Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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"Something from the Spirit can be found in each person." *1 Corinthians 12:7*
We have been encouraging the children to think about their own gifts and talents. What does your child think they are gifted at? How can they use that gift to help someone else?

8th October 2021

How are we doing?

Parents should have had information on booking appointments to meet your child's teacher at the end of this term. There was an overwhelming majority in favour of doing this remotely this time, mostly because parents think it will be Covid safer, but also because it is more convenient for working parents. We feel it is important for parents to have a chance to see the work your children have been doing this term so we will be sending home their books on Friday next week*. Please use the weekend to look through them and talk to your child about how they are doing in school. **It is very important that you don't write in the books at all and please make sure they are returned promptly at the start of the day on Monday 18th October.**

*Woodpecker's parental consultations are a week earlier (so that Mrs Rock and Miss Skinner can both attend for you). Their books will be coming home today! **Please make sure they are back on Monday!**

Real Community Spirit

I'm sorry we weren't able to hold our Harvest Service on the playground as planned last week – the weather did not cooperate. Thank you for all your donations. As you can see they formed the centrepiece of the celebration that took place in the hall. It was lovely to show the children just how much help our school community was able to give to those in need. Your gifts were collected by Vinny's Diner to help them offer free meals to those who need it.

Keep Reading!

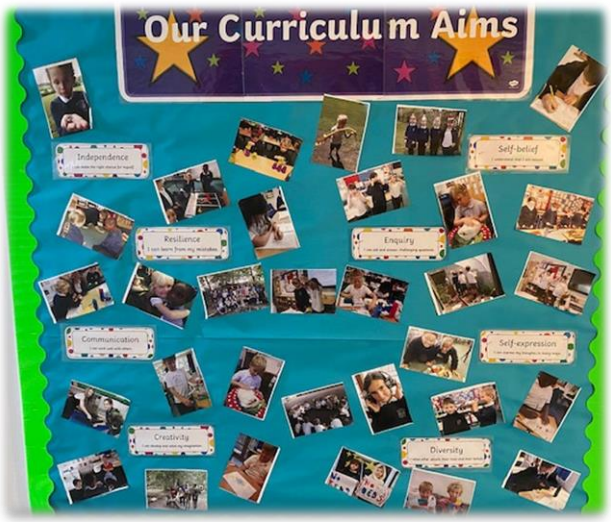
We hope you are enjoying your sponsored reading challenge that was sent out last week. It's been great hearing children talking about the books they are enjoying! Sponsor forms are due in at the end of next week please.

Get Well Soon, Mrs Wenham!

Our breakfast club manager and Owls Teaching Assistant, Mrs Wenham, will be taking some time off for an operation from next week. Breakfast Club will continue as normal with Mrs Fagg stepping into her old role temporarily. I'm sure you'll join us in wishing Mrs Wenham a speedy recovery.

There's a lot going on at Bodsham

As well as our taught curriculum, I am delighted that we have been able to start to offer wider, extra-curricular opportunities to our children at Bodsham, now that restrictions are easing. Each week, staff run free clubs for the children. After school on Monday there is Lego Club, on Tuesday at lunchtime they could come along to try some Djembe drumming. On Wednesday after school Mrs Carter offers to teach new skills at Art club and at lunchtime on Thursday there's Drama club for budding actors! On Friday in the library there is Bookworms for avid readers.



As well as these offers from our staff, we have Elite Community Coaching running after school sports clubs on Monday and Tuesday and Badger's Bridge running a creative After School experience (with food!) on Wednesdays and Thursdays. Parents can book these clubs directly.

If you think your child would enjoy any of these extra-curricular opportunities, please contact the office.

Parent/Governor Election Papers coming home next week

We have a vacancy for a Bodsham Parent Governor this year and Governors have asked me to organise an election to find a replacement. An official letter will follow next week where you will have a chance to put your name forward. If there is more than one candidate, then we will need to hold an election. Parents can nominate themselves or propose someone else (with their consent!).

Being a governor is certainly a commitment. You are joining the team that oversees the running of the school at the highest level and taking on statutory responsibilities that follow. It is also highly rewarding as governors are able to make a significant contribution to the future of the next generation. If you'd like more information about what the role entails, please don't hesitate to contact us via the school office and either our Chair of Governors or myself would be happy to have a chat!

Robins off to Leeds

It's great to hear that The Robins will be taking their first class trip of the year in our minibus to Leeds Castle on Wednesday. As part of their topic on Castles they will be able to explore the grounds and tour the Castle itself. It makes learning much more memorable if you see things for yourself! There's even time to visit the gift shop!

PTA AGM looks to the future

I was encouraged by the very good attendance at our PTA's AGM on Thursday. There are a lot of fun events being planned that will help to provide good chances for parents and children to re-connect with the school community after Covid, while raising money for the school at the same time! Thank you to Mrs Smith (Vice Chair), Mrs Phipps (Treasurer) and Mrs West (Secretary) for helping to keep the PTA moving forward through the difficult times last year. Thank you also to all the new parents who have volunteered time to energy to help our school thrive. If you feel you can offer some help with events such as cake sales, Autumn Pumpkin Trail (see below!), and Christmas present wrapping please get in touch with Nicole on ptfabodsham@gmail.com

PUMPKIN CARVING COMPETITION

CARVING A PUMPKIN OVER HALF TERM?

BRING YOUR PUMPKIN IN ON
MONDAY 1ST NOVEMBER

ALL PUMPKINS WILL BE ADDED TO OUR

PLAYGROUND PUMPKIN TRAIL

CHILDREN WILL TOUR THE TRAIL

VOTING FOR THEIR FAVORITE DESIGNS

PUMPKINS CAN BE RETURNED

OR

DONATE YOUR PUMPKIN TO OUR **HUNGRY LOCAL PIGS.**

POP £1 IN YOUR PUMPKIN TO ENTER

There will also be a competition for the best pumpkin carved by an adult. Please label your entry clearly!

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher