Bodsham Church of England Primary School

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"Two people are better than one. When two people work together, they get more work done" ***Ecclesiastes 4:9*** **This week we have been talking about the value of team work. We are all in the same team at school, and the children know how to support each other!**

22nd September 2023

Starting School in 2024?

It hardly seems right that, only three weeks after welcoming our new Reception class to the school, we are already thinking about the new intake for 2024! However, now is the time when families of children due to start school next year will start to look at their local options. At Bodsham we are offering two open days and the opportunity to book an individual tour (with or without little ones) right through to Christmas. It is a fact that there are fewer children seeking school places at the moment, so any family who applies to Bodsham has a very good chance of being offered a place – irrespective of where they live. Please spread the word to any families who might be looking for a school next year!

Join us for Harvest!

As the weather takes a decidedly Autumnal turn, famers across the county will be keen to get their crops in soon. At Bodsham we are holding our traditional Harvest Thanksgiving Service with Rev. Holy at Elmsted church on Friday next week (29th Sept) and we would love it if parents could join us. There will be harvest hymns and an item from each class. Please collect your children early from school at 2:15pm to arrive at Church for a 2:30pm start. You can send your harvest donation of tinned or dried food in with your child that morning or bring it with you to church and it will be used to form a wonderful 'display of generosity' by the altar in the church before being donated to Bright City Church who offer a hot meal at Vinny's diner and provide a food bank for families in need.

Attention Year 6 Parents!

Apply for Secondary School by 31st October

If your child sat the Kent Test, the results should be with you on 18th October. You will then have a few days to complete and submit your Secondary Common Application Form (SCAF) online before the 31st October deadline. A number of local schools are holding open events for parents right now. Scroll down to the end of this newsletter for details!

School Photographs on Tuesday

Kittle PHOTOGRAPHIC

We are pleased to announce that our new school photographer, Kittle Photographic, will be in school on Tuesday 26th to take individual photographs of the children. Please make sure children are in full school uniform, with hair tied back. If your class is doing PE on that day, please send in the PE kit separately and the children will change in school. We hope that parents will find our new photography partner easier to work with as all orders and payments can be made online using the QR Code that will come home with your child shortly.

Opportunities for young singers in Hythe

Parents of boys and girls aged 8 or over in Year 4 or above, who can read words well and have an interest in music, are encouraged to give the choirs at St Leonards a try. There are opportunities to sing, learn to use their voices well, and to develop musical skills that will last a lifetime. The fun that comes from singing often and well, and doing so while learning some great music from all periods, gives benefits of greater self-confidence (at doing something well), team-building and empathy with other choristers.

For either choir, telephone, text or email the choir director (contact details below) and come for a taster session on a Tuesday (girls) or Wednesday (boys). See also the choir pages on the church website

CONTACT DETAILS Professor Berkeley Hill BEM (Organist and Choirmaster)
Tel: 01303 365312 Text: 07777696945
Email: b.hill@imperial.ac.uk

Wet Woodpeckers!

The children will be excited to begin their swimming lessons in Woodpeckers class on Monday next week (25th Sept). I am delighted that Bodsham has been given the opportunity to use the fantastic pool at Sibton Park near Lyminge. For their lesson, the children will have exclusive use of the pool at this grade II listed country house. I would like to thank Miss Skinner for all the hard work she has put into making this possible and also all the parents who have volunteered to help with transport, not least Mr Lawrence who has trained to be our minibus driver!

Special Menu for School Meals – Thursday 5th October

To encourage more children to take up a school meal, Caterlink are laying on a special menu on Thursday 5th October. Why not give it a try on this day and see if school meals are for you? Parents can make payments via Caterlink's online system.

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher

Secondary School Open Events

Year 6 Open Events

Open Mornings:

THE NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL

Tuesday 3rd October 2023 at 9:15-10:30
Thursday 5th October 2023 at 9:15-10:30

This will consist of speeches in the Hall, followed by a tour with our Year 8 students.

Please follow the link below or scan the QR code to sign up.

To register: https://forms.office.com/e/SC5AJjB6sk

YOUR JOURNEY TO MAIDSTONE GRAMMAR SCHOOL FOR GIRLS

Years 5 & 6 11+ Open Evening: 3rd October 16:30-19:30

"The ambition for pupils at Maidstone Grammar School for Girls (MGGS) is limitless."

Years 5 & 6 Open Mornings: 16th & 17th October
Years 5 & 6 Open Afternoon: 18th October

Contact Information

Buckland Road
Maidstone
Kent ME16 0SF

Bookings Now Open
www.mggs.org

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OPEN EVENTS 2023

Open Evening, Thursday 12th October
Open Saturday, 14th October
Open Mornings, Tuesday 17th, Wednesday 18th, Thursday 19th and Friday 20th October

Knight Avenue, Canterbury, Kent CT2 8QA
Tel: 01227 463971 www.canterbury.kent.sch.uk

Simon Langton Grammar School for Girls

Bookings for open events including an Open Evening on 12th October and some open coffee mornings are now live. Please book directly through the school website.

St Edmunds, Canterbury

We are holding our Whole School Open Morning on 30 September. We will be holding two sessions, 9am – 11:30am and 11:30am – 2:00pm, you can book a place and your preferred session via this link: Whole School Open Morning.

Community Notices

HYTHE YOUTH CENTRE

Monday Junior Session
5:30 – 7:30pm
Ages 9 – 12

Wednesday Senior Session
6:30pm – 8:30pm
Ages 12+

Friday Junior Session
3:15pm – 5:00pm
Ages 9 – 11

Membership to Hythe Youth Centre is free! Each session has a variety of activities including:

Tuck Shop, Indoor and Outdoor sports, Cooking Arts and Crafts, Gardening, Baking Celebrations Staff and peer support Discussions Duke of Edinburgh Residentials Training and Qualifications

If you have any questions or wish to discuss anything further please contact Clive Harris.

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Email: Clive.Harris@salusgroup.org.uk

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Hythe Youth Centre
Cinque Ports Ave
CT21 6HS

Folkestone Model Railway Club

MODEL RAILWAY EXHIBITION

Leas Cliff Hall, Folkestone, CT20 2DZ
Sat 7th & Sun 8th October 2023, 10am-5pm

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ADULT (16+): £7.50
CHILD(5-15): £3 FAMILY: £19

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