



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

**Federation
of**



**Saltwood Church of England
Primary School**



In our Worship we have been thinking about how Jesus was able to ask God to forgive the people who were crucifying him, even as he was suffering on the cross. Does your child find it easier to ask to be forgiven than they do to forgive someone else?

4th May 2018

A Message from Mr Newton

I have mentioned in previous newsletters that the minimum attendance we hope all children to achieve in a school year is 95%. There is a clear link between low attendance and poor performance at school. Sometimes it can be surprising how much difference a few days missed here and there can make to overall attendance levels over a year – just 9 days missed will reduce attendance levels to 95%. If your child does have to be away from school it is vital that the absence is authorised. A recent mid-week truancy sweep by the Attendance Service at McArthur Glen encountered a child from one of our schools shopping with her parents. Fortunately this absence had been authorised for medical reasons and no further action was taken.

Are you considering the Kent Test this September?

Children currently in Year 5 will have the chance to sit the Kent Test this September to determine their eligibility for grammar school. I will be holding a talk for interested parents in the school hall at 2.45pm on Thursday 24th May. This meeting will be followed by the offer of an individual meeting with Mrs Record and myself in June to discuss your child. Letters are on their way with more details.

Bank Holiday Outing Suggestions

For Butterflies...

Mrs Billingsley and the Butterflies are learning about the seaside next week. The RNLI at Whitstable are holding a bank holiday open day on Monday where children will be able to access the lifeboat, which the public are not usually able to do. Sounds like a good chance to play 'lifeboat crew'!

For Everyone...

Evington Community Project's Spring Fair is being held on the football field at Hastingleigh on Monday from 12.30pm. There will be a raffle, tombola, BBQ and beer tent as well as teas and cakes on sale, coconut shy maypole dancing and face painting. Everyone is welcome!



Pentecost Day Monday 21st May



As Ascension Day falls early in the church calendar this year our Federation will be celebrating Pentecost instead. On 21st May the day will start with a special worship by Rev Lorraine and then the children will move into their house groups. There will be a carousel of art and craft activities during the morning and in the afternoon teachers will run games and activities outside while Lorraine creates Christian Craft with small groups. Children can come to school in their own clothes to make the day feel even more special.

Bags to School

Thank you to everyone who contributed to the PFA's latest Bags to School appeal. £36 was raised towards the PFA fund.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher