



**Bodsham Church of England
Primary School**

**Federation
of**



**Saltwood Church of England
Primary School**



Jesus said, "I tell you this, whenever you did this for one of the least important, you did it for me." *Matthew 25v40*. In this Christian Aid week, can your child think of ways to help those less fortunate?

17th May 2019

The children of the Federation of Bodsham and Saltwood Church of England Primary Schools are changing the world!

Although we are not the biggest schools, we understand that we live in a global society and inspired by Jesus' words "Love your neighbour as yourself" (*Matthew 22:39*), we are determined to make a difference for those in our world who are less fortunate, or perhaps do not have a voice of their own. At Saltwood and Bodsham, we firmly believe that through our kind actions, however seemingly small, we are changing the world for the better. In the summer term, we will be celebrating all the children and families in our schools who are truly living Jesus' words. Perhaps you donate to a food bank, give used clothes to a charity shop, pick up litter if you see it, sponsor an endangered animal, volunteer for a charity, stop and smile at a homeless person or have written to an MP to support a change. You may not realise the impact your actions are having but be assured you are supporting the global community.



Mr Burrows is making a display at each school to highlight the issues we are making a difference for. Please could you send in a photo of your child making a difference along with a short note (no longer than a postcard) about what your child does, why it is important and how it helps. E.g. *James went with cubs to serve soup to some homeless people in Ashford. He does not think it is fair that he gets a warm meal every day and some people do not. Because of James, 6 people got a more comfortable night's sleep.*

Please send your photos and notes to the school office over the course of Term 6 and help us celebrate the impact the amazing children in our small schools are having on the world.



May Ball a Box Office Hit

Thank you to all the parents and friends who attended the May Ball last Friday. I was delighted to be able to thank our sponsors at the start of the event and truly impressed with the organisation and setting this year. As I said on the evening, a special thanks to Mrs Quilter who took on the lion's share of putting together the whole event. We'll learn soon how much was raised but I'm told a fun night was had by all. You all looked very glamorous and refined when I left – what happened after that remains a closely guarded secret!


Day of Pilgrimage and Prayer – Friday 7th June

This year, we are combining our traditional Ascension Day celebration with an event involving all of the schools in the Canterbury Diocese. Children will be walking to various venues during the day and then taking part in a special act of worship on the playground when they return to school. Full details will follow but we would like our usual squad of parent helpers to accompany us on the day. We will be setting off from school around 10am so save the date if you'd like to come along.



Can you help the school win book tokens?




National Book Tokens are running a competition where nominated schools have the chance to win £5,000 worth of books for the school library. Please can you take a moment to visit their website <http://nbt.gift/schools> and nominate Saltwood. Sharing the link with friends will increase our chances!




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Messy Church This Week

Messy Church is open to all families for worship and fun this Saturday 4-6pm at The Lad's Club!

Well Done Year 6!

I was very proud of how Year 6 faced the challenge of SATs week this week. The tests gave them a chance to show how much they have learnt during their time at primary school. Now their attention can turn to more exciting things – like the Year 6 production! Thank you also to Mrs Grant who baked the children this lovely cake as a well done present!



Come along to Year R's Show

Parents of Class R are invited to their amazing Jack and the Beanstalk class assembly next week at 2.15pm. The early start is so parents can join the children for a tea party to end the day! Do come along if you can.

Sports Day

Please note that Sports Day will be held on the afternoon of Tuesday 18th June with a reserve day of Tuesday 25th June.

Parent and Carer Forum

For your information, the recent minutes of the Parent and Carer Forum meeting are available on the school website.



Sign up for Parent Mail please!

We are almost ready to go live with our new home/school communication system, ParentMail. So far, 89% of parents have registered for an account. If you are one of the 11% who haven't please look into it asap as you may find you miss important communications in the future. There is also a very useful ParentMail app you can download which allows instant access to your account. So far only 50% of parents have downloaded this. Full details of how to sign up have been emailed to 100% of parents, but if you are having difficulties please contact us!

Paul Newton

Executive Headteacher

SALTWOOD DIARY DATES**Terms 5 & 6****2018-2019****Friday 17th May 2019**

MAY	
15th	Parents and Carers Forum 2.30pm School Hall
16th	No Year 3 Swimming – SATs week
17th	Fund Raising Breakfast (Time TBC)
17th	Year 4 Assembly 3pm
18th	Messy Church – Lads' Club 4 – 6pm
20th	Year 4 Trip to East Kent & Sussex Railway
20th	Year 5 Trip to Rochester Cathedral and Chatham Memorial Synagogue
20th	Year 5 Parents Talk with Mr Newton regarding secondary schools
20th	Netball Tournament 4-6pm Folkestone School for Girls
22nd	Netball Tournament Finals 4-6pm Folkestone School for Girls (TBC)
24th	Year R Assembly 2.15pm
24th	Year R Rugby Tots 10-10.45am
24th	End of Term 5
27th-31st	Half-Term Holiday
JUNE	
3rd	Start of Term 6
6th	Year 2 Trip to Leeds Castle
7th	Pilgrimage Day
11th	Kittle Photographic - Class Group Photos'
11th	Rapid Fire Cricket 1-3pm Saltwood Cricket Club
11th	Year 6 visit to Saltwood Care Home
12th	Athletics After School Club Commences 3.30-4.20pm
14th	Year R Cake Sale
18th	Sports Day Afternoon
20th	Year 1 Trip to Diggerland
25th	Reserve Sports Day
25th	Art Exhibition 6pm
27th	Year 1 visit to Balgowan Care Home
28th	Year R visit to Hythe View Care Home
JULY	
2nd	Yr 3 & 4 Kwik Cricket 10am-12 Saltwood Cricket Club
5th	Year R Trip to Wild Wood
10th	District Sports 4 – 6.30pm
15th	Parent Drop In Sessions 3.30-5.00pm
16th	Parent Drop In Sessions 3.30-5.00pm
18th	No Year 6 Swimming
19th	Leavers' Service 9.30am (Church)
19th	End of Term 6