



**Bodsham Church of England
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As we start our new year we have been talking about how God gave Solomon great wisdom so he could rule fairly. There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom, even at school. It's good to know the school rules, but it takes wisdom to understand why they are there!

6th September 2019

Another Year Begins!

Welcome back to the new year at our lovely little school. A special welcome goes to the new families that are joining us this year – the new Butterflies who had their first taste of school life today, and to the new faces we are delighted to see in Years 2, 3 and 4! Welcome to Mrs Thomas who takes over as our Deputy Head Teacher and welcome to Mrs Bax who is covering Mrs Billingsley's maternity leave this year. We're all set for another great year!

Get To Know Your New Class

At the start of each year teachers hold 'orientation' meetings for parents to introduce the rules and routines of their class and to give you useful information about the curriculum, homework etc. The Owls had theirs yesterday, before the Kent Test. The Robins (Year 1 and 2) and Woodpeckers (Year 3 and 4) will be holding theirs on Wednesday next week (11th) at 3.30pm in the relevant classrooms. Please come along!

A Message From Mrs Record



Thank you so very much for the lovely cards, gifts and good wishes that you gave me in July. Thank you for the gift voucher and wonderful personalised card; I have enjoyed spending some of the voucher already but it was so generous that I will be able to enjoy John Lewis treats for sometime, thank you! I do hope you all had a wonderful, restful summer, I really will miss you all and wish you all the very best in the future. I hope to see you at some point, perhaps at the 2020 summer fair! All the best, Mrs Record.

Newsflash for Budding Scientists - After School Science Club

From Friday 20th September 2019 Gary & Scott will be returning with their 'Educational & Fun Science Club' at Bodsham School. Over four weeks the children will have the opportunity to make / play and learn about different topics in the Science Curriculum. There will be something different each week. Plenty of hands on projects – a great fun way to learn. The items they make they can take home and also each week they will have a simple project to do at home as a follow up. The club will run after school until 4.30pm. The total cost per child is £20 for the 4 weeks. Letters have gone home – please book early as we are limited to 32 places in the club this time. All application forms must be back into school by Thursday 12th September 2019



New prices for 2019

Regrettably, there are some increases in charges this term. Breakfast Club, which runs from 8.00 – 8.45am every day will now be £3.50 per child. Caterlink have also increased the cost of a school dinner to £2.20 daily. Children in Year R to Year 2 continue to be entitled to a free school meal. Caterlink require all meals to be paid for in advance using their online payment system please.

Help Wanted

As always, we will be relying on your help to enhance the curriculum this year. If you have time to offer as a minibus driver we can offer free training. Also, we always need adults who can read with the children during the day. Please contact the office if you are interested.

Healthy Snacks Only Please

We spend a lot of time promoting a healthy eating message at school and appreciate your support in this area. All children in Year R, 1 and 2 receive a free piece of fruit every day at playtime to keep them going until lunch. If you feel your child will need extra snacks in the morning then please only send in fruit or veg. Biscuits and cereal bars are not permitted. Neither should the children bring in their own fruit juice drinks to consume at playtime – these should be restricted to lunchboxes please. Water is available all day. Please also be hyper aware of our NO NUTS rule – no food with nuts as an ingredient should ever be sent into school – including cakes! Thank you!



Thank you Mr Verhoeven

A big thank you to Mr Verhoeven who gave up his time to repair our 'wobbly bridge' over the summer holiday – now it's as good as new!



Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

DIARY

DATE	DIARY INFORMAITON
Monday 9 th September	Teacher run clubs, Emily Balmer and Elite clubs start this week
Tuesday 10 th September	Piano lessons start
Wednesday 11 th September	3.45pm Year 1 & 2 Orientation session 4pm Year 3 & 4 Orientation session
Thursday 12 th September	Kent Test
Friday 13 th September	Paul Hembley photos – families with pre-school children can come along from 8.30am
Monday 16 th September	Bowles week
Friday 27 th September	2.15pm Harvest festival church service Elmsted
Thursday 3 rd October	3pm Bowles assembly presented by the Year 6 to Year 6 parents
Tuesday 15 th October	School immunisation team Years R – 6 inclusive flu immunisation
	HALF TERM 21 – 25 October
Monday 28 th October	Children return to school
Tuesday 5 th November	Woodpeckers class trip to Kent Life Museum, Maidstone

Useful information:

Breakfast club run by Elite Community Coaching £3.50

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