Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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In 1 Corinthians 12 we hear how the Holy Spirit gives us all different kinds of spiritual gifts. We have been encouraging the children to think about what they are good at – and how they can use these gifts to help others. It's an interesting conversation to have at home too!

27th September 2024

Attention all Year 6 Parents

Now the Kent Test is out of the way, it's time to start thinking about applying for a secondary school place in September. Most secondary schools are currently holding open events (see fliers at the end of this newsletter for a selection) so make sure you sign up to visit any schools you might be considering. The deadline for the submission of your secondary application forms is 31st October. The Kent Test results will be with you on 17th October, so you will be able to list selective or non-selective schools as you choose. Applications must be placed via KCC's Applications Website. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you need any advice or information, particularly after the Kent Test results are published.

Can you help as a reading volunteer?

One of the best ways for children to develop their reading skills is to read out loud to an adult. We are lucky to have regular volunteers who visit each week to spend some time reading with children and discussing the books they have chosen. If you think you might be able to spare a regular hour or two, please email the office on admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk and we'll add you to the team!

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Harvest Festival On Friday

Please join us for our Harvest Festival service at **Hastingleigh** church on Friday next week. Children should be collected from school at 2:15pm and the service will start at 2:30pm. Children are asked to bring donations of any tins and packets that you can spare. They will carry them into the church on Friday afternoon and present them at the altar at the start of the service. All donations will be given to Bright City Church who provide food parcels and hot meals to vulnerable families

Try a Tasty School Dinner on Thursday

On set days each year a count is taken of the number of children taking a school meal. The more children that do, the more funding the school receives! On **Thursday October 3rd** Caterlink are putting on a special menu of crispy chicken or veggie dippers to encourage as many children as possible to try a school meal on that day! Click the picture to find out what's on offer.

Creative Conkers

Our wonderful horse chestnut tree (which, I'm told, dates back to 1899) has put on a fantastic display of conkers this year. As always, the children at Bodsham have found a very creative way to play with them! Free massage anyone?

School Photographs Monday 7th October

Kittle Photography will be at Bodsham On **Monday 7th October** to take individual school photos. Please ensure all children are in their school uniform on that day, NOT PE Kit. Sparrows and Robins may wear their trainers to school so they can still take part in their PE sessions.

Shoes not Trainers Please

On the subject of uniform, please can parents ensure that children come to school in appropriate school uniform. Shoes (not boots) should be worn on non-PE days and trainers with flashing lights and bright colours are definitely not allowed! It's also the time of year where children are frequently required to wear wellies if they wish to play on the field, so a pair of clearly labelled wellingtons that you can leave in our rack will be very useful!

Thank you PTFA

We were lucky with the weather last week at the PTFA Tea & Cake afternoon. Thank you to everyone who came along – I hope you found it a valuable opportunity to meet new parents and socialize. Thank you also to the PTFA team who put on this event for us.

Bodsham is a Nut Free School

Nuts can cause severe allergic reactions. A person with an allergy does not have to eat nuts to have a severe reaction, this can be caused by surface contact and airborne particles. Peanut allergy affects around 1 in 50 of children in the UK. Please do not send in any food or snacks that contain nuts or peanut butter

Dragon Visit a Roaring Success

Each class had a workshop with Nina De La Mare today. Nina is the author and illustrator of Darion's Gifts, an enchanting story full of magic and dragons. Before her visit the children had created their own dragons in a fantastic variety of forms.

Nina commented on the creativity of our children (and families!). Many children chose to purchase a copy of Darion's Gift and there are some extra signed copies in the office if anyone else would like to pick one up. Nina left a lovely gift of a dragon bookmark for every child.

WANTED!

HELP WITH AFTER SCHOOL CLUB

Mrs Wenham is looking for some help with her popular after school club between the hours of 3:30pm and 5pm on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

This might be a great way for a young person to gain experience of child care, while getting paid. Safeguarding training will be provided by the school. Please email the school office if you know anyone who might be interested!

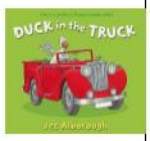
Storytime with Barley the Bodsham Bear

Are you looking for a school place for September 2025?

Six, free school taster sessions for you and your child at our beautiful, rural school led by

Miss Hughes, our fabulous EYFS teacher and Kent Teacher of the Year 2024.

Mondays 2.15-3.00pm in the Art Studio at Bodsham Church of England Primary School, TN25 5JQ

Monday 7th October		Listen to an extended version of the song 'Row, Row, Row Your Boat'. Come and make a shaker and join in with Barley's favourite song!
Monday 14th October		Learn some Makaton signs with Barley and join in with the story 'Duck in the Truck'. This is the tale of a duck who gets stuck in some yucky brown muck. After the story you can play with some muddy messy gloop!
Monday 21st October		It's time to go on a leaf hunt! Bring your wellington boots and join us on a walk around our school field. This week Barley is going to teach you how to make a leaf confetti wand!

Monday 4th November		Come along and listen to the story about a spider called Incy Wincy. This week, you will have the opportunity to make your own Incy Wincy spider puppet.
Monday 11th November		Listen to the story 'Whatever Next!', learn how to make moon sand and join in with Barley's favourite space song 'Zoom, Zoom, Zoom We're Going to the Moon'!
Monday 18th November		Come and visit Sparrows Wood in our EYFS garden and find everything you need to make your very own Stick Man. Children from our school council will be on hand to help you in the Art Studio.

Barley the Bodsham Bear is looking forward to meeting you!

Complimentary light refreshments will be available for you and your child/children.

If you would like to come along then please email admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk to register your interest. You are welcome to attend as many sessions as you wish.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Secondary School Open Events

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GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR BOYS

We are delighted to invite you to Dover Grammar School for Boys' 11+ Open Evening on **Thursday 3rd October 2024 between 5 and 7pm.** Please see our website for full details. Entrance to our school site will be through either our top gate on Noah's Ark Road or our bottom gate on Astor Avenue. However please note, entrance to our main building and the event itself will be over our new bridge and through main reception, which is situated at the top of the school. There is no general parking on site. Therefore, we recommend that you find on-road parking equidistant between both gates for your ease on the evening. If you are a registered blue badge holder and require a disabled parking space, please email lreynolds@dgsb.co.uk

The Canterbury Academy
A School for all the Talents
Open Evening
Wednesday, 9th October
Open Saturday
12th October
Open Mornings
15th, 16th, 17th and 18th October
In partnership with The Langton Grammar School for Boys to provide
a grammar school band for boys and girls in a comprehensive school for all the talents

Community News

Children and Young People's Emotional Wellbeing Support

Public Consultation

KCC is consulting on a new Therapeutic Support Service for children and young people with mild to medium emotional wellbeing and mental health needs.

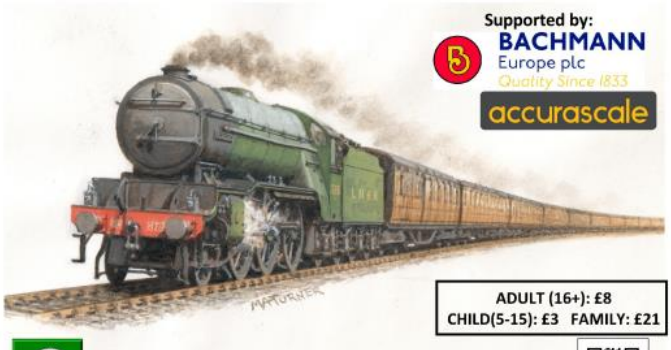
kent.gov.uk/cypwellbeingsupport

Consultation closes 12 November 2024

Folkestone Model Railway Club

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ
Sat 5th & Sun 6th October 2024, 10am-5pm



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