

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

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Year 5 & 6 Computer Club Those children who currently attend Computer Club will have their last session next week. After half term Computer club will continue with a new group of children. Priority will be given to those who were on the waiting list this term if they reapply now, then places will be allocated on a first come, first served basis. Please complete the slip below if your Year 5 or 6 children would like to apply for a place.

Year 1 & 2 Art Club Children who have been attending KS1 Art Club since September have their last session next week. Places will be allocated as follows: those children who have been on the waiting list since September will get priority, then places will be allocated to those children who have not yet had a place, followed by those who are currently in the club and reapply.

Walking Bus Awards Last Friday Bishops Down was awarded the KM Award for Best Established Walking bus in the Tonbridge, Tunbridge Wells and Sevenoaks Area. Mrs Simmons, Ms Ruff and myself had a very enjoyable evening at the Awards Ceremony which ended with a surprise when Alison Ruff was presented with a special award for Best Volunteer Helper, due recognition for her having worked to promote Walk to School schemes for over ten years!

Congratulations and thanks to Alison and all parents who work so hard to make our Walking Buses and WOW so successful! If you do not currently use our Walking buses, or want to know more, please contact the school office, Alison Ruff or any other staff involved. The more pupils walking the merrier!

Lorraine Smith

Netball Match Report On Wednesday, 3rd February, the school Netball team went to Skinners Kent Academy. They played 4 matches, winning 2, and losing by one or two goals in the other matches. Their teams were very hard to play against because they were all different shapes and sizes. Our team played and tried extremely hard, doing their best to help get the ball to the other side of the pitch, scoring a lot of goals. We thought hard about who we think played the best but couldn't decide.

Football Match Report On Wednesday the school football team played an away game at St Marks. We got off to a bad start with three goals in the net but we got one back. This made the score 3-1 to St Marks. After half time we got up a strong start with Sam subbing for Will, but they had a nice ball over our defenders and their player had a wonderful run. Kyle just missed the ball and it went in: he was unlucky as he played amazingly well in goal. Then we had so many chances with James and one of them went in. Final score was 5-2 to St Marks.

Max and Jake

Midday Supervisor needed as soon as possible supporting children during their lunch hour. Hours are 12.00 -2pm, term time only. A free lovely lunch is available from 11.45am.

Salary - Kent Scheme Band 2 .4 is £239.65pm, £2876p.a.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo an enhanced CRB check. If you are interested in this position and you have a child in our Nursery we may be able to help with your child attending our Nursery Lunch Club. Please come and see Carol Eglise in the office to discuss details and application forms.

Theme Week Next week we are having a theme week. A number of events have been organised throughout the week which will be revealed to the children on Monday. Please ask them about it after school on Monday and should you have any relevant objects, information, expertise or 'people who know about these things', then please let your class teacher know. This should be a creative week when all

strands of the curriculum are pulled together in a whole school theme, which staff hope will be an exciting and fun learning experience.

Fundraising for Haiti A huge thank you from all of the staff for your support on our 'Hat for Haiti' day, with our cake sales and sports events. Needless to say, a number of us were full of aches and pains following the netball and football matches against Key Stage 2. We raised the incredible amount of £ 500. Very special thanks to all the parents who provided the delicious cakes for the cake sale. Well done to all the children in Year 5 for their help and the adults who organised the various events.

Mobile Phones I would just like to remind parents that children are not allowed to bring mobile phones to school or to holiday club. If children are found to have phones with them then they will be confiscated by a member of staff. If anyone has any queries regarding this matter, then please speak to me or Mr. Tutt about it. Thank you for your help in this matter.

School Photographs The proofs are coming home today for you to look at. If you would like to place an order, please complete the envelope and return it with the payment inside to the school office. Orders need to be back at school by Friday 26th February.

Date reminders

Friday	12.02.10	End of term 3
Monday	22.02.10	Term 4 starts for all children
Thursday	25.02.10	Parent assembly – Year R 2.15pm Theme week feedback in the hall 2.45pm Sharing Learning – Years R to 6
Friday	26.02.10	8.30am Sharing Learning – Years R to 6 9.00am Theme week feedback in the hall

Volunteers needed Earlier this year I asked if you would be able to help us in school as a parent volunteer. Although we have had some response to this request, I had hoped that more of you would be able to do this. We need lots of helpers in all year groups. Not only do we welcome parents, but also willing grandparents. Teachers would like helpers prepared to try anything! Just an hour a week or fortnight would be very helpful and if you could offer a morning or afternoon that would be even better. You may have been put off by experiences in the past or simply worried that we will put you somewhere that you don't want to be. Please come in and talk to your class teacher or myself if you are unsure and hopefully we can put your mind at rest.

We will be running an induction meeting for interested people on Friday 26th February at 9.45am following the 'Sharing Learning' meeting. If you cannot attend, an information sheet will come back to you. Please remember that all helpers must have a CRB check completed. Please ask Carol in the office about this.

Please fill in and return the slip at the end of this newsletter, giving days and times that you could help.

Kind regards

Dan Turvey

