Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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This week we have talked with the children about the ways Jesus showed mercy to others when he was on Earth. The children could say that he spent most of his time helping the sick and the poor. We looked at the work of the Christian charity Mercy Ships, who sail floating hospitals around the world offering free health care to those who need it.

3rd May 2024

SATs week approaches!

On Monday 13th May, Year 6 children all over the country will begin their end of Key Stage 2 SATs. These are a set of standardised tests in reading and maths that are designed to assess whether they have reached the expected standard in these subjects after seven years at primary school. These tests are really important, both for the children and the school. For the children, they will be the key information that is passed on to secondary schools and will determine their approach to GCSE targets at the end of Key Stage 4. For the school they will help to show how effectively teachers have helped the children make progress over the years. So, for all Year 6 parents, please make sure the children are ready and raring to go each morning – plenty of sleep and a good breakfast will help!

Important Information for Year 5 Parents

KCC have issued an important information leaflet to parents who may be considering entering their children for the Kent Test in September. The leaflet was sent home via email this week, and can also be found on our website here. I will be holding an online talk to explain the process of applying to secondary school and the Kent Test on **Thursday 23rd May at 5:30pm**. Please watch out for the link which will be sent out nearer the time.

Woodpeckers go Roman!

The Woodpeckers travelled back in time to Richborough Roman Fort this week. This is the site where the Romans landed in AD43 and developed a large town at Richborough. It was known as the 'Gateway to Britannia'.

Thanks to Drew for driving us in the mini-bus, Virginia who drove a group of children as a parent helper, and to English Heritage Volunteer, Martin, who took us on a tour of the site and helped us to imagine what the site would have looked like. The highlight of the day was climbing the ladder to the top of the reconstructed tower to get a bird's eye view of the site. You can see all the pictures on the Woodpecker's web page!

Help at Home with Maths

Mr Thomas, the maths leader at Saltwood has created a small set of 'How to..' videos aimed at supporting Upper Key Stage 2 children with that most difficult of concepts – **fractions**!! The videos set out how we teach the steps necessary to perform addition, subtraction, multiplication and division of fractions. Please let us know if you find them useful and we'll try and add some more!

See The Plans for the Yard at Bodsham

The Kent School of Food are holding an open event at the old Timber Batts pub, which they hope to develop into a brand new venue called The Yard. Please come along to the pub on Thursday 9th May between 3pm and 7pm to view plans and meet directors of the Community Interest Company (including myself!) who will be there to answer any questions.

Help us to help you

I'm sorry to end on a negative, but we do need your help in keeping the children safe.

In the morning, there is no staff supervision of children before 8:40am. **PLEASE DO NOT** drop children and leave them unsupervised at the gate before then. There have been reports of children leaving the site.

This week a silver Mercedes blocked the pathway in front of the school gate at home time. **PLEASE DO NOT** use this area to park in at this time. Parents and children were having to walk in the road to get past this car.

Enjoy the Bank Holiday and we'll see you all on Tuesday!

Paul Newton
Executive Head Teacher

Community News

GODMERSHAM GREAT 4 MILE RAMBLE

St Lawrence Church, Godmersham | Bank Holiday Mon 6th May | 10am - 2pm

£10 per child | Please scan here to sign up & pay

Limited spaces available, put your name down today!

Children must be accompanied by an adult *(Adults go free)*

For queries or dietary requirements please contact **godmershamchurch@gmail.com**

The Canterbury Academy
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The Canterbury Academy invites you to join us for our

Super Saturday

11th May 2024

Dear Year 5 students,
Here at The Canterbury Academy, we are delighted to welcome you to join us on Saturday, May 11th from 8.30 am - 1.00 pm for our `Super Saturday` event on campus.

Come and join our fun, exciting and creative workshops in performing arts, academic learning, sport and practical learning. Come and learn about everything our school has to offer you.

Come and meet our teachers and some of our year 7 students, who will tell you about the wonderful opportunities they have experienced since joining us. Enjoy a delicious lunch prepared for you on site by our Chef in School.

We look forward to meeting you soon !

SPORT

Are you excited about trying out some new secondary school sports activities?

Come and enjoy a variety of fun and inclusive activities that will give you an opportunity to use our outstanding facilities, including the athletics track, beach area and new hardcourt playground.

Please bring your trainers with you, and a water bottle.

ACADEMIC

Science in action!

Come and experience an exploration, of fun and funky sciences through a range of exciting experiments.

English and History.

Come and enjoy some workshops and immerse yourselves in these subjects in ways you never thought of.

PRACTICAL LEARNING

We can`t wait to show you the practical learning pillar and some of our amazing facilities.

Come and use our on-site professional hair salon to try out new hairstyles.

Come and learn some new skills at our indoor skateboarding centre.

PERFORMING ARTS

A Musical Theatre experience for all!

Do you love to sing, act and dance?

Our Musical Theatre workshop will explore scenes and musical numbers from a well-loved musical.

We will look at developing skills in performance, and you will learn new ways to perform, be creative and make new friends! Bring your dancing shoes (trainers!)

Your parents/carers can book your place by emailing supersaturday@canterbury.kent.sch.uk

The Canterbury Academy, Knight Avenue, Canterbury, Kent CT2 8QA Telephone: 01227 463971

Hastingleigh Spring Fayre

May 6th – 12-4pm

Hastingleigh Recreation Ground

- Licensed bar
- Food – BBQ, Cakes
- Live music
- Activities & games for all ages
- Craft stalls

- May Pole Dancing – 1pm
- Fun Dog Show – 2pm

All proceeds to Hastingleigh Village Hall / Evington Community Project