



**Bodsham Church of England  
Primary School**

**Federation  
of**



**Saltwood Church of England  
Primary School**



**In our Worship we have been thinking about God as the Father,  
who loves us and gives us what we need.**

**What is the difference between what we need and what we want?**

6<sup>th</sup> October 2017

Dear Parents and Carers

### **A Message from Mr Newton**

I'd like to extend a warm welcome to our new parent governor – Dr Louise Briscall who attended her first Full Governing Body Meeting on Monday. Governors undertake a vital role in overseeing the running of the school, ensuring improvements are taking place and standards are kept as high as possible. I am sure Dr Briscall will find the role rewarding!

### **Year 3 Speedstacking Competition**

Teams of children from Robins and Woodpeckers attended a speedstacking festival in Shepway this week. For those unfamiliar with this growing sport, speedstacking involves stacking and collapsing special plastic cups at great speed. It is an excellent way to develop hand-eye coordination and dexterity. Thank you to Mrs Palmarini and Mrs Greaves for driving the minibus.

### **Make your secondary school choices soon**

Parents of Year 6 children will be receiving Kent Test results by email next week. The next step is to submit your Secondary School Common Application Form by 31<sup>st</sup> October. This can be done at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

### **Year 1 & 2 to visit Dover Castle**

As part of their exciting Castles topic the Robins will be visiting Dover Castle next week. They will be finding out about the type of work that was done in a castle and how people lived. Please can parents make sure all permission slips and payments have been received.

### **Pennies for Porchlight**

In addition to your generous donations of food at last week's Harvest festival we are also collecting Pennies for Porchlight in homemade houses that came home for the children to decorate. Please can all houses be returned to the school this Monday. Thank you.

### **Bowles 2018 – information for Year 5 parents**

The Year 6 children from both Federation schools had a fantastic week at Bowles last month and were delighted to show the school and their parents exactly what they got up to at their assembly on Thursday. So now it is time to start thinking about next year's trip. The dates have been booked for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> to Friday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2018. Unfortunately this is not an experience the school can offer to children for free, but it is possible to spread the cost over the year. Letters have been sent that detail a suggested payment schedule that can start this term.

Yours Sincerely,

*Paul Newton*  
Executive Head Teacher