



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

**Federation
of**



**Saltwood Church of England
Primary School**



In worship this week we have been learning how Moses became radiant with light after speaking with God on Mount Sinai. The children thought about how lighting one candle from another is like Moses spreading the Word of God across the world.

1st February 2019



Safer Internet Day next week

Our school will be taking part in the nation-wide 'Safer Internet Day' on Tuesday. There will be a special assembly and class activities where the children will be encouraged to reflect on this year's theme of 'Together for a Better Internet'. Internet Safety is like teaching children to cross the road – sooner or later parents will need to trust their children to do it by themselves. The best way to make sure our children make the right choices is to help them talk about risks and consequences in an open and honest way. Attached to this newsletter are some 'Conversation Starters' for parents and carers – why not sit down and talk about Internet Safety at home this weekend?. There are plenty of other excellent resources for parents and carers at

www.saferinternet.org.uk/safer-internet-day/2019

Extraordinary AGM of the PFA – Friday 15th

All Bodsham parents are automatically members of our PFA and we are very lucky to receive such great support from them each year. Nick Maclennan, our current chair, is now stepping down after a very successful year in which a whole host of events took place that really brightened up our school. I'd like to thank Nick on behalf of our school for his tireless work for Bodsham. Donna Taylor will also be stepping down as treasurer, thank you to Donna for her years in this role being in charge of the PFA finances. We now need to elect a new PFA committee, including chair and treasurer, so the PFA will be holding an extraordinary AGM on Friday 15th February at 2.45pm in the Art Studio. All parents are invited to consider standing for positions within the PFA and are entitled to vote at the meeting.



Parent Power – Can we get the gritting route changed?

I find it amazing that the route of the gritting trucks each winter passes so close to our school and yet does not include the hill at School Lane. I have pressed this issue with KCC but received short shrift. I would now like to ask all our parents to lobby KCC to get School Lane upgraded to a primary gritting route. Please send your thoughts to info@highwaysengland.co.uk.

In the event of heavy snow remember to check the Kent Closures website before setting out in the morning to find out if the school has had to close:

www.kentclosures.co.uk

Parents are advised to sign up for email or text alerts.

Strange Sightings Over Bodsham

The children in the Owls class have been seeing some odd things in the sky recently (or at least, that's what they've been telling us!). It made them investigate the history of UFO sightings over Bodsham and the result are some very impressive stories and pictures about this mysterious topic. Parents can see for themselves on the Owls' web page: www.bodsham.kent.sch.uk/classes/owls I think the main thing the children have learnt is not to trust everything you read or see online!



Woodpeckers in the Rainforest!

On Wednesday afternoon, Esme's grandmother visited the Woodpeckers Class to talk about her travels to Peru, and the Amazon Rainforest. Sue explained that she had to plan her trip carefully, and pack a small rucksack with essentials, including waterproofs and sun-cream, and we enjoyed seeing some photos and video-clips of her experiences.



No Nuts Please

Parents are reminded that we are a Nut Free school. This needs to include food sent into school in the children's lunchboxes and, of course, Nutella (and other nut based chocolate spreads) does pose a risk to children with allergies – please avoid adding it to children's sandwiches.

Messy Church

The dates for Messy Church are February 10th, March 10th, April 14th.

Quick Notices for parents:

- Thank you to everyone who has donated second hand books to the school. Thanks to your generosity and the amazing commission we received from the Scholastic Book fair we now have plenty of new stock for our library.
- So far only two children have expressed an interest in the cross country running event at The Ashford School on 18th March (see newsletter 18.1.19). This is not enough for a team so let us know at the office asap if you're interested
- Please note there is no afterschool Study Club in Monday due to a Federation staff training event.
- Parents are invited to this term's **Drop in Zone** to view children's work on Wednesday from 3.30pm
- Robin's class assembly for parents will take place on Thursday at 3pm – all welcome!
- We have been advised that the wild deer in the Shrubs Wood area are particularly active at this time of year, please drive carefully during our dark evenings and icy mornings.

Paul Newton,
Executive Head Teacher

DIARY DATES

DATE	DIARY INFORMAITON
Monday 4 th February	Robins to Three Hills football event
Monday 4 th February	NO AFTER SCHOOL STUDY CLUB
Tuesday 5 th February	Piano and guitar lessons
Wednesday 6 th February	Drop in zone 3.30pm – 4pm
Thursday 7 th February	Robins class assembly 3pm
Monday 11 th February	Butterflies Fun Day Three Hills
Wednesday 13 th February	Butterflies Stay and play 8.45am – 9.45am
Friday 15 th February	Break up at 3.30pm for half term
Monday 25 th February	Children return to school
Monday 25 th February	5 th Bowles instalment due
Monday 25 th February	Year 6 to Safety in Action event at Three Hills
Thursday 28 th February	Butterflies trip to Westgate Towers
Tuesday 5 th March	Woodpeckers badminton Three Hills event
Tuesday 12 th March	Bags to School collection 9am
Thursday 14 th March	Butterflies class assembly 3pm
Monday 18 th March	Parents evening Year R,1,2,3,4 and 6
Wednesday 20 th March	Parents evening Year 1,2,3,4 and 5
Tuesday 26 th March	Spring Sing – Elmsted Church 2.15pm
Monday 1 st April	No teacher run clubs
Friday 5 th April	Easter service 2.15pm Hastingleigh Church End of term
Tuesday 23 rd April	Children return to school
Wednesday 22 nd May	Drop in zone 3.30pm – 4pm
Friday 24 th May	Break up for half term
	Half term 27 th – 31 st May
Monday 3 rd June	Children return to school
Thursday 20 th June	Sports day
Friday 19 th 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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