

SHEPWAY AUTISM SUPPORT GROUP

RANT AND RAVE DROP IN MORNING

For anyone who would like to learn more about autism!

Come along for a coffee and speak to people with first-hand experience of autism.
Feel free to ask us questions and learn more!

Tuesday 28th March 2023
Anytime between 9.30am-12.00pm

Beacon Plus Community Cafe,
Our Lady of Help of Christians Catholic Church,
41a Guildhall Street, Folkestone, CT20 1EF

Any questions? Please contact hello.sasg@outlook.com
or visit our Facebook page.