



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

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In our worship we have been discussing Epiphany, the church season that celebrates the wise men arriving in Bethlehem to pay tribute to the Christ Child. We have discovered that the Bible contains quite a different version of these events to the traditional understanding of what happened. Talk to your child about what they have learnt! *Matthew 2 v 1-12*

11th January 2019

Happy New Year – Welcome to 2019!

It was great to see the children back at school this week refreshed and ready for the new year. We have an exciting term ahead of us with visits from the Dogs Trust, a Star Gazing event and class assemblies to look forward to. Parents are reminded that we will be holding our regular Drop In Zone after school on 6th February where there will be a chance to view the work the children have produced this year, ahead of a full parents' evening consultation after half term.

In the event of snow



Things have definitely turned colder this week so it's a good opportunity to remind you how to check if the school is closed due to adverse weather. We will no longer use the emergency contact 'tree' that required parents to phone each other but instead will post a message on the School Closures website:

www.kentclosures.co.uk

Search for Bodsham and the school's status will be display in real time. I will endeavour to make this decision before 7.30am on the day to avoid people setting out unnecessarily. The site offers parents the option to register to be contacted by email or SMS as the school's status changes. I'd recommend it!

Look to the Stars!

If, like me, you are interested in Mars, Galaxies and the Milky Way (and I'm not just talking about chocolate!) then I hope you were able to get a ticket for our Bodsham Star Gazing event on 25th January. Tickets for the event have now all been allocated. I know some families were unsuccessful so if you have a ticket that you know you won't use please return it to the office so we can distribute to others. Failing that, Simon Langton Boys' School are running another series of Star Gazing events. The first one is this evening, on 11th January between 7.30 and 10pm. The event is open to all ages and everyone is welcome. Future events are at Simon Langton are scheduled for 1st February and 1st March, and if we are able, we will offer another star gazing event here at Bodsham in the future and will give ticket priority to any families who were unsuccessful this time.

Fire Safety Talks Today

Each class received a visit from our local Fire Safety Officer today so you can expect questions at home from the children about the last time you tested your smoke alarm and what would be the quickest way out of the house in the event of a fire – a good discussion to have as a family at any time!

Collect old Stamps for the Air Ambulance

Parents and children who wish to support the UK Air Ambulance service can do so by donating used stamps to the school office, where they will be packaged up and sent off. Please cut them out from the letter they were attached to before donating!



Thank you for your donations

Our Christmas events last year gave us the chance to raise some money for good causes. We raised £35.40 at our carol service on the playground and Bags to School made £92 last term. Thank you all very much.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher