



**Bodsham Church of England  
Primary School**

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The children have been hearing about how some well-known people used their Christian faith as an inspiration to help others. People like George Cadbury and Dr Barnardo! Can you think of any others?

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2020

### **After School Clubs Resume Next Term**

I am very pleased to be able to say that our friends at Elite Community Coaching are again offering after school activity clubs at Bodsham after half term. Elite have spent a great deal of time planning these clubs so that children will be kept in the Covid-secure 'bubbles' we have established for them during the school day. A letter has been sent via email and parents can book from 26<sup>th</sup> October at

[www.elite-coaching-uk.co.uk/book-online](http://www.elite-coaching-uk.co.uk/book-online)

### **How will Covid-19 Impact The Work of The School Health Team?**



Not all the services offered by the NHS School Health Team can continue under the current Coronavirus restrictions. This will impact the information provided to parents this year:

- Vision Screening – Reception Children – will take place from January 2021
- Vision Screening for 2019/20 children – current Year 1 – will not take place.
- Height and Weight check – Reception children – will take place from January 2021
- Height and Weight check – Year 6 children – will not take place
- Hearing Screening – Reception children – will not take place

The Health Team will be writing to all affected parents with further information and details of alternative ways to carry out these checks.

### **Year 6 – applications for secondary school**

Now the Kent Test is out of the way, Year 6 parents must make sure they have submitted their secondary school choices at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola) before the 2nd November. We have been informed that, once an application has been submitted, parents will be able to change their secondary school preferences after Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> November when Kent Test Results are known. Changes can be made by emailing [kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:kentonlineadmissions@kent.gov.uk) and must be made using the same email address used for the application. The deadline for any changes will be Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December. However, it remains very important that an initial application is made before the 2<sup>nd</sup> November deadline!

## **Presenting.... Our New PTA!**

Thank you to all the parents who responded to my letter last week. I'm delighted to say that we now have a fully functioning PTFA committee again:

Chair – Mr Newton (EHT)

Vice Chair – Mrs N Smith (Year 1 mum)

Secretary – Mrs H West (Year 1 mum)

Treasurer – Mrs N Phipps (Year 2 & Year 4 mum)



We will be holding our first meeting after half term and will then set about the task of fund raising for a new adventure trail for the children. Thank you also to those parents who have agreed to be Class Reps.:

Year R Jenny Strudwick (Henry)

Year 1 Hannah West (Rex)

Year 2 Karen Read (Ivy)

Year 3 Rebecca Smith and Abi King (Dexter and Jacob)

Year 4 Vacancy!

Year 5 Kerry Gregory (Rupert)

Year 6 Donna Edwards (Jack)

Even if you weren't able to volunteer for one of the formal roles, the PTFA will always need members who can help out, so if you think you could spare some time, or have a "Covid Safe" fund raising idea, please do get in touch at [admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk)

## **Children in Need**

On Friday 13th November we are inviting children to come into school in an unusual way – each class will be deciding their own theme. We are also planning to take part in the Children in Need



Duck Race Sweepstake – an exciting online event which the children will watch in the classroom. Please send your child in £2 on that day. Findings from Children in Need's recent research show the Coronavirus pandemic is having a huge impact on the mental health and wellbeing of UK children, and for those who were already facing disadvantages, life has become incredibly difficult. With your help we can support children and young people and help change lives.

## **Change of Menu**

Caterlink have asked me to let you know of a change to their advertised menu after half term. On Tuesday the Chicken Paella will be replaced by a Chinese Chicken Curry. On Thursday the Beef Tortilla Stack will be replaced with Beef Wraps. Yum!

### ***Have a Good Half Term***

*It just remains for me to wish you a restful half term. I hope the restrictions we are all under don't prevent you from having a restful time with your family and I look forward to welcoming you all back on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> November*

*Your sincerely*

*Paul Newton*

***Executive Head Teacher***