



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

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**Saltwood Church of England
Primary School**



In the Old Testament prophets like Isaiah and Micah told the people of Israel that a saviour was coming to change the world and that they needed to be ready. Now as we enter Advent our children are getting ready for Christmas – how do you prepare at home?

7th December 2018

Butterflies build their own Christmas Tree

Last week the Butterflies travelled to Canterbury to visit L'Arche – a charity that works with adults with learning difficulties. They spent a lovely morning in their church garden and even got involved in making their own special Christmas tree which now sits proudly in the Butterflies classroom at Bodsham. L'Arche residents will be visiting Bodsham on Thursday for our carol service where they will be selling their home made crafts. Prices will start at £1 for cards and lavender bags. The Butterflies will also be making mince pies to sell in support of L'Arche.



Bodsham's Spiritual Art Highly Commended

Our children have been entering NATRE spirited art competition for the last few years. This year the theme was 'Holy Spaces' and children were asked to think about holy buildings and places of worship. Children then used their own interpretation to create an image either as oil pastel or sketch within a 3D box that they could carry with them to remind them of their 'Holy Space'. Eight children who entered from last year's Owls class had their work Highly Commended and will be given certificates in Gold Book.

Friendly Fixture Finds Fans.

Well done to the football teams of both Saltwood and Bodsham schools who played a friendly this week in rather muddy conditions on Saltwood field. Victory this time went to Saltwood, but Bodsham showed some real improvement as the teams started to gel. I hope to make this a regular event so thank you to all parents who came along to support! After Christmas the new school team will be announced and football training will take place once a week at lunchtimes (full details in the new year).

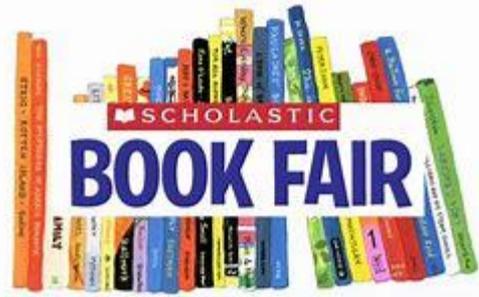


Sporting success for the netball team!

On Thursday a team of netballers from the Owls class travelled with Mrs Hanton and Ms Kipling to Brabourne Primary for a High 5s netball match. The result was an astounding 20 goals to 4! A very big thank you to Ms Kipling and Mrs Hanton for their work running the after school netball club and for taking the team to matches. An amazing victory for Bodsham netballers this week! Well done!

Busy times at the Scholastic book fair!

We have had a wonderful week surrounded by all the great books that were part of this year's Scholastic Book Fair. We enjoyed an assembly on Monday from Scholastic who told us all about the lovely books that were part of the fair and the children were really enthused and excited. A big thank you to Miss Skinner for organising the book fair to come to us and a huge thank you to everyone who came after school to buy books and other merchandise. The book fair was a huge success, raising an amazing £763.73 for the school! We trust there will be lots of lovely reading happening over the Christmas holidays!



Christmas Dinner – Tuesday 18th December



We are looking forward to our delicious Christmas dinner on Tuesday 18th. Please make sure you have returned your reply slip (sent out with a letter last week) letting us know if your child will be having the Christmas dinner or if they will be bringing in a packed lunch that day so Julie knows how many to cook for! Thank you.



Messy Church This Sunday 10am

As we head towards Christmas why not join Lorraine at Messy Church in the school hall for fun and worship together this weekend?

Christmas Events Reminders for Parents

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| Monday 10 th December, 2pm | Key Stage 1 Nativity Play at Evington Hall |
| Thursday 13 th December, 2.30pm | Carols on the playground – mince pies and crafts for sale |
| Friday 14 th December | PFA Christmas Cave event – send in money to buy presents |
| Monday 17 th December | PFA Christmas Grotto – meet Father Christmas and Christmas parties in classrooms, wear party clothes to school. |
| Tuesday 18 th December | Christmas Dinner |
| Wednesday 19 th December, 2.15pm | Christmas Service – All children to Hastingleigh Church |

Yours Sincerely

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