



6<sup>th</sup> February 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

### ***Week 20 newsletter***

What a week it has been! Despite the difficult circumstances it has been really exciting to see the children not only enjoying the snow, but making use of the opportunities for learning. I would encourage you to have a peek at the galleries on the school website to see more. Congratulations to Year 6 who pipped Year 4 to the post with the best snowman!

### ***Out in the snow!***



We have all loved being outside exploring, learning and playing in the snow this week at Nursery. The children worked together to make a huge snowman and explored making different tracks using brushes, spoons, hands wheels and welly boots! We also took out pots of food colouring, glitter and pipettes and created patterns and marks in the snow by squeezing and dripping different colours. It was amazing to watch the colours move and mix together in the snow and ice! We watched our pictures change everyday and gradually melt away. *Nursery*

***Snow Day-*** On Monday the snow came! We wrote snow poetry and had a snow flake competition. Outside we made a snowman and Mr. Turvey judged the best snowman. *Year 3*



### ***A message from our school Nurse, Helen Lawton***

Bishops Down Primary School has become affiliated to the British Heart Foundation's Heartstart UK. This will enable children from Years 1-6 to receive emergency life support training (ELS) from me and Katrina Sigston (also a nurse) as part of the PSHE curriculum. This training will commence on Tuesday afternoons in early March and continue until the end of the summer term. ELS is the set of actions needed to keep a person alive until professional help arrives and can be used in a range of situations from choking and serious bleeding to cardiac arrest. The programme is flexible, building from one session to the next, with each session designed to be appropriate for the child's age group, for example children in Year 1 will learn how to identify that someone needs help and how to call for the emergency services, children in Year 6 will be able to complete the whole programme and learn how to perform resuscitation. Each session lasts for 40-60 minutes.

The British Heart Foundation raises money for research into heart and circulatory disease and has provided all the teaching materials and resuscitation training manikins (worth over £1000) to the school in return for a little publicity and perhaps some fundraising.

If you would like to learn more about the Heartstart UK schools programme please follow this link [British Heart Foundation - Heartstart UK Training.mht](#)

Any other queries please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office Helen Lawton (School Nurse, Heartstart UK school co-ordinator).

**Information from the Kent and Medway NHS**

During Half Term in February a new book service is being launched at Tunbridge Wells Library and a display of books that can help young people and families deal with the difficulties they face will be on display. There will also be staff and information present from a wide variety of services that can offer support to young people and their families. The display will be present from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> February until Friday 20<sup>th</sup> February with staff available between 10.00 – 16.00 most days to talk to.

**Red and White Day**

A total of £157.30 was raised for the Jennifer Trust as a result of our Red and White day held on 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2009. Thank you all for your generous support.

**From the PSA**

The date for the Summer Fair this year is Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>. Please make a note and put it in your diaries, thank you. You will find in your child’s book bag today a Yellow Moon catalogue which is full of great crafty things and educational games. The PSA receive cashback of up to 25% on all purchases from this catalogue, and if you buy online through easyfundraising, ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishopsdown](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishopsdown)) the PSA will receive double cash back. Please remember to use Bishops Down’s order number (SBI1074) which can also be found on the back of the catalogues.

**Athletics Tournament**

On Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Dan E., Bethany, Dan C., Phoebe, Sam, Regan, Alex, Tanya, Freddie W-P., Jessica, Freddy T., and Sophia took part in an athletics tournament. We all did very well and we came 5<sup>th</sup> out of 11 schools taking part. We would not have done as well as we did without Mrs. Tizzard. *Bethany Hatcher and Daniel Evans*

**Art Club**

After the February holiday, the children who were not allocated a place in September and are on the waiting list, will be able to take up their places. These parents will be written to separately to confirm they still want the place. There may be a limited number of spaces left and if your child is interested please complete the form at the end of the newsletter. Priority will be given to those who have not yet had a chance to join art club.

**Head Teacher Awards**

Year 1	Olivia	Ryan
Year 2	Olivia	Lewis
Year 3	The Whole Class	
Year 4	Rosemary	Jake
Year 5	Joshua	Emily
Year 6	Phoebe	Daniel

Regards

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**Art Club February 2009**

I would like my child ..... class .....

to join Art Club for terms 4, 5 and 6 if there are spaces.

signed ..... Date.....