



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

**Federation
of**



**Saltwood Church of England
Primary School**



We have been thinking about belonging. God said 'I have called you by your name and you belong to me... I am your God and I will take care of you until you are old and grey' Isaiah 46. What does 'belonging' mean to a child? Who do they think they 'belong' to?

19th October 2018



Bodsham's Going Conkers on Monday 29th October

As this is the last newsletter of the term I must remind everyone of the exciting evening the PFA have prepared for us all on the first day back after the break. After school on Monday 29th October everyone is invited to join the 'Bodsham's Gone Conkers' event which will feature crafts, games, activity trails and an impressive amount of food and drink. All are welcome, not just Bodsham children.

School Nurse Visits 29th October

Bodsham, like almost all schools, takes part in the national NHS scheme that helps to monitor the health of the country's children. On Monday after half term the school nursing team will be in school to visit Year R and Year 6, taking measurements of children's height and weight.

Values into Action – Theo's Sleep Out

At Bodsham we regularly talk with the children about our school values: Love, Creativity and Strength. We also explain how people can show their own values by what they do, not just what they say. Theo in Woodpeckers has put his values into action by spending a night sleeping outside in a cardboard box to raise money for the homeless. He joined Beavers, Cubs and Scouts from across Kent to spend the night at the Singleton Environmental Centre. If you would like to sponsor him please visit: <https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/Team/AshfordScoutsGreatCardboardSleepout>
All proceeds go to the Porchlight charity.



Butterflies in the Woods

The Butterflies class bravely marched off into the woods last week, despite recent Gruffalo warnings that had been received. The children built their own pieces of art inspired by Andy Goldsworthy and had lovely Gruffalo cakes for a picnic. Mrs Billingsley reports the children's behaviour was brilliant!

Operation Christmas Child – Samaritans Purse Shoe Box Appeal

Thank you to those families who are busy working to fill shoe boxes with gifts to pass on to less fortunate children around the world. Any boxes that are wrapped and ready should be brought to Bodsham before 30th October where they will be delivered to Mrs Pettersen who is running the appeal at Saltwood. Please see the Bodsham newsletter webpage page for full details of suitable gifts. Thank you!



Keeping Bodsham Beautiful, date set – Saturday 10th November

An action packed day of sprucing Bodsham up and keeping it looking beautiful is set for Saturday 10th November between 9.30am and 4pm. If you are able to come along for any part of the day, even an hour would help, to help with jobs around the site such as digging, weeding and painting please keep the date free and a list of jobs and an opportunity to allocate yourself to a job will be going up after the half term break. Food and drinks a plenty will be on offer to keep the workers fed and watered!
Thank you in advance, your help to keep Bodsham beautiful is very much appreciated.

Sports News



© Our netball team had their first match yesterday against Saltwood – the team did us all proud by playing fairly and with great teamwork. The result was a win for Saltwood. Well done to both teams. It was nice to hear the Y6 children looking forward to meeting up with their friends from Bowles again!

© Our football team will have their first match on 7th November against Brabourne School – good luck!

© Our sports leaders will begin their activities at break times after the half term holiday. These children will help to make break times more interesting for everyone who wants to take part!



Notices

© You might notice some work taking place in the school during half term. We are replacing the old flooring in the ICT suite to make it more even and reduce the trip hazards there.

© If you have accidentally left the school still wearing one of our visitor badges and lanyards we are offering an amnesty for their return! Drop them off at the office and no questions will be asked!!!



Have a lovely half term break and we'll see you all back at school on **Monday 29th October!**

Yours Sincerely

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

DATE	DIARY INFORMAITON
Monday 29 th October	Children return to school
Monday 29 th October	PFA Autumn Trail 'Bodsham has gone conkers' event 3.30pm – 6pm
Tuesday 30 th October	No private piano/violin/guitar lessons
Friday 2 nd November	POSTPONED UNTIL 2019 - Butterflies cake sale 3.30pm in aid of the Dog's Trust
Monday 5 th November	Year R Fun Day at Three Hills
Monday 5 th November	Prospective Parents Tour 11am
Monday 5 th November	Parents evening Year R, 1,2,3,4 and Year 6
Tuesday 6 th November	Piano / violin and guitar lessons
Wednesday 7 th November	Parents evening Year 1,2,3,4,5
Wednesday 7 th November	Football match at Brabourne School
Thursday 8 th November	Cathedral Schools Day Year 6
Saturday 10 th November	'Beautiful Bodsham' 9.30am – 4pm
Monday 12 th November	Prospective Parents Tour 11am
Wednesday 21 st November	Prospective Parents Tour 11am
Thursday 29 th November	Prospective Parents Tour 2pm
Monday 10 th December	No teacher run lunch time or teacher run after school clubs this week
Tuesday 11 th December	Last Emily Balmer dance club
Thursday 13 th December	Carols on the playground 2.30pm
Wednesday 19 th December	Break up 3.30pm
Monday 7 th January 2019	Children return to school
Friday 11 th January	Prospective Parents tour 11am
Friday 15 th February	Break up at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 25 th February	Children return to school