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How are the children doing with our Lent challenges? So far we have asked them to try and save electricity around the home and at school, encourage their family to buy more Fair Trade products and this week we talked about recycling paper. I wonder if they have brought any of these issues up at home?

8th March 2024

Scarlet Fever Latest

You will be aware that we have had a number of cases of scarlet fever in school over the last week. I'm pleased to say that fewer cases have been reported in the last couple of days which indicates we are over the worst. We have received guidance from the Health Protection Agency which I shared with you earlier in the week and you can find here. If your child shows any of the symptoms of scarlet fever please inform your GP and refer to my letter. Children should be able to return to school 24 after they have started antibiotics.
If the GP prescribes a course of antibiotics that need to be taken 3 times a day, it is much better to give the doses before school, at home time and at bed time – this avoids the need to send them into school and collect them each day!

Adding Value at Home!

If you are looking for extra ways to help your child practise their Maths skills and recall, try the FREE "**1-Minute Maths** app by White Rose Maths. This version of the app is aimed at Key Stage 1 pupils, however it would also really benefit all children who need to develop their recall of the all-important multiplication tables and related division facts. We can't emphasise enough how important it is for children to know their times tables and be able to recall the facts quickly and accurately!

Your child can do individual one minute tasks focus on adding, subtracting, multiplication division and on 'Subitising' (the skill of instantly recognising the number of items in a group without counting. Children can choose any topic they want to try). They then answer a unique series of questions (so it's a different set of questions every time). If they're struggling with a question, a 'Hint' button will give a helpful clue by showing the question in a different but familiar way.

When the one minute's up, they'll see a feedback screen telling them how they've done. Our Maths Curriculum is based on the White Rose Maths scheme, so all the learning in this app will have a real relevance for what we cover in the classroom!

Next Year's Term Dates Now Available

For those who like to plan ahead, we have published the full set of term dates for the 2024-25 school year on our website. The full calendar can also be found at the end of this newsletter for you to print and stick on the fridge!

Book your parents' evening slot

Our second parental consultations of the year will take place on **25th and 27st March** and you can book time with your child's teacher now via our new Arbor system. Please do take this opportunity to discuss progress and goals for the end of the year during these two days. Teachers are very busy and do find it hard to make alternative appointments. Thank you.

Wonderful World Book Day

We've had a great World Book Day yesterday and the children (and staff!) demonstrated a real enthusiasm to show their love of stories and reading in many ways with the costumes on display! Pictures will follow on the website!

Girls' Football Kicks Off

As part of the National 'Let Girls Play' campaign, Bodsham girls took part in a football event after school today with Miss Hughes, to help celebrate National Women's Day. Well done to everyone who took part!

Woodpeckers off to Canterbury Cathedral

We are so lucky to live in such an historically significant part of the world here in Kent. On Monday the Woodpeckers are taking a trip to Canterbury Cathedral to find out, not just about Thomas Becket and the amazing history of the building, but also why the Cathedral is such an important part of the whole Church of England. Thank you to all the adult helpers who are going along!

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

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TERM DATES 2024 - 2025 (All dates inclusive)

Term 1 – Autumn 2024

Wednesday 4 September – Friday 25 October 2024
Staff Training Days: Monday 2 September and Tuesday 3 September
(Children return Wednesday 4 September)

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 28 October – Friday 1 November

Term 2 – Autumn 2024

Monday 4 November – Friday 20 December 2024

Christmas Holiday: Monday 23 December – Friday 3 January 2025
Includes Bank Holiday Wednesday 1 January

Term 3 – Spring 2025

Monday 6 January – Friday 14 February 2025

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 17 February – Friday 21 February

Term 4 – Spring 2025

Monday 24 February – Friday 4 April 2025

Easter Holiday: Monday 7 April – Tuesday 22 April
Includes Good Friday: 18 April; Easter Monday: 21 April and Staff Training Day: Tuesday 22 April

Term 5 – Summer 2025

Wednesday 23 April – Friday 23 May 2025
Staff Training Day: Tuesday 22 April (Children return Wednesday 23 April)
Includes May Day Holiday: Monday 5 May

Half-Term Holiday: Monday 26 May – Friday 30 May
Includes Spring Holiday: Monday 26 May

Term 6 – Summer 2025

Monday 2 June – Friday 18 July 2025
Staff Training Days: Monday 21 July and Tuesday 22 July (Children finish Friday 18 July)

Bodsham C of E
Wine & Wisdom Night
FRIDAY
22ND MARCH
EVINGTON HALL,
HASTINGLEIGH, TN25 5HR
RAFFLE & PRIZES
FOR WINNING TABLE
DOORS OPEN 6:30 PM
QUIZ STARTS AT 7 PM
WINE, LAGER & ALES AVAILABLE
FOR CASH DONATIONS
Tickets are £10 per person with 4 to 8 per table including a cheese & cold meats platter. Prebooking is essential.
To secure your place, email pftabodsham@gmail.com AND transfer payment to: Friends of Bodsham, sort. 309028 acc. 00986551 or pay cash to the school office.

Community News

Kent's Number 1 for Kids Holiday Camps

Venture Camps deliver the very best in children's activity camps during the school holidays. Each day is different with themed activities that include Nerf battles, Make a Fort, Wacky Racers, Archery Tag, assault courses and inflatables; there's something for every child.

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Our children have attended summer and Easter club for the past 3 years and absolutely love it. They are always happy to go and are well looked after. Staff are friendly and kind and the kids always have positive things to say. This is a hidden gem.

Dates for your diary!

For children ages 4-11 (Schools years R - 6).

Easter Holidays	Tues 2nd April - Fri 5th April Mon 8th April - Fri 12th April
May Half Term	Tues 28th May - Fri 31st May
Summer Holidays	6 weeks starting 22nd July*

*6 weeks in Ashford, Canterbury & Folkestone. 3 weeks in Bearsted/Maidstone

Save 15% when you book for the summer holiday camps before the 31st May 2024.

15% OFF Summer Camps*

FOOTBALL CAMPS

Football camps that focus on the development of each individual child! For ages 6 - 12 years.

CANTERBURY: 2nd - 4th April, Simon Langton Boys
FOLKESTONE: 8th - 10th April, Sandgate Primary School

Single Day bookings available

VENTURE FOOTBALL ACADEMY

Camps days run from 9am - 4pm. Drop off from 8:30am at no extra charge. Childcare vouchers accepted. Book online; spaces fill fast, so book early to avoid disappointment.

Book for either a 3 day, 2 day or a full week camp. Venture Camps run in Ashford (The Wyvern School), Canterbury (Simon Langton for Boys), Folkestone (Sandgate Primary School) and Maidstone (Bearsted Primary Academy). NEW VENUE

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HOLIDAY TENNIS COACHING CAMPS

Easter Holiday camps are back at Sellindge Tennis Club!!
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