



6<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

### ***Week 32 Newsletter***

Just before half-term Bishops Down children took part in 2 major sports tournaments. Our P.E. co-ordinator Diane Tizzard reports –

#### ***Tag Rugby.***

In May two teams from Year 5 and 6 represented the school in Tag Rugby. It was a large tournament with over 25 schools competing providing a great experience for the pupils involved. Both teams coped extremely well with this challenge especially as we had only a few lunchtime practices. Well done to Amy for stepping in on the day of the tournament without her it would not have been possible to take two teams. Both teams should be very proud of themselves for taking on this challenge, representing our school and winning the Fair Play trophy. I look forward to taking Year 5 and 6 to compete again next year.

#### ***Swimming Gala***

What a fantastic night! The Swimming Gala was a huge success, the spectators stand was full with standing room only and the atmosphere was amazing. I would like to say a special thank you and well done to Austen for competing in the Tag Rugby, then driving straight over to swim and winning the breaststroke race. Jasper and Peter got through to the finals in the opens and Emma got into the finals for the Diving. The school has not got to the finals of the diving before; therefore this was a huge achievement for Emma, especially as the diving was a very high standard. We achieved a number of first places including the relay and every swimmer helped us to win the runners up trophy. For many of Year 6 it was their second gala and they did themselves proud. As for the Year 5, they were nervous not knowing what to expect but again they performed brilliantly. The support all pupils gave each other and the maturity they showed throughout the evening is something the whole team and school should be proud of. I know they are now looking forward to next year!

#### ***Book Amnesty***

Thank you to all those parents who have returned or donated books to school. The box will remain in the entrance hall for a short while longer for anyone who has anymore books that they wish to return or donate.

#### ***Book Fair***

The Book Fair will be arriving on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> June and will be in school for a week. It will be open from 8.30 – 8.50 and 3.15 – 3.45.

If you are able to help sell books between these times please let Miss Powell know.

### ***Book Fair Competition***

Children are invited to take part in this year's competition to make a story box from a story. The box should be up to shoebox size and contain a scene from a story; this may be in the form of pictures, objects, or anything the children choose. There will be one winner from each category:

Nursery and Reception

Year 1 and 2

Year 3 and 4

Year 5 and 6

Each winner will be allowed to choose up to £5 worth of books from the Book Fair.

Entries to Miss Powell by 20<sup>th</sup> June.

### ***Summer Games Years 1 and 2***

The children currently attending this after school club on Wednesdays are very enthusiastic and so Mrs Tizard has decided to continue the club until the end of term with the existing children.

### ***Reception Class Assembly***

Following a few changes to the dates for the Friday celebration assemblies, this is just a reminder that Reception will be leading the assembly next Friday, 13<sup>th</sup> June. All parents and friends of Reception children are welcome to come.

Assemblies start at 10.15. However, class reps/PSA have kindly offered to host coffee in the kitchenette beforehand so you can have the chance of a coffee and chat straight after drop-off if you wish to.

### ***Head Teacher's Awards***

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| Reception | Douglas     | Rosie  |
| Year 1    | Keir        | Saara  |
| Year 2    | Jake        | Louise |
| Year 3    | Whole Class |        |
| Year 4    | Whole Class |        |
| Year 5    | Freddy      | Lauren |
| Year 6    | Scott       | Thomas |

Don't forget the Summer Fair 'Knights and Princesses' is on tomorrow 2-5pm. Looking forward to seeing you there.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Savage

P.S. A fantastic flying day took place yesterday – thank you so much to all those parents who came in and shared their experiences – full report in next week's newsletter.

The winner of the Biggin Hill weekend is Beth in Y1

The winner of the flying experience is Freya in Y2