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The children have been thinking about King Charles's hopes for our country and the Commonwealth during his reign. He has urged us to 'shine like a light' with our good deeds and care for others. The children were able to think about how Jesus's teachings will give our new King a useful guide to what kind of a leader he should be!

5th May 2023

God Save The King!

I hope the children enjoyed our Coronation celebrations at school today. We have tried to give them a sense of the history behind Saturday's coronation and encouraged them to stop and watch the ceremony live. It's going to be easier to feel included in King Charles's coronation than ever before given the access we all have to technology today. The DCMS has commissioned a short film for children that you could share at home before the big day, to help put events into context for them!

Last Chance to Have Your Say

Thank you to all the parents and carers who have already completed our parent survey this month. The survey has been live for 2 weeks, but is closing soon so please take 5 minutes to let us know your thoughts on the school so we can work on our improvement plans for next year!

Click here to complete the survey

Year 6 to sit their SATs next week

Despite the extra Bank Holiday, Year 6 children across the nation will be sitting their end of Key Stage 2 tests next week. These tests help the children to demonstrate how far they have come in their learning during their time at primary school. The results are used by secondary schools to set expectations through Key Stage 3 and targets for GCSEs and so they are a very important assessment.

Year 6 parents should try to make sure that children are not absent at all next week. Tests will be set each day from Tuesday to Friday. A good night's sleep is vital and a big, healthy breakfast will set the children up to do their very best each day!

Feeling Lucky Tonight? Why Not Try The Bodsham PTFA Lottery?

Chance to win a Meta Quest 2 VR headset bundle!

Step into a world of virtual reality with this top-of-the-range VR headset – play standalone games with no need for a PC or games console, watch blockbuster movies from a new perspective, keep fit with active experiences, collaborate with workers in new and innovative ways – the choice is yours! The bundle also includes a charging dock and a carry case, worth over £150!
To be in with a chance of winning, all you need to do is to sign-up to our school lottery. Tickets cost just £1 per week and all funds are going towards helping raise money for our school. If you are already signed up to our school lottery, you will automatically be entered into this prize draw.

To take part, click here.

Helping the Police Target Online Support

We have been asked to share this Survey by the Police Crime Commissioner with you. It gives children from Year 5 and 6 the opportunity to help adults understand what their online lives involve, and how often they experience problems. Scan the QR code below to take the survey.

Attention Year 5 Parents

As we've mentioned in previous newsletters, now is the time for Year 5 parents to start thinking about secondary schools for September 2024. I will be hosting an online meeting on **Wednesday 24th May at 5:30pm** where I will outline the application process, so save the date. Following that there will be a chance to meet with Mrs Allen and myself on the 8th June to talk about the Kent Test with you individually.

Barton Court Grammar School are holding a Saturday taster day for Year 5 children on 24th June. Click here for further information

Sparrows Take The Lead

Twice each year we ask every class to lead a whole school worship assembly. This gives the children a chance to speak in front of an audience and also to think about the meaning and value of the Bible story they are telling. Last week the Sparrows taught the school about being brave using the story of David and Goliath and taking the chance to teach the older children some Makaton signing while they did so!
Click here to see more pictures and video on the Sparrows' class webpage!

Census Day Menu

Thursday 18th May is School Meal Census day and the greater the number of children who take a school dinner on that day, the more funding is directed to the school. Caterlink are laying on a special menu that day, so if you haven't tried school dinners before, why not give them a try on that date? Remember they are free to all children in Years R,1 and 2!
Payment can be made via Caterlink's website.

Well Done to Our Outstanding Early Years Team

It was very nice to receive a note from the Specialist Teaching and Learning Service based at The Beacon School in Folkestone. They sent an award to Bodsham for the excellent support our Early Year team are providing for children with additional needs. It's always nice to receive a thank you!

Paul Newton, **Executive Head Teacher**

Community News

Kent Fostering have asked us to share their latest publication for parents. If you think you could help to make a difference to the lives of children and young people in Kent by becoming a foster carer or host family.

WHAT'S ON

May Half-Term!

FAMILY FRIENDLY EVENTS

Please book at: www.whitecliffscountrysidepartnership.eventbrite.com

Green Gang events are for children. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

GREEN GANG: MAKE A GIANT ORCHID
28th MAY 14:00-15:30
Create a giant orchid on the beach
Location: Samphire Hoe

GREEN GANG: BUTTERFLIES, BEES AND OTHER INSECTS
30TH MAY 13:00-15:00
Investigate the minibeasts found at the Folkestone Warren
Location: Folkestone Warren, Wear Bay Rd

GREEN GANG: MEET THE MAMMALS
1ST JUNE 09:30-11:30
Get up close with the mammals living at the fort
Location: Fort Burgoyne

GREEN GANG: RIVER DIPPING
2ND JUNE 1000-12:00
Explore the underwater world of our special chalkstream
Location: River Dour, Dover

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