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"Wisdom is shown to be right by what it does" Mathew 11:19. **We have been talking to the children about how wise people know the difference between right and wrong. Is there a difference between being intelligent and being wise?**

24th September 2021

Keep moving forward!

I am encouraged that, at the end of the third week of term, Covid-19 has not disrupted our children's learning significantly. To date we have only recorded a single positive case among the children, although it would be asking too much to expect this situation to last I feel! Thank you to parents who have helped by arranging PCR tests for children (and other family members) who show symptoms. It's worth pointing out that if someone in your household develops a temperature, cough or a change in their sense of taste or smell, then a Lateral Flow Test will not suffice. In these circumstances, the person affected must self-isolate until a PCR test has been taken.

Parental Consultations Consultation!

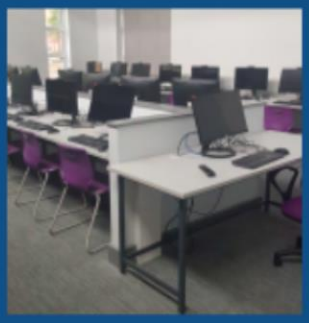
We have pencilled in the last week of term (18th – 22nd October) for parent teacher consultations, so you can check how your child is settling into their new class. Given the stubbornly high incidence of Covid-19 it may well be sensible to hold these meetings remotely. We did this last year and it seemed to be very successful. I'd be grateful for your views before a final decision is made. Please complete our very short survey here before the end of next week.

Ofsted Approaching!

It has been more than more than 13 years since either Saltwood or Bodsham school has been fully inspected by Ofsted. This year the exemption from inspection that had applied to Outstanding schools was removed, and now that all children are back in full time education Ofsted have resumed their inspection activities. Not surprisingly, schools such as ours are now a priority for an Ofsted visit, a fact which I welcome as it is important that parents have an up to date picture of their child's school. The new Ofsted framework asks some very challenging questions of teachers and school leaders, but also takes into account parental opinion. To help us prepare for our forthcoming visits, it would be very useful if parents could visit the Ofsted ParentView portal to give your views on your school. Inspectors will review all responses that have been submitted this year. You will need to register as a parent first. Thanks for your support!

THE NORTON KNATCHBULL SCHOOL

Year 6 Open Mornings



These will take place 09:15-10.30 on the following dates:

SEPTEMBER
Tuesday 21st / Thursday 23rd / Tuesday 28th / Thursday 30th

OCTOBER
Tuesday 5th / Thursday 7th

This will consist of a talk in the hall followed by a tour from our Y8 pupils.

To register:
https://tinyurl.com/NKSOpenMorning

For further information:

https://www.nks.kent.sch.uk/admissions/year-7-admissions

October Half Term Holiday Club

Elite Community Coaching regularly run high quality holiday clubs from Saltwood school. Their summer club this year was very well attended and children enjoyed an impressive range of fun and healthy activities throughout August. I'm pleased to announce that there will be a half term club available to children between 25th – 29th October. Places can be booked now through Elite's website.

Join In With Our Sponsored Read!

At the start of week beginning 4th October, we will be holding a Ready Steady Read sponsored read with Usbourne Books.

In addition to the sponsorship money, Usborne will also donate up to 60% of the total raised in EXTRA FREE BOOKS to the school. So for every £600 raised, we will get an extra £360 in FREE Usborne books!

Please help us to enhance our reading resources for pupils by encouraging your child to spend a small amount of time each day either reading to themselves, to others, or being read to. They can read books, comics, magazines, newspapers, menus, websites, recipes, poems, leaflets, instructions – anything with words!

To encourage our children even more we have three competitions with prizes of an Usbourne book of their choice up to the value of £10:

- A prize for the highest number of minutes read.
- A prize for the highest number of different places you read.
- A prize for the most unusual place you read.

If you are able to support our sponsored read, please find a sponsorship form with a reading log in your child's bookbag, to record the minutes they have spent reading.

After the sponsored read, please send all the sponsorship money that your child has raised to the school by the 15th October.

Cheques should be made payable to Bodsham CEP School or you can pay by bank transfer.

Reference: Sponsored Read.

We look forward to having lots more books for your child to read, share and enjoy.

For more information, visit us online: www.usborne.com/schools

Harvest Festival Next Friday 2.30pm

Our current assessment of risk around Covid-19 means that we are avoiding gathering large numbers of adults with the children for the moment. Sadly, this means we will not be able to hold our usual Harvest service at church next week. Parents are invited to come along to an outdoor service on the playground instead! We are very keen to continue with our long standing support for the Vinnie's Diner and the excellent work they do providing meals to those in need, so please send in a tinned or dried goods donation with your child on Friday morning. Rev Lawrence will lead a service with the children on the playground from 2.30pm on Friday next week. Please come along if you can!

Reminders

- Our PTA AGM is at 2:30 on Thursday 7th October – all welcome
- The Breakfast Club still has spaces for those who need it. Each session is £3.50.

And Finally…

We have noticed that some parents are waiting up to 10 minutes between collecting their youngest children (who leave at 3.20pm) and the oldest (who leave at 3.30pm). The plan was that you could avoid this wait by collecting both at 3:30pm and we'd look after any younger siblings until you arrive.

As this plan seems to be unpopular, we will be letting the younger children out at the slightly later time of 3.25pm to reduce the wait for older siblings!

Paul Newton

Executive Head Teacher