



**Bodsham Church of England  
Primary School**

**Federation  
of**



**Saltwood Church of England  
Primary School**



**In our Worship we have been talking about endurance. What does your child understand about the meaning of that word? Is there anything they feel they have to endure? Can God help? Jesus said: "Come to me all whose work is hard, whose load is heavy; and I will give you relief." Matthew 11.28**

20<sup>th</sup> July 2018

### **A message from Mr Newton**

So here we are at the final newsletter of the year. I know it's a cliché but the time seems to have flown by – probably because so much has happened this year I haven't had a chance to pause for a moment and look back. The important thing about the summer holiday is that it gives us all a chance to do just that. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Executive Head Teacher and feel I have come to know both schools well, but there is still work to be done and the summer holiday is also time for planning for the future. Here's looking forward to another great year!

### **Year 6 Leavers' Service**

The saddest part about the end of any school year is waving goodbye to our Year 6 children. I have only known this class for a year but have seen them become confident and mature young people, ready for the next step in their lives. We will give them a special send off at Elmsted Church at 2.15 pm on Tuesday. Please come and collect the children at 2pm to transport to the church. Please let the office know if you have made arrangements for someone else to collect your child.

### **Leaving**

Mrs Bennett was overwhelmed with all the kind words and gifts for her. She would like to say a big thank you and send you all love and best wishes for the future.

### **Fund Raising Updates**

- Mr MacClennan, the chair of our PFA has informed me that the latest total from the Summer Fair is a profit of over £4,000. A great achievement – thank you again to all involved.
- The sponsored bounce last week in aid of local schools and preschools. The children all enjoyed taking part! All sponsor money to be handed in by 24<sup>th</sup> please!



### **School Security**

Like all schools, it is very important that we know who comes and goes into and out of our building throughout the day. For this reason I would remind all parents that if you need to get a message to a teacher, search for a piece of lost property or tell your child something please come to the school office. All visitors must be signed in and displaying a visitor badge. Thank you!

### **Welcome To Our New Chair of Governors**

As you may know, Mr Gareth Rees who has been our Chair of Governors for many years, is stepping down from this role. Governors have thanked him for his many years of hard work supporting our Federation. His successor is Mr Leigh Cavanagh, a Saltwood parent who has been on the governing body for some time. His 'promotion' means that there will be a parent governor vacancy at Saltwood in September and an election will be held at Saltwood at the start of the new term. Full details of our governing body can be found on the website: [www.bodsham.kent.sch.uk/the-school/governors/](http://www.bodsham.kent.sch.uk/the-school/governors/)



And finally a suggestion for a summer holiday activity for all children. Why not take part in your local library's Summer Reading Challenge? This year's theme is 'Mischief Makers' inspired by the much loved children's title Beano. Can you read 6 books to earn special rewards?.

I hope you all have a restful and happy summer break. We'll see you back in school on **Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> September**.

*Paul Newton*  
Executive Head Teacher

### DIARY DATES

DATE	DIARY INFORMATION
Tuesday 24 <sup>th</sup> July	Leavers service Elmsted Church 2.15pm
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September	Inset day
Tuesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Children return to school
Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> September	SCHOOL RUN CLUBS START
Tuesday 11 <sup>th</sup> September	Butterflies & Robins orientation 3.30pm
Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> September	Woodpeckers orientation 3.30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Owls orientation 3.30pm
Thursday 13 <sup>th</sup> September	Bowles information session for parents 4pm
Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> September	Year 6 children leave for Bowles
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	2.15pm Harvest festival 2.15pm Elmsted church
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> October	Year 6 Bowles assembly 3pm
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> October	Half term starts at 3.30pm
Monday 29 <sup>th</sup> October	Children return to school
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> December	Break up 3.30pm

#### Useful information

School dinners £2.05 per day, £10.25 per week payable at the beginning of each week. Caterlink's policy is not to provide meals without payment in advance. The cost of breakfast club is £2.00 per session from 8am, whether the child has breakfast or not.

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