Bodsham Church of England Primary School

Federation of

Saltwood Church of England Primary School

"Always be full of joy. Never stop praying." St Paul wrote these words to the Thessalonians more than 2000 years ago, but they still seem like good advice today. As we prepared to say goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children, we reminded them that our church school has taught them how to pray. It's a thought they can take with them into their futures!

19th July 2024

Goodbye and Good Luck Year 6

On this final day of term there are always mixed emotions. We are happy when we think back on all the achievements of the year; the school has done very well again in SATs and other assessments, we had a lovely pilgrimage morning, a very well attended summer fair last weekend and the Owls treated us to joyful production of Wind in the Willows on Wednesday. But we also have to say goodbye to these very same children today as they finish their seven-year journey through primary school and head off to the big new world of secondary. Our curriculum here at Bodsham is designed to develop a whole range of personal attributes and I feel this group of children embody them all. They are ready for their next step, and our work with them is done! Good luck to each and every one of them.

More Goodbyes…

Today is also the final day for Mrs Rushton at Bodsham. She has been our Key Stage 1 teacher for some time now, but will be making the journey to our sister school of Saltwood in September. Although she'll be greatly missed here at Bodsham, I'm very happy that she will continue to play a very important part in our Federation as Saltwood's Year 1 teacher.

Another goodbye is to Mrs Masterson. Parents may not have met Mrs Masterson, but she has been our Federation Business Manager since 2020 and has done a sterling job managing the finances and premises at both of our schools over this time. She will be greatly missed by myself, our governors and all our staff as she was always someone we could find when we had a problem that needed to be solved! She starts her

new job as Business Manager at Harrietsham Primary School in September and we wish her the best of luck!

… and some hellos!

At school, whenever there are goodbyes, you can be sure there are also hellos! We are delighted to be welcoming Miss Morris back to our Bodsham teaching team. She joins us from Saltwood where she has been leading the teaching in the Early Years for the last 4 years. We are thrilled to have Miss Morris back at Bodsham and she is excited to become the new Robins teacher in September!

We are also saying hello to our new Federation Business Manager, Mrs Sara Kingston. Mrs Kingston joins us from Mersham Primary School and prior to that she was part of our office team at Saltwood. It's great to be welcoming her back to the Federation a new and very important role!

Summer Fair Update

Last weekend's Summer Fair was a massive success thanks to all the volunteers and helpers that made it happen. There was a very good turn out and families stayed to the very end, enjoying the food, games and live music. The latest total for the amount raised stands at an incredible **£2,670!**

Our Summer Fair is always a special event which brings together the school, parents and our local community. The PTA have been fantastic this year so a massive thank you must go to Sarah and Virginia for all their efforts. They have asked that we make a special mention of **Mannix Equestrian** who provided the pony rides, **Future Dance** for the Hoola Hooping and **Primary Sports Giants** who contributed free vouchers to the raffle. Thanks also to the local WI who came to judge the cake competition (won by Ivor in Y4!)

The Summer Reading Challenge is Back!

Kent Libraries are encouraging children to get reading during the summer break. Every year they launch the free Summer Reading Challenge, produced by The Reading Agency, for children aged 4 to 11 years. This year, join their Marvellous Makers: Amelia, Charlie, Kai, Maya, Riley, Laila and Yasmin – and Bob the dog! The Marvellous Makers characters are all part of a creative club, making something amazing, inspired by their favourite books for a (fictional) festival at their library this summer. Follow the link for full details!

Let's get off to a flying start!

So, as we say goodbye for the long summer break, here are some tips that will help get the new term off to a flying start in September.

- Keep reading over the holidays – even if you don't fancy the Summer Reading Challenge, encourage children to keep a book on the go all the time. Talk about the story together and ask questions about the plot and characters!
- Try and limit screen time. I know it's hard to do this when parents and carers are busy too, but placing limits on screen time will provide valuable structure to children's days. The UK Safer Internet Centre have good advice!
- Get ears pierced early. The summer holiday is the ideal time to get ears pierced if it's something you might want to do. At school, children must remove earrings for PE (we do not accept taped earrings), so getting them done early in the holiday will give them time to heal enough to allow easy removal of earrings before PE. Please remember only small studs should be worn to school.
- Get some new shoes at the end of August. Children's feet keep growing, even in August! Remember, trainers and boots are not school uniform, so please time your purchase of that new pair of smart black shoes to coincide with the new term.

Happy Holidays!

So all that's left is for me to wish you a safe and happy summer break, wherever your travels take you!. The children return to school on Wednesday 4th September for another exciting school year!

Paul Newton
Executive Head Teacher

Summer Holiday Activities

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Summer School

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AGES 8-11

YOUTH CHOIR

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11AM-12.15PM / £35
AGES 8-11

MUSICAL BEGINNINGS

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AGES 5-7

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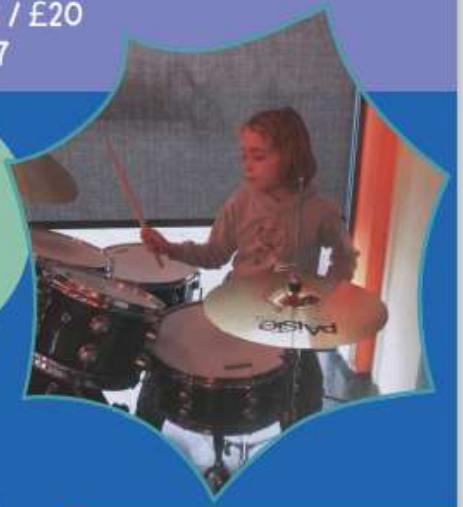

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