



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

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Primary School**



In our Worship we are celebrating Jesus's birth. Looking at the advent candles we light in school, can the children explain what each candle represents, and when we light the last one?

15th December 2017

A Message from Mr Newton

Here we are at the end of the second term of the year and it has been delightful to see the children exploring the Christmas story during Advent. The school has a special way of bringing people together at this time of year. Thank you to all parents who supported our Nativity play at Evington Hall – the stage and lights there really gave the children a chance to shine. We had a slap up Christmas dinner this week thanks to Caterlink. I would like to wish you all a happy and peaceful Christmas and look forward to seeing you all at the start of the New Year.



Christmas Celebrations

We are packing a lot into our final three days of term next week – there are Christmas parties in the classrooms on Tuesday and all parents are invited to our Christmas Church service at Hastingleigh. As usual we are asking parents to collect their children at 2pm and transport them to the church on Wednesday 20th for a 2.15pm start. Thank you for your assistance in getting your child to church for the service. If you are unable to take your children, can you please make your own arrangements with another parent? The Gilson family have kindly agreed for parents to park in their yard and there is also a church car park. The children gather outside the church prior to entering the church together; so seats need to be reserved for them and parents are asked to leave these free for the children. You will be aware that Hastingleigh Church is very small. Parents will be able to sit at the back and side of the church. All children will be attending and should be collected from the church at home time.

A Message from Rev Lorraine Lawrence – Hastingleigh Church Service

As we all know the lanes can become congested. Therefore when driving to Hastingleigh Church on Wednesday the 20th please drive to the bottom of the hill, do a slight right then left, then up the hill to the church. Do not drive towards the village. When leaving the church continue up the hill then a right in the direction of Hastingleigh village. This will make getting there easier for all.

Head Lice

There has been some cases of head lice in the school. Please can you check your child's hair carefully tonight and apply a treatment if necessary. Children should not be sent to school if you know they are infested. It is school policy for long hair to be tied back at all times to minimise the spread of these little bloodsuckers!

In Case of Snow

Bodsham School is famous for not closing if the weather gets bad and I intend to keep it that way as long as possible (sorry kids!). However, there may be times when it is unavoidable (due to a heating or water failure for example). If the school is to close unexpectedly it will be broadcast on the Kent Closures website:

www.kentclosures.co.uk/

Parents can register for email or SMS alerts if the school's status changes. I would strongly recommend it!

Parking

Please do not park directly outside the school on the road or in front of the school gates. This is for the safety of all the children walking into school and allows for the flow of traffic. I know parking is difficult however there are spaces further along the road and by the farm. Thank you!

Emergency Contacts

It is really important that parents & carers inform the school if there are any changes to who will be picking up/dropping off your children. We also need to know if you are going away so that in an emergency we will attempt to contact the right person.

Please Take Home PE Kits and Wellies

As we prepare for our two week Christmas break please can I ask parents to ensure that all PE kit and wellington boots are taken home for the holiday. A new boot rack has been ordered for the playground so there should be more room for storage next year. Thank you

Yours Sincerely

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Diary dates:

18th December Carols in the playground 2pm coffee for parents 2.30pm children singing

19th December Christmas party

20th December 2.15pm Christmas service at Hastingleigh

8th January 2018 Children return to school

9th January Piano and guitar lessons start

9th January Emily Balmer dance club starts

10th January Elite multi sports club starts

11th January Elite football club starts

15th January School run clubs start this week

16th January Owls class Ancient Greece Museum 2pm

25th January Woodpeckers class assembly

1st February Robins class assembly

7th February Drop in zone 3.30pm – 4pm

8th February Butterflies class assembly

Useful information

School dinners £2.05 per day, £10.25 per week or £51.25 for Spring term 1 payable at the beginning of each week. Caterlink's policy is not to provide meals without payment in advance. Cheques to be made payable to 'CATERLINK'. The cost of breakfast club is £2.00 per session from 8am whether the child has breakfast or not.

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