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In the Old Testament prophets like Isaiah and Micah told the people of Israel that a saviour was coming to change the world and that they needed to be ready. Now as we enter Advent, our children are getting ready for Christmas – how do you prepare at home?

7th December 2018

Exciting news for Mrs Weatherley

I am delighted to announce that Mrs Weatherley is expecting her first baby. The staff and children would like to offer our congratulations and wish her well on her new adventure! This exciting news does mean she will need to leave Class R in March. I'm pleased to be able to say that Mrs Julie Ongley will be taking over the teaching responsibilities in our Reception class. Mrs Ongley is a very experienced Early Years teacher who the children have already had a chance to meet. Mrs Weatherley and Mrs Ongley will be working together in the Spring to make sure the handover goes as smoothly as possible for both children and parents.



Christmas Bazaar Tomorrow 12 – 2pm in the School Hall

The Christmas Bazaar is nearly upon us and we hope you're looking forward to it as much as we are. For those wonderful folks who have volunteered to help tidy up after the bazaar, if you could please bring along your vacuum cleaners it will help make cleaning up much faster! Also, even at this last minute, we still need to ask for help – if you have a popcorn machine, or would be willing to run a face painting stall, please contact sec.foss@outlook.com asap!



Choir a Hit at First Church Performance

Thank you to all the children of our school choir who sang at the Christingle Service in Church on Sunday (and to the parents who took them there!). Mr Hunt was very happy with the turn out and the standard of singing the children achieved – they were even complimented by Mrs Brookes who was in the congregation and she should know a good tune!



Friendly Fixture Finds Fans

Well done to the football teams of both Saltwood and Bodsham schools who played a friendly this week in rather muddy conditions on the Saltwood field. Victory this time went to Saltwood, but Bodsham showed some real improvement as the teams started to gel. I hope to make this a regular event so thank you to all parents who came along to support!

Christmas Performances to Parents

Parents first choice of tickets to our Key Stage 1 Nativity Play and Key Stage 2 Carol Concert have now been sent out so if you haven't received yours, please let us know. If any tickets are no longer required, please return them to the School Office so they can be re-issued to families who required more than we could allocate. Thank you!



**Giving
Hope
Today**

Giving Tree Assembly next Friday

A heart-warming tradition at Saltwood School is our Giving Tree Assembly. At this time, children get the chance to show how much they care about others. Last year the assembly raised over £700 for the Salvation Army and we received a lovely letter of thanks in the new year. This year's assembly is on Friday next week (14th Dec) where children will be invited to place their gifts of money at the foot of our Christmas tree. Please send in as much as your children feel they want to give in the containers that were sent home to be made last week

Bringing Joy to the Community

I am particularly proud of how our young children are becoming regular visitors at our local care homes. Year 5 visited Balgowan Care Home and Saltwood Care Home this week to sing carols and Year 6 will be visiting Hythe View next week to do the same. Our young people are helping to bring seasonal cheer to the older generation – and learning a lot themselves in the process.

Yours sincerely

Paul Newton

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