Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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"Don't worry about anything, but pray and ask God for everything you need, always giving thanks for what you have" ***Philippians 4:6.*** **We have been talking about how Christians use prayer to ask God to fix things that are wrong. We wrote our own prayer for peace together!**

24th November 2023

Christmas is Coming!

Next week sees the start of Advent in church and school and preparations for the festivities are well underway! Our Christmas activities are all listed on the school website calendar, which you can even download to your phones to give useful reminders! Our first event will be Carols on the Playground on Tuesday 5th December from 2.45pm where the Christmas Hamper draw will take place – please see the raffle tickets in book bags today and keep donating Christmas treats for the class reps to create the beautiful baskets!

New faces in Bodsham Office

We were sad to say goodbye to Mrs Valentine in the school office this month. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her good luck as she takes up a new position in Canterbury. Her care and efficiency really helped to keep the school running smoothly. Mrs Sue Sutton joins Mrs Clare Mason to complete the new office team and they will both be happy to help parents with anything you need. Mrs Masterson remains as Bodsham's Business Manager and will be happy to help with all things financial!

Thank You Mrs Bannister!

We are all sad to be saying goodbye to Mrs Bannister this week. She has been a source of support and good humour in the Robins Class and I know both children and staff will miss her. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her well in her new post!

Time to Wrap Up!

You may have noticed the weather forecast indicates a cold snap on the way. Please make sure children come to school with an appropriate warm coat or there may be times when there is a bit of drizzle when they are not able to go out to play with their friends!

Time to Apply for Primary School Places

If you are looking for a Primary School Place in September 2024 then you should know that the application window is now open. Parents have until 15th January to return their application forms to KCC. You can find a helpful leaflet from the local authority on our website. Remember, you need to apply even if your child already has a sibling at the school! Do come along to our next open day on 30th November, or book an individual tour if you'd like to see our unique little school in action!

Children in Need Update

A Whopping £710 has been raised so far for Children in Need this year this year. Which is just amazing!

Hearing Children's Voices

The Children's Commissioner has written to all schools with details of a nationwide survey of children's views that is intended to help policymakers make the best decisions for children in the future. Introducing **The Big Ambition**, she writes:

> It is really important that the pupils at Bodsham CofE Primary School have participated in The Big Ambition survey and had their say.
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> I want to ensure that the voices of all children in Kent are fairly represented in the findings so that I can share their views with the most senior members of the country.
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> I must reiterate that it is vital that all children have their voice heard through this survey because, as Children's Commissioner for England, I have a statutory duty to protect and promote the views and interests of children. The Big Ambition provides a much-needed opportunity for the children of England to tell political decision makers what is important to them ahead of the General Election. I will be sharing their responses with Government to ensure that children's voices are heard.

Children or parents can complete the survey here.

Further resources are available on the website.

Staff Vacancy at Bodsham

We are currently advertising for a Teaching Assistant to join our small but friendly team at Bodsham. It is a part time role for 3 days a week that will involve working with individual children to help them succeed in their own way. If you think you might enjoy the challenge, and would like to work in our beautiful, rural school please click here for further details.

Paul Newton, **Executive Head Teacher**

Community News

CHRISTMAS MARKET

Evington Hall, TN25 5HR

25th November 2023

4 – 6 pm

Mulled wine, mince pies, tombola, raffle, Father Christmas and more …

Venture camps

Ofsted

Trustpilot

Christmas Party

Nerf Inflatables

Christmas Games

18th-22nd December

9am - 4pm

For 5 - 11 year olds

(Drop off from 8:30am for no extra charge)

Join us for our Christmas Party Camps. 2 Day or 3 Day bookings available.

Please book early as spaces are limited and we anticipate these events filling up fast.

Book online:
venturecamps.co.uk

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SCOOTERS

NERF

Archery Tag
"It's A Hit!"

NINJA WARRIOR

ZORBS

Pirates
Inflatable Pirate Ship