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This week we finished our series of worships on the theme of St Paul's idea of the Armour of God. The children showed an impressive ability to remember what St Paul wrote about each piece – The Helmet of Salvation, The Breastplate of Righteousness, The Shoes of The Gospel, The Shield of Faith and The Sword of the Spirit. Can they explain them you to?

5th July 2024

District Sports

I was very proud to see our children competing so enthusiastically at the Shepway Schools District Sports on Thursday. The team competed on the new running track at Three Hills Sports Centre in Folkestone against more than a dozen local schools. As always, there was the usual combination of track and field events. Bodsham's team showed a real commitment and supported each other brilliantly. There were no wins this year, but I feel we deserved a gold medal for spirit! Thank you to Miss Hughes for organising, and to all parents who helped with transport and cheerleading!

End of Year Reports Out Next Week!

You should be receiving your child's end of year report next week, so please check book bags if they aren't handed to you. In our recent parent survey, the very large majority of you said you find these reports helpful so I hope they provide the information you need about your child's progress this year. There is a drop in session on **Monday 15th July** after school for anyone who wishes to discuss this report with their teacher.

An Excellent Ensemble

Bodsham's budding musicians performed in front of an audience of parents and relatives on Tuesday to great acclaim. Thanks to our music teacher Stelios, there were several children who were confident enough to play a piece and the afternoon was rounded off by a lovely ensemble piece. If you'd like your child to start lessons with Stelios, either for individual tuition or in the ensemble please contact the office.

Phoebe exhibits at the Royal Academy!

I am very proud to announce that Phoebe in Year 4 will be able to boast that her artwork has been on display at the Royal Academy this summer! Our art teacher, Mrs Carter, sent off Phoebe's excellent picture to the RA's Young Artists' Summer Show, along with five other artists' work. Out of all the entries from schools up and down the country, Phoebe's has been chosen for display in the exhibition. Full details are here and Phoebe's picture, entitled Paws "A puppy is gently laying its paws on my shoulder" is below. The pictures from all our artists will appear on our website soon.

Pilgrimage Day

Our Pilgrimage got off to a soggy start today as we gathered at Evington Hall. It was great to see that the weather did not dampen the children's spirits. Rev Dawn arrived to send us off with a blessing, and join us on our walk. The children were encouraged to leave their cares behind on the walk, by writing down anything that was worrying them on a Post-It and sticking on a representation of God's hands. It was a muddy walk, but the children spent a very enjoyable hour in nature, talking to their friends. Many of them left a special stone on the journey with a positive message for whoever is lucky enough to find it!

Moving up morning!

Next Friday, 12th July, all classes will spend the morning with their new class (and for some, new teacher!) to help get them ready for September. Here is the class line-up for next Year:-

Sparrows YR– Miss Hughes (Monday – Wednesday) Mrs Stephen (Thursday, Friday)
Robins Y1 & Y2 – Miss Morris
Woodpeckers Y4 & Y4 – Miss Skinner
Owls Y5 & Y6 – Mrs Allen
Miss Carter will continue to offer a whole art day each week, one class per week.

Caterlink News!

Next Thursday there will be a special menu at lunchtime to celebrate Wimbledon.

Caterlink are seeking a new catering assistant at Bodsham. Please pass this on to someone you think might be looking for a vacancy.

Vacancy

Caterlink have a Catering Assistant Position available in Bodsham kitchen.

If you are interested in a fast paced, Monday to Friday, 12.5 hours per week, term time only position then please contact Lainey Carswell on 07741381939.

Experience is not required, full training given. Uniform provided.

Goodbyes... and hellos!

We will be sad to say goodbye to Mrs Rushton who will be moving 'down the road' at the end of term, to start her new position at Saltwood School. We will also be losing Mrs Masterson our Business Manager who starts her new position in September. We wish them both well in their new ventures!

Last Few Events of the Year!

As we count down the last 2 weeks of term, there are of course a few more events to be mindful of:-

Friday 12th July in the afternoon, Woodpeckers will be visiting Ed Kyrke-Smith's farm in Brook to round up their gardening project for the year. A very big thank you to Ed, Mrs Smith, and all the parent helpers who have supported the Woodpeckers with this project.

Our Summer Fair is approaching on Saturday 13th July - thank you for all your contributions and offers of help so far – it's going to be a big one!

On Wednesday 17th July, the Owls will be performing their play to the whole school at Evington Hall. Please remember to drop children at the hall that morning ready for the performance.

Our final event of the year will of course be our Leavers' Service which will take place at Elmsted Church on the last day of term, Friday 19th July. School will finish at 2.15pm that day, and we ask parents to transport their children to the church at Elmsted ready for a prompt 2.30pm start, to celebrate our wonderful Y6.

Have a great weekend!

Paul Newton
Executive Head Teacher

Community News

JUNIOR RUGBY OPEN DAY

FREE TASTER SESSION

AGES 5-14

14TH JULY
10 - 11:30AM

FOLKESTONE
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FOLKESTONE RUGBY CLUB

The ND Harbour

A safe space for neurodiversity.

Too Anxious for School: Emotionally Based School Avoidance (EBSA)

FREE ONLINE INFORMATION and Q&A SESSION

Weds 17th July 2024, 8pm-9pm

Abby Lloyd, Specialist Teacher & SEN Parent

Please email jo.black74@outlook.com for more information or to secure your space to attend.

What is EBSA and what causes it?

What is the link between neurodivergence and EBSA?

What are the legal obligations of the local authority?

What resources are out there for children not in school?

What can the school do?

How can I help my child?

Abby Lloyd has 25 years teaching experience, and gained her specialist teacher qualification in 2002. She has qualifications in dyslexia, autism, and mental health. Abby is parent to three neurodivergent teenagers, one of whom was out of school for two years with EBSA.