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The children have been thinking and talking about the example of Ruth in the Bible. Her loyalty and service to Naomi meant that God blessed her and her family. Can your child talk about how our late Queen also demonstrated such service to us all?

23rd September 2022

What did she mean to you?

We were all shocked and saddened by the death of our Queen this month and I hope we have been able to give the children time and space to talk about her in school. Our worship themes of loyalty and service this week, inspired by the Old Testament story of Ruth and Naomi, provided a fitting context to talk about the Queen's service to our country. I was moved by the fact that children made this connection themselves today and understood the need to say 'Thank You' to Her Majesty.

Thank You, Lorraine

Someone who has certainly given our school many years of loyal service is our lovely priest, Lorraine. Rev Lawrence (as she is officially known) has been like a family member to our children and her regular visits to the school will always be fondly remembered by us all. Now ill-health has meant she needs to step away from these duties, there is a chance for our school community to say a proper Thank You at a special service being held at Wye Church on 4pm this Sunday (25th). I will be there to represent the school and present Lorraine with an offering from our children. It would be lovely to see you there too!

A Warm Welcome from our PTA

The PTFA (Parents, Teachers & Friends Association) would like to invite you to Picnic in the Playground **today** after school. This event is for all parents, carers and children to enjoy and cup of tea, cake and a chat after school, whilst the kids have a play. Hot drinks are £1, but if you bring a reusable cup, it's only 50P (we try to promote waste free events where possible). Cakes and squash are 50p. It would be great if you are able to donate some cakes, donuts, sausage rolls, etc to sell.

The PTFA runs as a charity (charity no: 1122123) and all proceeds are ploughed back into the school - to keep the mini-bus running, sports equipment, IT equipment, art supplies and so much more. Please support our wonderful little school.

European Day of Languages on Monday

It is The European Day of Languages on Monday, 26th September, and as a school who delivers French as their main Primary Language, we have decided to celebrate the French culture. On the day children may dress in red, white and blue in line with the French Flag if they would like to. Don't forget it is still PE day for Robins and Owls so they will need to wear clothes appropriate for sport. We hope the children will enjoy a little taste of France!

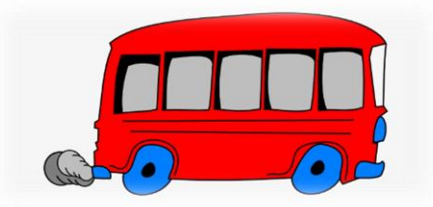
Are You Interested in Foster Care?

The Kent Fostering Network have asked us to circulate their latest information leaflets for any parents who may be interested in becoming foster parents, or joining the Kent Supported Homes Network.

Download Foster Parent Leaflet

Download Kent Supported Home Information Leaflet

School Trips in the Current Financial Environment



We are aware that many families are now experiencing some level of financial hardship and I am keen that school life does not make this situation worse! At our recent Orientation meetings, the idea of limiting school trips to reduce the number of times we need to ask families for money was discussed. I was delighted to hear that the overwhelming opinion from our parents is that they remain very happy to meet the costs of school trips as they are a valuable part of the curriculum.

The PTA have recognised that not all families will feel this way, however. They have asked me to invite anyone who may have difficulty making payments to contact me in confidence so that I can approach the PTA anonymously with a request for funding, which they will do their best to meet. Please email me directly at headteacher@bodsham.kent.sch.uk if you need some help with the cost of a school trip.

Local Author to Visit Bodsham

We are delighted to tell you about an upcoming visit from a local author. Jo Clarke will visit Bodsham on Friday 30th September 2022, to talk to us about her book *Spellboda*, and deliver workshops to each class.

Children will have an opportunity to purchase Jo's book at a discounted rate of £7.99 before her visit. If you would like to do so, you can do this directly through Jo Clarke's website: https://www.jcclarkeauthor.com/product-page/spellboda

N.B. Please put Bodsham School in the delivery address. Please add in the notes section: name of child, and year group. Books can be ordered online up until 29th September 2022. Alternatively, you can purchase a book through the school office, using cash, or cheque made payable to Jo Clarke. Jo will bring the books to school on the day, and sign them with the children.

We are very excited to welcome Jo Clarke to our school!

Some ideas for Weekend Fun!

Community News