



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

**Federation
of**



**Saltwood Church of England
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We have talked about how the Bible is composed of 66 different books written more than two thousand years ago. We discussed how Christians today still use the Bible to give them direction and inspiration – especially as we approach Advent!

30th November 2018

Goodbye Mrs Fakley

Most parents will know Mrs Fakley as the friendly face that greets visitors in our school office. Now, after more than 14 years she has taken the decision to retire. We will all miss her as she has helped to keep the school office running smoothly for many years, as well as providing first aid and TLC to our children if they are feeling poorly. Mrs Alison Haydon will be joining the office team as her replacement and we look forward to welcoming her.



If your child is sick

We are entering the season of winter bugs and the lack of a cold snap so far this year may cause more children than usual to get ill. At school, we combat the spread of germs with regular cleaning of desks and door handles and by encouraging hand hygiene at all times. It is very important that parents help us in this battle by not sending in any child who has had sickness or diarrhoea in the last 48 hours.

Federation Football Friendly – Tuesday 4th December

Next week, Saltwood will be playing Bodsham CEP, our sister school, in an afternoon of football. We are hoping that this will become a much more regular fixture as the weather improves through the Spring, giving both our teams an opportunity to experience playing together in preparation for other competitions next year! Parents are welcome to come along and offer support. Play begins at 2pm at Saltwood.



Welcome to our new Governor

I'm delighted to announce that Miss Lydia Hibbert will be joining our Governing Body after the Parent Governor elections earlier this month. Miss Hibbert has children in Y2 and YR and brings expertise in Creative Arts and Animation as well as children's mental health. She will be welcomed to the team at our next Full Governing Body meeting on Monday.

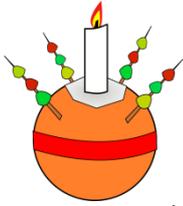
Tombola Tag Day next Friday – Christmas Bazaar next Saturday

Children are invited to come to school in non-uniform next Friday (7th December) in return for a bottle for the tombola or a cake for the refreshment stall at the Christmas Bazaar. The Bazaar is from 12-2pm on Saturday 8th December. There will be stalls in every classroom with refreshments and raffles a-plenty! Why not come along and visit Santa's grotto, or sample our mulled wine? – everyone is welcome!

Raffle Tickets in Your Bookbags

Tickets for the Bazaar's raffle were sent home this week in your children's book bags so if you haven't received some to sell please let us know next week. There should also be a governor's hamper of goodies being raffled with tickets available to buy on the day.





Saltwood choir to perform this Christmas

Thanks to the amazing singing project with Mrs Brookes last year, and lots of hard work from Mr Hunt, our School Choir is now ready to begin some public duties. I am delighted to announce that they will be singing in Church this Sunday as part of the Christingle Family Service. They will also be taking part in the 'Carols on the Green' at 7pm on Tuesday 11th December – please come along to hear them if you can!

Yours sincerely

Paul Newton

Executive Headteacher