



# NEWSLETTER

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Bishops Down Primary School  
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Dear Parents and Carers

**Staff news** - Congratulations to Kate Spoor, our current Year 5 teacher, who has been offered a new role at Holmewood House School starting in September. Though this will be a big loss to Bishops Down we wish Kate all the best in what is a very well deserved promotion.

**School Nurse Visit** - NHS School Nurse Bridget Stewart will be offering a School Health Clinic on Thursday 12th March at Bishop's Down School from 9:00-10:00 am. Bridget can offer advice on most child health issues including day and night time wetting, constipation and soiling, treating head lice, sleeping, healthy weight, bereavement, behaviour concerns or hearing tests. Please phone/text Bridget on 07818 510 329 to book a confidential appointment

**Red Nose Day** is on Friday 13th March and we are inviting children to 'Make Their Face Funny For Money' and come to school on this day with their funny faces in return for a donation to the charity of £2 per child. Ideas could include wigs, crazy glasses, face painting, funny hats, funny ears/eyebrows/noses, or use your imagination! Please note children should still wear their correct school uniform.



**Inconsiderate parking!** – This week on two separate occasions the owner of a blue car, GJ06 CDX, parked across the same driveway in Coniston Avenue resulting in the neighbour not being able to get her car out, and complaining to the school. Please park considerately in the surrounding roads, thank you.

**Y5/6 Hockey Club** – Advance notice! Please note that this club will not take place on Wed 25<sup>th</sup>

March as Mrs Tizzard is at a meeting and will be unavailable to run the club.

**Bishops Down Ski Team** – Please see the attached poster regarding possibly entering a Bishops Down Ski Team for the Kent School Ski Championships.

**Y6 Residential Trip** - KCC outdoor education requirements state that a male must accompany school parties on a residential trip. Our Year 6 class have an activity based residential trip planned for June. It will involve staying away for 4 nights/5days Monday to Friday the week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> June. Please could you let us know if any of our male Bishops Down Community would be interested in attending? Please could you contact [spain@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk](mailto:spain@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk) for further details should you be interested.

**Volunteers Wanted** - We would really like to hear from parents/grandparents who would be interested in volunteering at Bishops Down. In particular we need a reader for Y2 and helpers for Forest School. From next term Forest School will run outside on Thursdays from 9.45am to 12 noon and then 1pm to 3pm. Help with either session would be appreciated. Teachers will fully brief you beforehand. If you are interested in helping out then please complete the parent volunteer form on the school website and return to Sue Solomon on [SSolomon@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk](mailto:SSolomon@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk). The children really benefit from extra help. Thank you to all our current volunteers your



contribution is very much appreciated by the teachers and children.

**Prospective Parents Visit on 17<sup>th</sup> March** –If you have, or know of anyone who has a child who is approaching Nursery age, please note there is a Prospective Parents open afternoon on 17<sup>th</sup> March at 2pm to enable parents to visit the school including the Nursery. The Nursery now has limited opportunities for children to stay all day at Nursery, or attend either morning or afternoon sessions, (all within the 15 hours of Nursery Government Funding). Please contact the school office if you wish to book a place to visit on 17<sup>th</sup> March.

**Lost Property** – This has been out on display for the last two days and all of it is un-named. Any lost property left at the end of the day today will be given to the PSA for their second- hand sale, or donated to a charity shop. Please can you ensure that all items of clothing your child wears to school are named and then they will be returned to them in class?

**World Book Day** – ‘We really enjoyed World Book Day especially because everybody else seems to be having a great time as well. This year World Book Day became more fun because a Theatre Company came in to put on a show, A Little Princess’ in the hall and so we got to see everyone’s costumes whilst watching the show.’  
*Livy and Maddie Y5*

Kind regards

*Daniel T Tunay*

### **FUTURE EVENTS/NOTICES**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> March – School Nurse Visit

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March – Red Nose Day

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March – PSA Cake Sale (Y2 donations please)

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> March KS2 Singing Festival for Y4

## Kent Schools Ski Race 2015

Bishops Down School Team

The Kent Schools Ski Race championships will take place on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> June at Brentwood Park. It is proposed to enter a Year's 2-4 team(s) and a Year 5-6 team(s) this year and there is an opportunity for pupils with an interest to represent the school.

This is a team event where children race a slalom course on the dry ski slope in teams of 4. Each member of the team has two timed runs down the slalom course. The fastest 3 times, of any of the 4 team members, for each run are added together to produce a team time. The team with the lowest overall time wins. There are medals for teams and for individuals.

Pupils need to be competent skiers, though previous ski racing experience is not required. Competitors must be able to safely negotiate the slalom course, in control, without help; so some recent training or past experience is very useful. There will be an opportunity to attend training sessions at the Bowles Ski Slope with qualified race coaches each Sunday 3pm to 5pm commencing 19<sup>th</sup> April to 20<sup>th</sup> June. These have been arranged with other local schools to keep costs down; the cost of each session is £7. Pupils will be required to wear ski helmets but other ski equipment is available to hire at the ski slope.

Team selection will be on merit, using known skiing activity, any previous race results and performance in training.

As the PE department is heavily committed on many fronts, Mrs Lindsay Ayton has offered to co-ordinate the teams. Please note that there will be no member of staff present either at the competition or during training sessions and parents will be responsible for their children at all times. Please complete the reply slip below if your child is interested in being considered for selection. Further details can be obtained from Lindsay Ayton ([lindsayayton@btinternet.com](mailto:lindsayayton@btinternet.com)).

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Reply slip - Years 2-4 and Years 5-6 Kent Schools Ski Race Team

Please return to the school office or by post to 107 Culverden Down, Tunbridge Wells, TN4 9SN.

My child is interested in being considered for the Kent Schools Ski Race Team.

I understand that I will be responsible for my child at all times during training and the competition as there will be no teacher present

Name.....Form.....

Signed.....(parent/guardian)

Ski experience .....weeks skiing

Ski ability      Confident snow plough or parallel turns on blues/ Rough parallel turns on hard blues/ Good parallel turns on reds/ Good parallel turns on easy blacks/Confident on blacks, moguls, off piste (please delete as appropriate)

Parents contact email address.....