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For I am the Lord your God who takes hold of your right hand and says to you, Do not fear; I will help you – *Isaiah 41:13*



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Home is where the heart is

The summer term is always one when the children spend much more time learning outdoors than at other times of the year. The amazing weather that we are experiencing during lockdown at least gives us the chance to get outside from time to time. Those of us lucky enough to have a garden can use this as a learning opportunity – [mud kitchens](#) and [bug hotels](#) come to mind. Home is where the heart is, but outside is where the dirt is – and a bit of time playing in the mud can do us all good!



Share the Love Project

We are starting to get some lovely examples of children finding ways to show our main Christian value of Love while under lockdown. Have a look at the webpage www.bodsham.kent.sch.uk/parents/share-the-love-project/ and send in your own contributions to share with our school community!

The Kent Test 2020

I know parents of Year 5 children (and I am one!) will be especially concerned about what is going to happen about the Kent Test this year. The Local Authority wrote to head teachers earlier this week but they are not able to provide any concrete information at present. However, they were keen to stress that the Kent Test is not a test of the taught curriculum, so any lost time at school will not affect its usefulness as a way to select children suitable for grammar school. That implies, quite strongly I think, that the format of the actual test itself is unlikely to change. I would therefore continue to advise parents to prepare for the test as before and assume that it will be administered in September until we hear otherwise.

Take care and stay safe,

Paul Newton

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