



**Bodsham Church of England  
Primary School**

**Federation  
of**



**Saltwood Church of England  
Primary School**



**"Let me get you something to eat, so you can be refreshed and then go on your way." Genesis 18: 5 We have been talking to the children about being generous. How many ways can children show generosity? To you? To each other? To God?**

14<sup>th</sup> May 2021

## **How are the children doing?**

I've had the pleasure of talking to parents of our Year 5 children over Zoom this week, to discuss the looming Kent Test and ambitions for secondary school. It has been good to share our latest thoughts on how well the children are doing now that they have been back at school for a few weeks. I'm sure most parents will be wondering the same thing, so I think it would be helpful if I let you know of our plans to report progress to you this year. On 2<sup>nd</sup> July, your child will be bringing home their end of year report. Teachers will have carefully assessed each child against the key elements of the core curriculum with a view to letting you know if they have any learning gaps that will need filling next year. Following that report there will be an offer of a consultation with your child's teacher (over Zoom) so you can ask any questions you may have. If you have any immediate concerns or worries, then please don't hesitate to get in touch with your teacher. Our staff are happy to speak on the phone, or over Zoom, at any time – even if it just to provide reassurance that everything is going OK. We would, of course, have contacted you already if we had any pressing issues that needed to be discussed.



## **Maths Competition Adds Up to Success!**

It's great to know that opportunities to offer children extra-curricular challenges are starting to reappear. After school last Tuesday a team of four Year 5 children took part in an online inter-school maths competition, organised and run by the Ashford School. Each team was set a range of challenging maths problems and our team of Amber, Cameron, Rupert and Oakley came 4<sup>th</sup> out of 19 schools! Great work team!



## **Half Term Holiday Club – Book Now!**

Elite are once again offering their excellent holiday club at Saltwood over half term. Parents can book individual days, or for the whole week. It will only be a four day week of course thanks to the Bank Holiday. Their famous inflatables are back on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> June. [All bookings should be made via the Elite website.](#) Discounts are available for NHS workers!

## *All together again for Ascension Day*

*Thursday was Ascension Day and to mark that important date in the church calendar we were able to have our first whole-school assembly since last March! Fittingly, we all gathered outside under the Bodsham tree, in our bubbles, at a safe distance. We were joined by our very own Rev Lorraine who had arranged for it to stop raining minutes before the worship began. It was a truly joyful experience seeing all the children together again.*



**Elham Valley Cricket Club**  
**Holloway Field, Park Lane, Elham.**  
**CT4 6UU**

Saturday mornings Colts cricket training begins on Saturday 17th April at 9.30am through to 11am.

Open to girls and boys of all abilities from 5 years to 16

(Parent's of younger children must stay at the ground during training please).

Coaches are ECB trained, first aid trained and DBS checked.



Come along and enjoy playing cricket with your friends, or make new friends.

For more information please contact Dan Bryant by email: [evccjuniors@gmail.com](mailto:evccjuniors@gmail.com)

## Date for your diaries!

On Tuesday, 25th May, Butterflies and Robins will be celebrating uniqueness with the help of Elmer the elephant. Key Stage 1 children should come into school that day in bright coloured clothes.



## Help Us Clear Out

We are having a clear out around the school site. If any parents can make good use of the wood pallets or the old washing machine at the top of the drive, please help yourself before we arrange for their removal.



To avoid large balances building up, please can you make sure your payments to the After School Club are kept up to date – thank you!

## A New School for 2022

Parents of children in Year 5 will be particularly interested in the opening of the Barton Manor School in Canterbury next year.

Parents can find out more on the school's new website:

[Welcome to Barton Manor School](#)

Paul Newton  
Executive Head  
Teacher



**Barton Manor School**

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**S10 Consultation from 4 May 2021 at 9am  
and will end on 22 June 2021 at 9am**

Barton Court Academy Trust (BCAT) is proud to be opening the brand new secondary school, a non-selective, co-educational, 11-18 years school called Barton Manor School (BMS) in September 2022 to Year 7 students. There will be 150 places open to Y7 only in September 2022 and the School is sited on Spring Lane, Canterbury on the former Chaucer School site.