



BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents & Guardians,

A huge thank you to our anonymous benefactor from AXA PPP for the £400 grant to spend on IT equipment. We are very grateful and wish to thank you in person so please come forward.

Class assemblies for parents to watch will take place in the summer term. Sadly we found that the frequency of these assemblies and the amount of preparation involved really impacted on learning time. We know how much you love seeing your children's work so we are fixing termly drop ins for parents so you can look at their books. This term the classrooms will be open from 3pm–3.45pm on the following days: 23rd November Nursery and Chestnut, 24th Beech, Apple and Olive, 26th Maple, Mulberry, Hazel and Sycamore and the 27th Pine, Redwood and Oak.

Dental check ups should be made outside of school hours so your child doesn't miss out on lesson time. Unlike most doctors, dentists do allow you to book months in advance. We expect that there may be a dental emergency, in which case we fully understand, but routine check ups should be made outside of school hours.



European day of Languages

Clare

PSA Corner

The PSA events start this week. Today (Friday) is the Year 1 & 6 Cake sale so bring your pennies/ hope you enjoyed the cakes.

Tomorrow 10th October is our Annual Quiz Night, 7.30pm at school. We are looking forward to the questions Bob and Bruce have come up with this time and the coveted wooden spoon is back. We will let you know the results.

Thank you to those who have volunteered following our plea for help. If you would like to help, or be put on our contact list then please let Mrs Miller in the school office know.

The PSA calendar is on the PSA page of the school website or you will be able to find it on the PSA Facebook page. Some dates are yet to be confirmed but you will be able to see what we have coming up. If you have any other ideas then please do let us know as we are always looking for new and fun ways to raise money.

Thank you

WAC Reminder

As the school clubs have now begun I would like to remind you, that as stated in the Wrap Around Care agreement, a charge will be made for non-attendance of regular places unless twenty four hours notice is given to the school office or to the Wrap Around Care staff.

Therefore, if your child attends a club it is necessary for the place to be cancelled or a charge will still be incurred.

We have a growing waiting list at the moment and it may be beneficial to others to cancel places which you no longer require.

Many thanks. Kate Smith.

(WAC Manager)

Volunteers needed!

We are always grateful of help from our volunteers to support our children with reading or other duties. Volunteers could be relatives and friends too. If you would like to help at Bishops Down then please complete the Volunteer application form which can be found on the school website.



Charity Shop Visit

What a morning - Pine Class couldn't wait to visit the charities that they had been researching during PSHE last Friday 2nd October! Children visited Hospices of Hope, Oxfam and Hospice in the Weald in Tunbridge Wells town. They were greeted with such delight from the charities staff and volunteers and were invited to price donations, sort through bags, ask lots of questions and spend some pocket money too. What better way to learn, then to get stuck in!

"I can't wait to take my mum to the Hospices of Hope shop" Eve

"Wow - I can't believe this only cost me £1" Josh

Plea from Nourish

Nourish, the Tunbridge Wells Community Foodbank supports people in crisis on an emergency, short-term basis in Tunbridge Wells and the surrounding areas. On Saturday 21st November, Nourish, in conjunction with Childsalon, is holding a special fundraising event at Woods Restaurant, Tunbridge Wells. The ticketed event will consist of a night of music and food with a live auction and raffle in order to raise necessary funds and awareness for Nourish which is especially needed in the run up to Christmas and the school holidays when many children do not receive free school meals (sometimes both breakfast and lunch). If you are able to, would you please consider contributing an item or service to the auction or raffle which will be held during the event. You can donate your time/skills to our auction (ie can you paint/woodwork/make cakes/garden/cut hair etc.) Any item or service donated will receive exposure on their website and social media. Please email paul.haines@nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk or grace@childsalon.com if you would like to donate. You can find out more about us at www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk.

Thank you for your support.



	21.9.15 attendance	lates	28.9.15 attendance	lates
Beech	94.3%	1	96.3%	0
Apple	95.5%	5	95.9%	1
Olive	96.0%	5	98.0%	2
Maple	94.07%	7	95.7%	1
Mulberry	94.3%	6	92.9%	1
Hazel	97.9%	2	100%	0
Sycamore	96.9%	1	95.5%	1
Redwood	96.3%	6	98.5%	0
Pine	99.3%	3	97.4%	0
Oak	98.7%	4	99.0%	1

Key Dates

Parent Meeting on Spelling. (suitable for yr2 to yr6 parents) NEW DATE	15th October 7.00pm
Parent Reps meeting	16th October 9.00am
End of Term 1	23rd October

