Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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Saltwood Church of England Primary School

In this week of remembrance, we have been talking to the children about the importance of memory. Happy or sad, good or bad, our memories help to teach us ways to make things better in the future. The children have joined in prayers for peace across the world.

10th November 2023

Can you help keep Bodsham Beautiful?

Twice each year our wonderful PTA help to organise a Saturday morning where parents (and children) come into school to help us tidy up and maintain our school site. We call these sessions 'Beautiful Bodsham' as it helps us keep our special little school looking its best! The next Beautiful Bodsham day is **Saturday 18th November**. If you think you could help us with cleaning, clearing leaves, jet washing, sweeping and tidying the school gardens please come along to help from 9.30am until lunchtime bringing your own gardening equipment. The kids love it, it's a good workout and fun social event. If you are unable to make it but still want to contribute in some way, please let us know. Please feel free to ring the PTA or text with any questions 07973381998. Looking forward to seeing you on the 18th!

Thank you to all families who took part in the PTA Pumpkin Parade last week – there were some very creative efforts!

Children In Need Next Week!

We will be supporting BBC Children in Need next Friday with a Spotacular Non-Uniform day and Sponsored Sports events! Please dress in your spottiest clothes and ask your friends and family to sponsor you for your class event. We hope to make this the best fundraising year for Children in Need ever!

Diary Dates for Christmas Fun!

This is always a busy term, with lots going on for children and parents. Keep up to date by checking our online calendar where you can find the dates and times of all the upcoming Christmas festivities – including the following:

Tuesday 5th December -	Carols on the playground and Christmas Hamper Draw
Wednesday 6th December -	Drop in Zone
Thursday 7th December -	Robins and Sparrows at Evington Hall for Nativity Rehearsal
Friday 8th December -	Whole school to Evington Hall for Dress rehearsal performance to school, and performance to parents at 2pm
Tuesday 12th December -	Christmas Cave
Wednesday 13th December -	Christmas Jumper Day (£1 donation) and Christmas Lunch
Thursday 14th December -	Christmas Parties
Friday 15th December -	Christmas Service at Hastingleigh Church

More Financial Support for Families for Children Receiving Free School Meals

We have received notification from KCC that all families of children eligible for Free School Meals will shortly be receiving vouchers worth £100 per child to help with energy costs this winter. Please check your email on Monday 13th November for the voucher options. Note that this payment is for parents who have completed an application for Free School Meals, not for children who are in receipt of the Universal Free School Meal that applies to all children in Years R, 1 and 2. If you think you may be eligible for FSM, please complete the quick and easy online application.

Calling All Our Budding Bodsham Artists

Cool Milk – who provide milk to the children at school – are running a milk themed Christmas Card competition. The winner will have their card used in all of Cool Milk's Christmas publicity – and will get sent to hundreds of companies all over the UK and even local MPs! They will also win a £100 voucher for the school. So if you want to keep yourself amoosed for a while, why not enter this udderly fantastic competition. All entries need to be on folded A4 paper and handed in at the school office before 4th December. Good luck!

Odd socks day!

Next week is Anti-bullying week where the focus at Bodsham is always Kindness. To kick off the week, we invite everyone to wear odd socks on Monday to help us recognise that we are all different and unique. We also have a special live, online Kindness Assembly run by the charity 52 Lives. The children will focus on kindness challenges throughout the week, and also complete an Anti-Bullying Survey with Project Salus, an organisation that works to improve the lives of children.

Please park considerately

Please can parents remember that you should not park opposite the school or on the driveway other than drop offs in the morning. Cars are coming too close to the children because parents were parked on the other side of the road, and children are having to walk in the road whilst cars are squeezing through the narrow gap. Please park on the hard standing in front of the barns. There was an accident last term when a child's foot was run over by a car and we'd hate for that to happen again.

Learn Like an Egyptian

This week the Woodpeckers travelled back in time to Ancient Egypt. They took part in workshops about the Afterlife, put on some entertainment for the Pharaoh, learnt about some crazy Egyptian cures for various injuries and illness and learnt how rope was made. A fun day was had by all, and we even squeezed in 'cuddle corner' and a tractor ride!

Thank you mums and dads for our fantastic costumes to help us really look the part.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Community News

[Click here to book a place on the Stargazing Evening!]

E-scooters – are you breaking the law?

Can I ride my e-scooter to school or work?

No, it's Illegal...

E-scooters are classed as motor vehicles and are required to be taxed and insured. It's not possible to get insurance for privately owned e-scooters, which means it's illegal to use them.

Can I ride my e-scooter on the pavement?

No, it's Illegal...

You cannot use e-scooters on public footpaths, cycle lanes or roads.

What happens if I'm caught using my e-scooter in public spaces?

The scooter may be seized and as a result, destroyed.

If stopped by an officer, you may be asked to complete a breath and drugs test. You also risk a £300 fine and six penalty points on your licence for no insurance.

Kent Police

Think before you buy:

The number of electrical scooters being used on our streets has risen, as well as reports of serious injury and fatalities.

For more information and advice on the use of e-scooters visit **www.kent.police.uk/road-safety**

FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS FAIR

Saturday 25th November
10am – 2pm

AGE UK HYTHE, SANFORD HOUSE,
STADE STREET, HYTHE, KENT, CT21 6BD.

Santa's Grotto, Christmas decorations and Christmas nick-nacks, tombola, Christmas treats sweet and savoury, children's activities and much more.

Hythe, Lyminge & Ashford ageUK

For more information
01303 269602

Registered charity number 1125274. Company number 6589817.

FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS TWILIGHT MARKET

(indoors)

Friday 1st December
6pm – 8pm

AGE UK ASHFORD, FARROW COURT,
STANHOPE ROAD, ASHFORD, KENT TN23 5RF.

Tombola, Lots of festive stalls offering Christmas gifts, treats and nick-nacks, mulled wine and Christmas goodies served from the café. Santa will also be flying in for a quick visit.

Hythe, Lyminge & Ashford ageUK

If you would like to have a stall at this festive event, please contact us on
01303 269602
mfo@ageukhla.org.uk

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FREE ENTRY

CHRISTMAS CAROL SERVICE

Wednesday 6th December
4pm – 6pm

AGE UK LYMINGE, EVERIST COURT,
STATION ROAD, LYMINGE, KENT, CT18 8HQ.

Join us for an evening of Christmas Carols. Lots of Christmas treats will be available to buy, such as mince pies, mulled wine, and other Christmas treats.

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Local Offer

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities (SEND) Information, Advice and Guidance Event for Folkestone and Hythe

Friday 17th November 9:30 – 12:30

Lighthouse on the Marsh, Unit 12 Mountfield Road, TN28 8LH

Parents and carers of children aged between 0-25 years, we would like to invite you to an SEND Information, advice and guidance event for Folkestone and Hythe.

We will be hosting presentations from Kent PACT- Parents And Carers Together, IASK-Information and Support Kent, The SEND Information Hub, PRU and Inclusion Attendance Service, Local Offer, Children and Youth Centres.

There will be the opportunity for a question-and-answer session and to meet other families who are on the same or a similar journey as you.

We only have 40 places available so if you would like to attend this event, please contact sendroadshows@kent.gov.uk to book your place. This is a first come first served event. In your email, please let us know whether you have any accessibility requirements. Please also say whether you would like to have the handouts from the day, along with the links to all the websites, so these can still be sent to you if we are unable to offer you a place.