



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

**Federation
of**



**Saltwood Church of England
Primary School**



"The Lord has told us what is good. What he requires of us is this: to show constant love..."Micah 6v8. As a Christian school we have been talking about how we show love by helping others. Let us know what differences your child has made so we can celebrate!

24th May 2019

Congratulations Mrs Billingsley!

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Billingsley is expecting her first child in September. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her all the best as she starts the exciting journey to parenthood! Of course this does mean she will be leaving us at the end of this school year, although I am pleased the Butterflies will get to finish the whole year with her as their teacher. We have been lucky to recruit Mrs Stacy Bax - who Bodsham parents will remember worked for many years as Reception teacher at our school - to provide maternity cover while Mrs Billingsley is absent.



Doing just one thing can make a difference

This week we talked to the children about how they can make a difference to our world. The Christian idea of showing love by helping others is important and easily understood by children. I have heard some touching examples of what children have been prepared to do to help others recently - from giving up their spare time to help at the local Hospice to donating their cut hair to a cancer charity. If your child has done anything you think we should celebrate let us know and we will! This week we were visited by Domineca from Schools of Sanctuary who worked with every class and spoke in our assembly. She helped the children think about how we can help refugees around the world.



Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer - Friday 7th June

This year we are combining our traditional Ascension Day celebration with an event involving all of the schools in the Canterbury Diocese. The whole school will be going on a 'pilgrimage' walk in the morning and coming back to school in the afternoon for games and activities at school. Children will depart from Evington Hall first thing in the morning so please make arrangements for children to be dropped there at the usual school start time on Friday 7th June, at the end of the day children will be ready for collection from school at the usual time. Children attending breakfast club on this day will do so as normal at school and will be brought to the hall on the minibus. See Mrs Record's letter coming home today for full details.

New Piano Teacher at Bodsham

**Mrs Claire Dwyer CTABRSM
Experienced Piano Teacher
Offering piano lessons
At Bodsham CEP School**

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am delighted to let you know that I will be starting piano lessons at Bodsham school, commencing Tuesday, 4th June 2019. I offer 20 minute lessons spread over 10 weeks per term, and fees are payable termly in advance (£11.50 per 20 minute lesson). Music theory is integrated into piano lessons which underpins music reading and understanding. If you are interested in your child having lessons or would just like to talk about piano lessons, please feel free to contact me by email or telephone:

Mobile No: **0787 667 3495**

Email: clairefesting@yahoo.com

I hope to meet some of you in June. Have a lovely half term break!

PTFA Notices

- Orders for the Bodsham Tea Towels with children's artwork need to be placed by today please!
- Families are reminded of the chance to contribute a special piece of bunting embroidered with their names to be displayed at the Summer Fair
- The weather this Sunday is set to make the Elmsted Lunches and Teas another wonderful outdoor event for young and old. Please do come and join us for a fine bit of English countryside tradition, having a cuppa in the churchyard. All profits made on the day are split between the school and the church. 12-4pm. Don't miss out!

ELMSTED CHURCH

LUNCHES & TEAS



SUNDAY 26TH MAY, 2019

NOON - 4PM

There will be delicious home cooked lunches and an array of home baked cakes and deserts.

We will have a plant stall with strong, healthy perennials and vegetable plants for sale to cheer up your garden.

Live music by Leon Hastwell.

Crafting Competition.

Butterflies Land at Canterbury Cathedral

Year R had a lovely trip to Canterbury Cathedral on Wednesday. They had a costume trail, craft activities and did some Old Testament stained glass window spotting. I'm proud to hear that their excellent behaviour was commented on by Cathedral staff. A big 'thank you' to Mrs Phipps who drove the minibus.



Please Settle School Dinner Bills

Caterlink request that all parents settle their school dinner accounts before the start of next term. School dinners should be paid for **in advance** as an unpaid account may result in the company refusing to provide any further meals to your child until it is settled.



Family Prayer Adventure

Along with the Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer, The Church of England are inviting all primary school age children and their families to take part in a family prayer adventure at the end of May. Today your child will be bringing home a 'prayer adventure map' suggesting times and places to pray together and join a global movement to light up the world in prayer. The map comes with a set of stickers to mark the prayer journey you take!



Well done Netballers!

I was very proud to hear that our netball team returned victorious from the qualifying heats of the tournament at The Marsh Academy. They won all of their games played and only conceded one goal in the whole event. They now progress to the finals on 10th June. Good luck!

Here's wishing you all a happy and peaceful half term. School returns on **Monday 3rd June**.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher