

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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6<sup>th</sup> May 2011  
Dear Parents,

## **Newsletter No.15**

**Royal Wedding** A special thank you to all the parents who helped with our Royal Wedding lunch last week. We had a fabulous time and the children enjoyed the wonderful lunch provided by the kitchen with dessert made themselves. Please look at the photos on the school website.

**New Class Teacher** We are delighted to announce the appointment of a new teacher starting in September. Her name is Sarah Grimsey and she comes to us from St Peter's school in Tunbridge Wells. Sarah is very experienced and comes highly recommended. We look forward to her starting. You will be informed during term 6 which teacher your child will have.

**Emma Bonwick** Emma Bonwick our Nursery teacher has decided to begin her maternity leave on the advice of health professionals. Last week Emma went into premature labour after a considerable period of sickness during the Easter weekend. Doctors decided to slow down and stop the labour in order to allow Emma to recover fully. Emma is now looking forward to having the baby under better circumstances.

**School Expansion** As you know, for the second year running we will be admitting 60 children into Reception in September. The admissions process is nearly complete and we will be beginning our transition programme for children coming into the classes after half term. Those of you who have received offers for places will receive a formal letter from the school next week including details of meetings and visits. Governors met with a representative of the local authority last term to discuss the long term future of the school. The discussion was open and honest, but no decision has yet been taken about what will happen in September 2012. This is likely to happen in the coming Autumn once the situation across Tunbridge Wells primary schools has been fully assessed by the local authority. If you have any queries or comments to make on this please do not hesitate to discuss them with your governor representatives or class parent representatives.

**Plant Sale** We are holding a plant sale to raise money for the PSA. The sale will be after school on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. If you have any plants that you could donate to the sale, or have any relatives or friends who may have plants which they could donate, the PSA would be very grateful to receive these. Please bring all items to school on the morning of Friday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Many thanks.  
*From the PSA*

**Netball** On Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April the Bishops Down Year 6 Netball team played a tournament. We played three primary schools, Speldhurst, St Marks, and Brenchley & Matfield. We won 4-0 to St Marks, but both teams played excellently and kept us on the tips of our toes! Although we lost our other two matches, they were close and our team was fantastic and did some great passes. We all really enjoyed it! *Milly Evans Y6*

## **Clubs**

**Monday Football Club** has now finished until the autumn term.

**Striking and Fielding Club** - All those children who have already applied this week for a place in this new club have been successful. The club starts on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> May. The children will be getting changed in the hall at 3.15pm, and can be collected from here at 4.30pm. If your child is interested in joining this club, please speak to Karen in the office about available places.

**Athletics Club** is now full with a waiting list. If your child wishes to be placed on the waiting list please come to the office. A separate Parentmail will be coming out to advise you if your child has got a place in Athletics Club so please look out for this.

**Netball Club** is going to be open to Year 4 children until July, starting next Thursday. It runs from 3.15-4.30pm. There are limited spaces so if your Year 4 child would like to join, please complete the form below and return it to the office.

**Key Stage 1 Drama Club** – This has restarted after the break for Wizard. A separate Parentmail will be sent out to those children involved to remind them who they are. The club runs on Tuesdays from 3.15 – 4.15pm in the hall.

**A reminder about contacting Helen Lawton, school nurse.**

My working hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 8.45am to 3.15pm and Friday 8.45 to 12.30pm. If you would like to see me, to discuss any medical issues, or for general health advice, I am very happy to meet parents at the beginning of these days. If you would like an appointment for another time later in the day, please contact me via the office or by email: [hlawton@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk](mailto:hlawton@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk). The school web site has further information and gives details about the school policy for the administration of medicines in school and permission forms that you can print.

**Sex and Relationships Education** As you may be aware Bishops Down has been reviewing the delivery and the resources used for the Sex and Relationships Curriculum. Many thanks to all of the parents who were able to attend the workshops earlier this year and completed the survey about the curriculum. Your comments and feedback about the resources and our proposals for the future were extremely useful in informing the new Sex and Relationships Policy and ensuring changes to the curriculum have your support. You will be able to view this policy on our website very soon. Key points from the survey are that parents support:

- The need to have a curriculum that is age appropriate and progresses throughout the school years rather than leaving it all to Year 6.
- For some areas of the curriculum, particularly the older children, girls and boys may have separate sessions.
- The use of the Channel 4, “Living and Growing” DVD and associated resources.
- Children will have a “Questions Box” to allow questions to be asked without individuals being identified.
- Parents will be advised of the themes covered and when, in order that they may be prepared for further discussion/questions at home.

Regards,

Dan Turvey

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***Year 4 Children to join Netball Club from Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May.***

- I would like my child ..... to join Netball Club.
- I will collect my child at 4.30pm from the entrance hall.
- I have made other arrangements:

Membership of a club does carry responsibility and we expect children to attend regularly. If for any reason they are unable to attend, please let the office know. We also expect children to display courtesy and excellent behaviour. Any child not doing this will be excluded from the club.

Signed.....

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