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The children are thinking about what we can learn from the life of King David. His strength and courage when facing Goliath is well known, but we have also talked about the mistakes he made and how he asked for forgiveness from God. We encouraged the children to think about how they can say sorry if they need to.

29th November 2024

It's beginning to look a lot like Winter

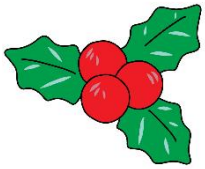
I've had to scrape my car windscreen a few times this week, so it's clearly a good time to remind parents of our bad weather procedure. At Bodsham, we will use email and our website to communicate information about class or whole school closures. Parents are also advised to sign up to the Kent Closures website at www.kentclosures.co.uk to receive email alerts when the school's opening status changes.

We will always try and make decisions about closures as early as possible in the morning and alert you well before the school day is due to begin, but you will appreciate that a lot of information about staffing, roads and the school site needs to be gathered first. In the event of extreme weather parents are strongly advised not to set out for school (and Breakfast Club in particular) until you have confirmed the school is open. Never attempt the journey to school if it doesn't feel safe to do so!

Come on, do it for Elvis!

Bodsham School performs well by almost every measure, but I'm afraid that our rate of attendance is often well below that of other schools. The children will tell you how hard Elvis, our Attendance Aardvark works each week to encourage them to come to school. Just one missed day means children have to work harder to catch up when they return. After a good start to the year I have seen a dip in attendance recently, so Elvis's message is to try and ignore those winter sniffles and make him happy by coming to school! I thank you very much.

PTFA News



Christmas Giving Tree

Christmas festivities begin next week with the arrival of the Christmas Giving Tree. The tree will be decorated with baubles with a piece of paper inside listing an item to gift the school. Items range from felt tip pens to batteries, glue sticks to footballs and have been chosen by the school as a useful resource for the children, with each item costing less than £10 and the majority below the £5 mark. Last year, the pupils enjoyed picking a bauble to reveal the gift but can we please, please ask that you leave the plastic bauble in the plastic box beneath the tree to save us replacing the baubles each year!

Christmas Cave

A huge thanks to all parents and caregivers for organising payments and tags for the Christmas Cave. Opening for one day only on Tuesday 3 December, we also want to thank the Bodsham Elves who have volunteered their time to make this annual tradition happen. Also, please remember to send your child in with a bag to carry their wrapped presents home in!

Christmas Hampers

The Christmas Hamper draw will take place on Friday 6 December at Carols on the Playground. For anyone wanting more tickets, there are plenty more at the office to sell!

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

Drop in Zone on Monday

All parents are invited to drop in to classrooms straight after school on Monday to view their children's work. Ask your child to show you the piece of work they are most proud of so far this year!

Carols on the Playground

Please come along to our traditional Carols On The Playground event on Friday 6th. Gates will open at 2:30pm and our PTFA will be providing refreshments, as well as carrying out the draw for their amazing Christmas hamper. All welcome! Don't forget to wrap up warm.

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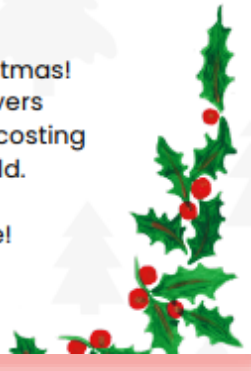
BODSHAM'S FESTIVE DATES

It is official, Christmas is creeping up on us so save this handy calendar of dates to make sure you are up to speed with Bodsham's festive season!

Monday 11 November	Deadline to complete Christmas Cave Tags and make payment.
Monday 18 November	Christmas Hamper Raffle ticket release - two books/10 raffle tickets will be placed in one child's school bag of each family to sell ahead of the draw. Additional tickets are available at the school office but limited numbers are given to children in case they go missing/left unsold.
Throughout December	Christmas Giving Tree - pick a bauble from the school's Christmas Tree to reveal a gift to buy for the school.
Tuesday 3 December	Christmas Cave - don't forget to send your child with a bag to carry their presents!
Wednesday 4 December	Deadline to return sold Christmas Hamper tickets.
Friday 6 December	Carols on the Playground and Christmas Hamper Draw.
Friday 6 December	Christmas Wreath Workshop for adults at The Evington Hall at 7 pm, pre-booking essential.
Friday 13 December	Christmas Nativity by Sparrows and Robins - mulled wine and mince pies for sale so don't forget your pennies!
Tuesday 17 December	School Christmas Lunch - children can wear their best Christmas jumper for a £2 donation.
Thursday 19 December	Class parties and a surprise visit from Father Christmas! Pupils can wear party clothes and parents/caregivers will need to hand to the office a wrapped present costing no more than £5 for the big man to gift to your child.
Friday 20 December	Church Service and last day of term - and breathe!



CHRISTMAS MARKET

Evington Hall, TN25 5HR

30th November 2024

4 – 6 pm

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

In aid of Evington Hall