



**Bodsham Church of England
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In our worship we continue to talk about Advent with the children. The second candle is lit on our Advent ring and we have asked the children to think about how the Good News was announced by God to Kings and Shepherds alike. What good news can the children share with you this week?

14th December 2018

A Message from Mr Newton

This will be my last newsletter of 2018 so I'd like to take this opportunity to thank parents for all the fantastic support you have given the school this year. I am truly impressed by the community spirit that surrounds Bodsham School and events such as Beautiful Bodsham and the Summer Fair show how you work so effectively to support us. Recently we have had several parents contact the school looking for places for their children based on the good reports they have heard about Bodsham, and interest in places for Reception Year 2019 is already very good. I am very grateful to our PFA and you as parents for spreading the news about our special little school!

School Dinner Payments

I hope you have found the online payments system an improvement this year. More than 90% of parents are now using this system. Contact the school office if you have not yet activated your account using the code we can give you. School dinners should always be purchased in advance to avoid the build-up of debt. Term 3 starts on 7th January and is 30 school days. At £2.05 per day this would mean meals for the whole term would come to £61.50.



Christmas dinner at school this year is on Tuesday. For the usual £2.05 children will have roast turkey with all the trimmings (but no sprouts!) or a feta, spinach and cranberry parcel. Pudding is a festive chocolate and orange Christmas cookie. Please return your slip if you haven't already to let us know whether your child needs a Christmas meal or will be bringing a packed lunch – don't forget to bring a cracker too!

Term Dates for 2019-20 School Year Now Published

Parents who are good at planning ahead may be interested to know that the term dates and day closures for the next school year are now available on our website www.bodsham.kent.sch.uk/parents/term-dates

The Nit Before Christmas

I'm sorry to have to say that we have had further reports of headlice in the school. As we approach the Christmas holiday would all parents check hair as it gives us a good chance to eradicate them before we return to school next year!



Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Some final reminders to round off the year:

- 🍪 The PFA's Christmas Grotto takes place on Monday
- 🍪 The term ends with our Christmas Service at Hastingleigh Church on Wednesday. Children will need to be collected at 2pm for a 2.15pm start
- 🍪 The new term starts for children on Monday 7th January
- 🍪 On Friday 11th January there will be a cake sale in aid of Dog's Trust

I wish you all a peaceful holiday and look forward to seeing you all again in 2019!

Paul Newton, Executive Head Teacher