Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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Saltwood Church of England Primary School

"Turn from evil and do good. Seek peace and pursue it." ***Psalm 34:14.***
This weelk the children have been talking anf thinking about Rememberance Day and how, by not forgetting the evil of war, we are more likely to live in peace.

11th November 2022

Applications for Reception Class 2023 Places Now Open

Parents interested in applying for a place at Bodsham for children due to start school in September 2023 can now do so through the KCC online applications website. Please let anyone you know with children due to reach school age next year, that Bodsham would be very glad to welcome them to our friendly, happy school. It's also important that any parents with children already at Bodsham do complete applications for younger siblings as it is not an automatic process!

We are offering tours of the school for prospective parents throughout November and December. Check our online calendar for dates and then contact admin@bodsham.kent.sch.uk or phone 01233 750374 to book a place.

Help Keep Bodsham Beautiful – tomorrow morning 9am – 12pm

There is a long standing tradition at Bodsham of parents coming into school once or twice a year to help tidy and repair our school grounds. This is called 'Beautiful Bodsham' and in a small school with limited resources for grounds staff and maintenance, it really makes a difference. The PTA have organised a session tomorrow morning and anyone with a bit of spare time is welcome to come along. Meet at the school from 9am and bring working clothes and any tools that might be useful.

Remembrance Service this Sunday

There will be a special service of remembrance at Saltwood Church this Sunday at 10am, to which all Bodsham families are, of course, invited. After the service we will gather by the war memorial on Saltwood Green where children will be among the congregation that will lay wreaths to thank the fallen.

School Council Take Charge!

We have voted in our new School Council and their first job was to decide on the theme for next week's **Children in Need Day on Friday 18th November**. They have chosen the theme of 'inspirational people'. Children may dress up or bring in something that relates to someone who inspires them. Well done School Council!

Along with Children in Need Day it is also our **Anti-Bullying Week**. We will be focusing on the theme of kindness and encouraging everyone to be themselves. To start the week, we will have an Odd Socks Day on Monday (14th Nov) to let everyone know they are all unique but all part of the same team. We hope everyone enjoys joining in.

Plan Ahead for Christmas Dinner!

We are thinking ahead to our Christmas celebrations and have been asked by Caterlink for parents to book Christmas dinner for their children. Christmas dinner will be on **Wednesday 14th December** and we gather the whole school to eat together, served by staff. It's a lovely occasion and Caterlink put on a delicious spread. Please see the menu below so you know what is on offer.

If you would like your child to have a Caterlink meal on that day, you must book by 18th November. Please email the office, stating whether you would like the meat or vegetarian offer.

NHS checks for Year R and Year 6 Next Term

Parents may be aware that schools across the country help the NHS gather useful information on children's development and health as part of national screening programmes. In 2023, children in Year R will be offered free vision checks in school by NHS staff. The results will be sent directly to parents. Also, children in Year 6 will be given the chance to have a height and weight check carried out in school by NHS staff. Again, the results of these checks are sent directly to parents and do not come to school. If you would prefer your child to not take part in these programmes, parents must opt out by contacting the NHS directly before 16th December. A letter with full details of how to do this was sent last week.

Reception children will also be offered a free hearing check during 2023, but this will be an opt-in scheme with details to follow.

Can You Help At After School Club?

Our After School Club is proving to be very popular and Mrs Wenham would welcome a helper on Wednesdays and Thursdays. If you know anyone who might be interested in joining the ASC team please ask them to contact the school office.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher