



**Bodsham Church of England  
Primary School**

**Federation  
of**



**Saltwood Church of England  
Primary School**



Following Remembrance Sunday we have been talking about how remembering to be kind is important if children want to make the world a better place. Forgiveness is an important part of kindness - "forgive as the Lord forgave you" *Colossians 3:13*. Do children find it easy to forgive?

16<sup>th</sup> November 2018

### **Bodsham to Link with L'Arche**

There are 11 L'Arche communities in the UK. They are places where people with and without learning difficulties share life together. L'Arche Kent was the first UK community and is based in traditional L'Arche houses in Canterbury. I am very pleased that Bodsham is forging links with this worthy cause and look forward to giving our children the opportunity to meet their residents. We have invited them to join our Carol Concert on December 13<sup>th</sup> where they will be selling beautiful candles, crafts and cards.



### **Butterflies to visit The Glebe.**

On 30<sup>th</sup> November the Butterflies will be visiting St Mildred's church in Canterbury to explore the building and visit the Glebe. The Glebe is a gardening project run by L'Arche to grow and sell plants and produce to the public. The Butterflies will be enjoying a spot of gardening and some arts and crafts with L'Arche members.

### **Would you like to sponsor our next football kit?**

If you know of a business that might be interested in sponsoring the Bodsham football team's new kit then please do put them in touch with Mrs Billingsley – it would be a great opportunity to see your logo on our new strip! Thank you to the PFA for providing new shin pads which have arrived and will be loaned out in future matches.

### **Thank you to our dedicated volunteers**

A big thank you to all who came along to the Beautiful Bodsham gathering on Saturday. Despite the rain a lot of great work took place around our school site: gutters were cleared, raised beds were weeded, leaves were raked (a never ending job) and bulbs were planted. Watch out for a lovely display of purple crocuses in the Spring! Thank you to Ms Kipling for taking the lead in organising the event and thank you also to Donna Taylor who donated the sausages that made the hot dogs that kept us all going into the afternoon and to Ms Davis for running the kitchen.



### **Get ahead with your uniform!**

Why not think about getting ahead and buying January's uniform now? Uniform will be on sale on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> November from 3pm at the school office.

### **Come along for Pizza and Popcorn**

Our PFA are holding a Pizza Night on Monday (19<sup>th</sup>) where busy parents can leave their children to enjoy some scrumptious food and watch a film. Starting at 3.30pm and finishing at 5.30pm it might even give you a chance to get in a little early Christmas shopping!! Not bad for £5 a head!

### **Parent Questionnaires**

Look out for your family copy of the Bodsham parent questionnaire coming home in book bags this evening. The views and opinions of our parents are really important to us and the questionnaire gives parents the opportunity to share these with us. Please complete your questionnaire and return it to the school office by Friday 30<sup>th</sup> November, thank you.

### **Scholastic Book Fair, 3<sup>rd</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> December**



We are going to be having lots of lovely Scholastic books in school for a week between 3<sup>rd</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> December. The books will be in school all week and parents are invited to come in to the school hall and purchase books any day after school during the week. The children will be having a special assembly from the book fair organisers on the Monday and will be taken to view the books during the week with their class teacher. The fair gives a great opportunity to buy new books, maybe as Christmas presents, and also gives funds to the school, so do come along if you can!



There will also be a special competition running where you can win a £5 book voucher to spend at the fair, look out for competition details coming next week!

### **Parking on the hill**

Please try to avoid parking on the hill opposite the school as it can be hazardous for cars as they approach the school, thank you. Parking is available outside the pub, on the road going up into the village and also on the hard standing outside the farm buildings.

### **Sweets and Cakes**

It is always lovely when children bring in treats for their friends when it is their birthday, however it can become difficult to safeguard children who have allergies to particular ingredients. If children bring in home-made bakes please list the ingredients on the container/tin and cakes/sweets brought in will be given out at the end of the school day for children to eat under the supervision of those who collect them, thank you.

Yours Sincerely

*Paul Newton*

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