



**Bodsham Church of England  
Primary School**

**Federation  
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**Saltwood Church of England  
Primary School**



Jesus said "I am the Light of the World". In our worship the children have been asked to think about an image of Jesus shining his light on the world. Can you talk at home about the idea of Jesus as a light being used to guide the way?

18<sup>th</sup> January 2019

### **Dogs Trust to Visit Bodsham**

Last term we had a visitor from the Dog's Trust who spoke to the children about the work of this important charity and also to offer the children advice on how to care for their own dogs. I am excited to say that on Monday next week the Dog's Trust are returning to our school with one of their dogs to meet the children. Each class will have a chance to say hello and ask questions about caring for and training dogs to be happy and healthy as part of a loving family



### **Our heads are full of space!**

This term the whole school is using the theme of Space as a science topic. As well as our star gazing event at the end of next week there will be lots of exciting lessons and investigations going on in class. It's a good time to get out the Space books at home! Can you find out how the tilt of the Earth causes our seasons? Or why the moon affects the tides? Or what exactly is a Light Year?

### **A reminder about school meal payments**

I am delighted that so many parents are now successfully using the online payment system provided by Caterlink. School meals should always be paid for in advance to avoid the build up of debt. Thank you.



### **Study Club Launched**

I was pleased to hear that children have started to join our new Study Club on Monday after school. This is a free club run by teachers that allows children to complete homework or undertake research on the computer guided by our staff. Please note we are unable to run the club on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> Feb but otherwise it will run all term and next.

### **Owls Class Assembly – correction**

In our diary dates recently we have stated that Owls Class assembly will be taking place in February – this was an error for which I apologise. Owls class will be putting on a fantastic end of year show for parents instead!

### **Flu Vaccination – additional clinics**

We have been advised by the NHS Community Health Team that the usual winter flu cases have yet to appear so there is still time to have your children vaccinated if they missed the clinic at school last term. The team have put on additional clinics locally to meet anticipated demand:

- ★ Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (15.30pm – 18.30pm)  
Royal Victoria Hospital, Art Room, Radnor Park Avenue, Folkestone, Kent CT19 5BN
- ★ Tuesday 29 January 2019 (3.00pm – 4.30pm)  
Exchange House, Thomas Way, Lakesview International Business Park, Hersden, Canterbury, CT3 4NH

## Cross Country Running Opportunity

We have been approached by the Ashford Prep School to ask if we would like to enter a team in their Inter School Cross Country Running competition on 18<sup>th</sup> March. If your child has the stamina for this endurance event and would like to take part please let Mrs Billingsley know via the school office.

Yours Sincerely

*Paul Newton*

Executive Head Teacher

### DIARY DATES

DATE	DIARY INFORMATION
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	4 <sup>th</sup> Bowles instalment due
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	Dog's Trust visit
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Piano and guitar lessons
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> January	Woodpeckers class assembly 3pm
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> January	Star Gazing evening 6pm – 8pm (ticketed event) <b>NOW FULL</b>
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> January	Butterflies to Canterbury fire station
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	Robins to Three Hills football event
Monday 4 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>NO AFTER SCHOOL STUDY CLUB</b>
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Drop in zone 3.30pm – 4pm
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Robins class assembly 3pm
Monday 11 <sup>th</sup> February	Butterflies Fun Day Three Hills
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Butterflies Stay and Play 8.45am – 9.45am
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Break up at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	Children return to school
Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> February	5 <sup>th</sup> Bowles instalment due
Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	Bags to School collection 9am
Thursday 14 <sup>th</sup> March	Butterflies class assembly 3pm
Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening Year R,1,2,3,4 and 6
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents evening Year 1,2,3,4 and 5
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Spring Sing – Elmsted Church 2.15pm
Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> April	No teacher run clubs
Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> April	Easter service 2.15pm Hastingleigh Church End of term
Tuesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Children return to school
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> May	Drop in zone 3.30pm – 4pm
Friday 24 <sup>th</sup> May	Break up for half term
	Half term 27 <sup>th</sup> – 31 <sup>st</sup> May
Monday 3 <sup>rd</sup> June	Children return to school
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Sports day
Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> July	Break up

### Useful information

The cost of breakfast club is £2.00 per session from 8am, whether the child has breakfast or not.

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