

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Welcome Back!

A very warm welcome back to all of you. Despite the immediate onset of winter on the day that pupils returned to school, this week has been full of fun and enjoyment. The children have all settled back in well, particularly those who are new to the school in the Nursery, Reception and in other classes.

Classes throughout the school have launched into their topics with gusto. Year 3 and Year 4 were visited by a Roman centurion who engaged them in gladiatorial combat. Infant children boarded a plane to Africa and upper junior children have been busy learning how to mummify bananas for their project on Ancient Egypt.



As usual there have been a number of changes in and out of school during the holidays. Sadly the plans for the new ICT have had to be put on hold, however we hope to be able to start this project later in the term.

A 'Great Big Thank You!'

The staff and children would like to thank you for all your kind donations and in particular the PSA for organising all the fund raising that has enabled us to buy new picnic tables for outside the classrooms and also the 'outdoor classroom' set of tables on the front field. These are a wonderful resource for us! We would like to say a special thank you to the families who gave up a roasting hot Saturday to assemble them all before the start of term. They are: Vicky, James and Jessica Tuson, Graham, Eirene, Hannah,

Emily and Abigail Naismith, Anita and Beau Bryant, Mark and Henry Brown, Kadi, Lili, Lizzie Wyke and an amazing organiser Simon Wyke! We have also bought and had fitted new gates to the woodland walk and will be purchasing more outdoor resources during this term. Thank you once again.
Jane Clement

Year 4 and 6 Swimming Lessons

Please note that due to the PESE tests being held next week, Year 6 and Year 4 swimming days will swop **for one week only**. Therefore, Year 6 will swim on Monday, 12th September in the afternoon, and Year 4 will swim on Tuesday, 13th September in the morning. As from Monday 19th September, Year 4 will swim on Mondays and Year 6 on Tuesdays as planned.

PESE Tests

Some Year 6 children will be sitting PESE tests during the morning on Tuesday and Wednesday next week. At 8.55am it would be appreciated if all parents could leave the waiting area outside the Year 6 classroom promptly and quietly. Please can all Reception and Nursery parents who will be collecting children at the end of the morning be quiet as they pass the Year 6 classroom, and use the side gate at the far end of the car park, rather than walking through the wooden gate to the playground.

Clubs

The letter offering clubs is coming home in book bags tonight. Please complete a **separate form** for each child indicating which clubs they would like to apply to. Places are limited in all clubs and the forms should be **returned to school by 3.15pm on Wednesday 14th September**. An advice will be sent home by the end of next week advising you which clubs your child has got a place in, and which waiting lists they have been placed on.

We are aware that there is no football club on offer for Year 4 this term as there is no one

available to run this in school. However, if you are interested in leading a football club for Year 4 children, please speak to the office.

New Staff

We welcome new staff into school this year. Sarah Grimsey has joined us as class teacher in Year 5. She previously worked at St Peter's school. Eleanor Wood also joins us until Christmas, teaching in the Nursery on Monday and Tuesdays and in Reception (Willow) on Fridays. Jane Crawford also joins us as a graduate teacher in Year 4, and Charlotte Yussuf as a teaching assistant in the Nursery. We wish them all a settled start and look forward to the

contributions they will make here at Bishops Down.

Classroom Furniture

You will have noticed that under the parent waiting area outside Year 6 there are a number of tables and chairs which are due to be disposed of. If you would like to take any of this furniture (excluding the new picnic tables of course!), please feel free to do so. Any furniture remaining at the end of next week will be removed. I hope some of this can be of use to you.

Dates for your Diaries

Reception Consultations	Mon 12 th Sept	For Chestnut class
Meet the Teachers	Mon 12 th Sept	Y1 2.45-3.10
	Mon 12 th Sept	Y6 3.30-4pm
	Tues 13 th Sept	Y2 3.30-4pm
	Tues 13 th Sept	Y3 3.30-4pm
	Wed 14 th Sept	Y4 3.30-4pm
	Wed 14 th Sept	Y5 3.30-4pm
Reception Consultations	Wed 14 th Sept	For Chestnut class
Class Assembly Y6	Wed 5 th Oct	9.10am
Class Assembly Y5	Wed 12 th Oct	9.10am
Parent Consultations	Tues 18 th Oct	3.30-6pm
Class Assembly Y4	Wed 19 th Oct	9.10am
Parent Consultations Thurs	20 th Oct	5-7.30pm
Parent Reps Meeting Friday	21 st Oct	9-9.30am
	End of Term 1	
Term 2 starts	Mon 31 st Oct	
Bring Your Mum to school	Friday 4 th Nov	
Class Assembly Y3	Wed 9 th Nov	9.10am
Class Assembly Y2	Wed 16 th Nov	9.10am
Children in Need	Fri 18 th Nov	
Class Assembly Y1 Bonsai	Wed 23 rd Nov	9.10am
Class Assembly Y1 Beech	Wed 30 th Nov	9.10am
Parent Reps Meeting	Fri 2 nd Dec	9-9.30am
Class Assembly Chestnut	Wed 7 th Dec	9.10am
Class Assembly Willow	Wed 14 th Dec	9.10am
Christmas lunch	Fri 16 th Dec	
End of Term 2	Fri 16 th Dec	
Christmas Disco	Thurs 15 th Dec	
Holiday	Mon 19 th Dec to Tues 3 rd Jan	
INSET day	Wed 4 th Jan 2012	
Term 3 starts	Thurs 5 th Jan 2012	

Regards

Dan Turvey