



**Bodsham Church of England
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We have been talking about how special it feels to receive a letter, rather than a text or an email. Some children wrote Thank You letters to Year 6 for all the help they have given over the years. In his letters, St Paul wrote "it is love then that you should strive for." When did your child last write a letter? Who was it to? Did it finish with 'love from'?

19th July 2019

Sad goodbyes, but off to a bright future!

This time of year always presents emotional challenges. Saying goodbye to our wonderful Year 6 children means sadness tinged with pride as we see they are so ready for their next steps in life. This year is particularly poignant as we are also saying goodbye to **Rev McCaulay**, who is off to face new challenges at a parish near his family in Leeds. His warmth and good humour will be sorely missed by children, parents and staff. Another goodbye goes to **Mr Gareth Rees**, who finally retires from our Governing body after stepping down as Chair of Governors last year. His support was unfaltering as I took up my own post. We are also saying our goodbyes to **Mrs Bowers** – who children will know from her roles in the Breakfast Club, Midday Supervisor in school and coach of the netball team – we'll really miss her! Finally, good luck to **Ms Adams**, our Teaching Assistant who has worked closely with many children to help them flourish.



School Meal Prices Set to Rise

Our school meals are provided by KCC who have recently renewed their contract with Caterlink as our service provider. Unfortunately this new contract involves an agreed rise in the price of school meals to £2.20 a day. Additionally we are planning to introduce an electronic payment system for our school meals next term (... at last I hear you cry!). Caterlink have informed us that there will be a small administrative fee for this service, so the costs of the meals will rise to £2.23 from September. Please keep an eye on your Parent Mail account over the summer holiday where details will be sent about how to make electronic meal payments from September.



Parents of children who finish Year 2 this year should note that the Universal Infant Free School Meal provision stops when children reach Year 3, therefore school dinners will now need to be paid for. If you feel you may be entitled to Free School Meals (for example, you may be claiming a benefit) you can register for them online without contacting the school:

www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/free-school-meals. Doing so also attracts extra funding for the school itself.



A message from Mrs Bowers – Netball Party Extravaganza

Last Thursday saw Year 6 have their last ever netball match representing the school. My thanks to the parents: Jo Bonner; Clare & Leigh Cavanagh; Suzy Coley; Nic Hawkes, and the teachers: Mr Thomas; Mr Burrows; Mrs Wakelin, and Mrs Rock, who helped make it a most wonderful time for the children and who proved to be very competitive opposition. I know from the

smiles and laughter that everyone had a great time. My appreciation also to Mr Grant for being the timekeeper and Mrs Grant for the delicious cakes.

As I hang up the bibs and put away the netball posts for the final time, can I give a special thanks to Suzi Coley and Nic Hawkes, who have helped me run the weekly training sessions and to the parents who have supported the team at this season's tournaments. The Year 6 teams have proved to be very competent, resilient players and should be very proud of themselves. My best wishes to all the players, including the Year 5 girls and hope they continue to play netball in the future. – Sharon Bowers

House Charity Day

Our recent House Charity Day raised the following amounts:

Sandwich House raised £45.35 for Wood Green Animals, Hastings House raised £45.32 for Cancer Research UK, Romney House raised £45.75 for the RSPCA and Dover House raised £50.70 for MIND. Contributions raised after the Year 6 Leavers' Performance also raised £128.64 which will be donated to the RSPCA which was the choice of Year 6.

SUMMER HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES!!

**Ride and Stride Saturday 14th
September – Date for the Diary –
Message from Joy and Derek**



Hoping to build on last year's success, when a walk for children and parents was led by Elizabeth Pettersen, this year we will be repeating the walk starting from Saltwood Church at 10 a.m. to visit 6 Hythe churches taking a route which avoids the steps, which proved difficult for those with buggies. We plan as before, to encourage the children to sing in each church from the supplied song sheets. After the last church we will return across the fields by Saltwood Castle for a BBQ at the Lads' Club. Last year 21 children plus parents took part, it would be great if we could improve on these numbers. Regards Joy & Derek Russill 01303 268129



Hythe We're going on a Book Hunt!

Over the Summer holiday break please watch out for one of the 100 children's books that have been hidden around the town. You can take part in the **Hythe Book Hunt!** Your challenge is to look for one of the "hidden" books, take it home to read and then re-hide the book (or a suitable alternative) somewhere for someone else to find it. Please make sure you hide the book in a safe, easy to reach place where children and their families are likely to find it. Keep your eyes open in local parks, playgrounds, cafes, seafront, and canal benches. It would be lovely if you could post a photo on the Hythe Book Hunt Facebook page to let us know **where** you found the book hidden and if you have enjoyed it. **FB: Hythe Book Hunt**

Don't forget you can also, of course, borrow lots of books from the local libraries and sign up for this year's **Summer Reading Challenge : Space Chase.**

(If anyone would like to donate any books please contact us via our Facebook page. Thanks to all those who have so kindly donated books already including Oxfam Books, Folkestone, Demelza Books, Hythe and members of the Quarterhouse Book Group)

Summer Knights!

Folkestone Junior Chess Club are open during the summer and would love to welcome new members! <https://folkestone-chess.wixsite.com/folkestonechessclub>
For more info visit the website or email: mcussens@gmail.com



Summer Kayak Academy

Seapoint Canoe Centre will be offering 2 hours kayak "have a go" sessions at our Canoe Centre in Seabrook for ages 8+ the last 2 weeks of August, if any pupils want to give kayaking a go.

£7.50 for 2 hours – all abilities. If anyone is interested, here's the link: [Summer kayak academy – Seapoint Canoe Centre](#)

Have a lovely summer

All that is left to do is for me to wish you a happy and peaceful summer break. Term starts again on **Wednesday 4th September**. Please note that there will be no crossing patrol in School Road during the first week of term as Charlotte is away.

Yours sincerely

Paul Newton
Executive Headteacher

SALTWOOD DIARY DATES**Terms 1****2019-2020****Friday 19th July 2019**

SEPTEMBER	
4th	Return to School – (please note there will be no clubs first week of term)
10th	Orientation Sessions: 3.30 YR 4.00 Y1 4.30 Y5 6.30 Y6
11th	Orientation Sessions: 3.30 Y2 4.00 Y3 4.30 Y4
12th	Kent Test
16th-20th	Bowles Week - Year 6
27th	Kingswood – Year 5
OCTOBER	
4th	Year 6 Bowles Assembly
9th	Year R Stay & Play
10th	Year R Stay & Play
11th	Year 5 Assembly
16th	Drop in Zone
18th	Harvest Festival
21st - 25th	Half Term