



Federation of



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

**Saltwood Church of England
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**"Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." 1 John 4:8
This week we have been talking about how the world is full of people with
different types of faith, but how love for God is a unifying force for us all.**

2nd July 2021

Is the end in sight?

This will be my penultimate newsletter of the year and, even now, we are faced with a degree of uncertainty about how things will look at the start of next year. With a worryingly exponential increase in daily Covid19 cases it would appear unlikely that schools will be asked to relax the restrictions we have been working with, and yet there is increasing concern at the huge numbers of children that are missing significant periods of school as a result of being asked to self-isolate. Fortunately, this issue has not affected our schools too much, but this may change as the Delta Variant continues to spread largely among the young. Gavin Williamson has recently announced his intention to remove the 'bubble' system from schools which is responsible for sending home large numbers of children when a single positive case is detected, but at the time of writing we are not clear on what the alternative approach might be!

Reports home today

You should receive your child's end of year report today (let us know if you don't!). It's a very difficult year to report on children's attainment. Because there has been so much disruption to the normal curriculum, levels of attainment that may have been expected in the past are no longer expected. Instead, we have focussed on reporting whether your children are ready to make the next step in their learning in September. Parents are able to book a consultation with their teacher next week, but should not feel the need to do so unless there are specific concerns

Do You Love Dogs?

We have been asked by The Dogs Trust in Canterbury to let parents know they will be running free workshops for children aged 7-11 over the summer holidays to help them learn about responsible ownership and safe behaviour around dogs. Email jo.cullum-fernandez@dogstrust.org.uk if you are interested!



Year 6 Leavers' Service

As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, we are unable to hold our usual leavers' service in the church to say goodbye to our fantastic Year 6 this year. However, given that we can allow up to 30 people to gather in school grounds as long as they remain outside, we plan to invite Year 6 parents to a special service on the playground on the afternoon of 20th July. Details will follow soon, but keep the date free if you can!

Sports Day 2021

While the atmosphere at Sports Day last week may not have been as electric as normal without parents cheering on the teams, the children still had a great day. Themed on the forthcoming Olympics, we had events that included athletics, archery and football skills. All the children had a lot of fun in the sun and took part very well. Let's hope next year's event is back to normal.

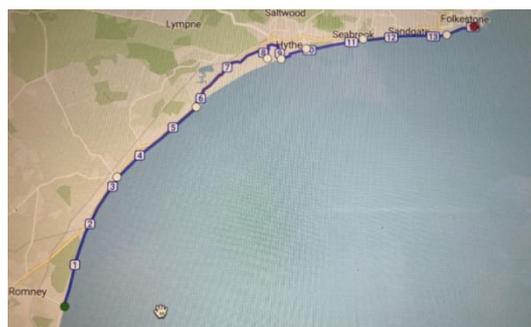


Bodsham Children Are Caring and Giving

Quite independently, I have heard about two of our children who are willing to give personally to support the work of the Little Princess Trust. **Kendrix in Year 4** has already donated 14cm of her hair to the charity that helps to make real hair wigs for children suffering from cancer.



Dexter in Year 3 is planning a mega bike ride and also a very significant hair cut to donate hair and raise money for the same cause, all on his birthday. Parents still have time to donate to [Dexter's Just Giving page](#), where he has already raised more than £400!



Miss Skinner's Absence

I'm sorry to have to tell parents that Miss Skinner is about to start a long term absence for medical reasons. She will be having an operation during the summer holiday and her convalescence will extend well into Term 1 in September. She will also need to undertake a period of self-isolation before the Op, so her last day of this term will be on Friday next week – 9th July. I'm sure you'll join me in wishing her well.



The good news is that Mrs Rock has agreed to re-join the Bodsham staff to cover Miss Skinner's absence in the Autumn. I'm sure some parents will remember Mrs Rock as an inspirational teacher who taught at both Bodsham and Saltwood for many years. She and Miss Skinner will be working together over the summer holiday to ensure a smooth handover

Food Bank Appeal Latest



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Help local people in crisis

Items we would appreciate are:

Tinned fruit	Long life Juice	Tinned Meat	Jam/spreads	Tinned Custard
				

Please note that we have plenty of cereal, pasta, beans and soup

Please ensure all food is well within date and unopened as we are not allowed to distribute out of date food.

Donations can be left in the our collection bins in Nationwide and Halifax Building Societies,
One Stop in Cheriton and Folkestone Rainbow Centre

Items purchased in store in Asda, Tesco, Waitrose, Sainsbury's in Park Farm and New Romney
can be left in their collection bins.

Food donations can also be purchased by using the Spareable App

Financial donations can be made via our website www.shepway.foodbank.org.uk

Charity No: 1096570

Warehouse Telephone No: 07813 726498

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Bowles Talk for Year 6 parents

Earlier this week, Mr Thomas from Saltwood and myself hosted a briefing for Year 6 parents whose children will be off to Bowles on the 14th. If you missed it, [you can watch it here!](#) Year 5 parents may also be interested as your children will be heading to the same place in September!

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