



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

**Federation
of**



**Saltwood Church of England
Primary School**



We have been exploring the idea of singing songs of praise. The children gave thoughtful answers when asked 'how do we know God loves us to sing?' What effect does singing have on your mood? What is your child's favourite hymn or song of praise?

2nd November 2018

Year 6 invited to Canterbury Cathedral

I am very pleased that Bodsham School continues to have very strong links with Canterbury Cathedral. The school itself has joined the Friends of Canterbury Cathedral scheme and we are lucky to be able to take our children to visit this hugely significant building on a regular basis. Next Thursday our Year 6 will take part in Cathedral Schools Day. They will visit different prayer stations that are being especially installed around the cathedral and take part in workshops. The day will be completed with a special worship service, which this year children from our school have been asked to help lead! The day will be very special.



Our Mission: To enhance the experience of music in young people's lives by providing a necessary and valuable resource to our community. We can encourage family and friends to come and make music together.

The Langton Music Centre

Wednesday Night is MUSIC NIGHT!
Exciting opportunities for all ages and all abilities
Based at Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School

- Young Voices Choir**
5pm - 6pm
for everyone who loves to sing
- Percussion Samba Band**
6pm - 7pm
for ages 7 - 18 years
no previous experience necessary
- Big Band**
7pm - 8pm
for all generations, Grade 4 and above

Private Instrumental and Vocal Lessons and Grade 5 Music Theory Tuition also available
Tuck Shop with Cheese Toasties, drinks and snacks!

for more information contact: Mrs L Gove lgove@thelangton.kent.sch.uk

Musical Opportunities at Simon Langton Girls

The Langton Music Centre in the Simon Langton Girls' Grammar School Music Department is offering exciting musical opportunities for singers and musicians. Every Wednesday they run sessions for choir (5pm - 7pm), Samba Percussion (6pm - 7pm) and a Big Band (7pm - 8pm). Sessions are open to primary aged children. Private instrumental and vocal lesson are also available along with music theory tuition. For more information please contact Mrs L Gove

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Beautiful Bodsham Event Planned 10th November

Thank you to all families who came along to the PFA's 'Bodsham's Gone Conkers' evening on Monday. There was a great turn out, despite the wet weather and £350 was raised to help the school. Our fantastic PFA are organising another **Beautiful Bodsham** day next week, where parents and children give up their time on a Saturday to help maintain the school's site and buildings. The date is set for 10th November and a list of jobs that need doing will be published soon. Please come along even if you can only spare an hour or so.

Applying for a primary school place in September 2019

Applications for transfer to primary school for September 2019 open on Monday 5th November 2018 and close at midnight on Tuesday 15th January 2019. We are holding several open events for prospective parents so spread the word to anyone who might be looking for a school place. Details can be found on our website:

www.bodsham.kent.sch.uk/the-school/early-years-foundation/

Royal British Legion Poppy Appeal

As we approach Remembrance Sunday our school is supporting the Poppy Appeal. Poppies and wristbands are on sale after school. Please encourage children to give generously when choosing their items!





COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF THE GREAT WAR

Year 5 have been working hard in class carrying out research on local servicemen from the parishes of Hastingleigh and Elmsted, who fell in the Great War. As well as the usual Armistice Day service during the morning of Sunday 11th November at the War memorial/hall, Hastingleigh and Elmsted Parish Councils are holding an extended commemoration of the end of the Great War in the evening on the same day and the work from our Year 5 children will be on display and will form part of this special event. Details of the event are attached and all are warmly invited to attend. Year 5 will be travelling to the hall and war memorial to deliver their special work on Friday 9th (details for year 5 parents will come by letter).



Second Hand Uniforms no longer needed

We have a surplus of second hand uniform and are no longer able to accept donations as storage is becoming a problem. I understand recycling old uniform can be a bit problematic, unless you are skilled with a needle and enjoy upcycling. Many charities will be happy to receive generic uniform items, but does anyone know of any environmentally friendly ways to reuse or even donate old school uniform with the Bodsham badge?

Thank you for your presents

Thank you to all families that contributed a shoe box full of presents for the Operation Christmas Child appeal. These presents will be shipped to less fortunate children around the world and will help to make Christmas a happier time for many.



Notice to parents

Unfortunately there have been reports of unwanted friends visiting our children's heads once again (head lice). Please could parents check hair regularly and ensure problems are treated immediately. Thank you!

Yours Sincerely

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

COMMEMORATION OF THE END OF THE GREAT WAR

Hastingleigh and Elmsted Parish Councils are pleased to invite you to an extended commemoration of the end of the Great War.

The usual Armistice Day service will take place at the War memorial/Hall in the morning of Sunday 11th November.

Later that evening, in line with National events:

18.50 – Gather at Elmsted Church

18.55 – The Last Post

19.00 – Beacon lighting (by kind permission of the Jakeman family)

19.05 – Bell ringing – The Nation rings

19.45 – Soup, rolls and tea served at the Village Hall with information about each of the fallen soldiers named on the War Memorial and some War-time songs

20.30 - Candles extinguished at the War Memorial, war poem and the last post.

We hope to see you there!



DIARY DATES

DATE	DIARY INFORMATION
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 6
Tuesday 6 th November	Piano / violin lessons
Wednesday 7 th November	Year 5 & 6 representatives for boys football match at Brabourne School
Wednesday 7 th November	Parents evening Year 1,2,3,4 and 5
Thursday 8 th November	Cathedral Schools Day Year 6
Thursday 12 th November	Prospective Parents Tour 11am
Monday 19 th November	PFA Film night event 3.30pm – 5.30pm
Tuesday 20 th November	Woodpeckers trip to Dover Museum
Wednesday 21 st November	Prospective Parents Tour 11am
Friday 23 rd November	School nurses administering flu nasal spray to Years R-5 inclusive
Monday 26 th November	2 nd Bowles instalment due
Thursday 29 th November	Prospective Parents Tour 2pm
Friday 7 th December	Prospective Parents Tour 2pm
Friday 7 th December	PFA Christmas disco event at Evington Hall
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
Wednesday 12 th December	Bags to school collection 9am
Thursday 13 th December	Carols on the playground 2.30pm
Friday 14 th December	PFA Christmas cave event
Wednesday 19 th December	2.15pm church service Hastingleigh church
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

Useful information

The cost of breakfast club is £2.00 per session from 8am, whether the child has breakfast or not.

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