

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Newsletter no.1

Welcome back to this new academic year. I am particularly delighted to welcome any of you who are new to the school. This year has brought many changes with new buildings, staff, children and parents and we are very excited about the future.



The summer building projects are now nearly complete with Reception making the most of their new home and Junior classes enjoying re-decorated and carpeted rooms. All that remains is for the car park to receive the new lines and bays and for the muddy areas to be grassed later on in the Autumn. Special thanks to Jane Granatt our Bursar for her tireless work on this and to all the staff who gave up time during the holidays to make classrooms habitable.



Dates to remember You will find diary dates attached with this letter. Should there be any changes we will let you know ASAP. Please note the new event, "Bring your dad to school day" when we welcome dads or an uncle to come along to school with their children to take part in classes, assembly, enjoy coffee, a cake and a chat! This will be for an afternoon from 1.30pm or morning until 12.00pm. If anyone has an exciting story to tell about their life or job, who might be willing to talk to the children in assembly, please let me know. More details to follow.

Message from Helen Lawton School Nurse at Bishops Down Primary School.

Medical records - At the beginning of a new school year I am keen to ensure that the records of children with medical conditions are up to date. If your child has a medical condition, has been diagnosed with an allergy, or has any other health concern, that the school should know about, I would be grateful if you would contact me. I would like to hear from you equally if your child is new to the school, or well established, to update our existing information. All information is held in confidence and only shared with others with your permission. I work at the school all day on Tuesdays and Wednesdays and also on Friday mornings and can be contacted via the school office or by email: hlawton@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk

Asthma records - I am also keen to try to improve the support provided to children with asthma by introducing a more comprehensive "Asthma Register". This is new to the school, but in an established scheme supported by the charity "Asthma UK" and used in many schools throughout the UK. If your child has a history of asthma and may need an inhaler in school, be that every day or just occasionally (if they have a viral infection for example), I would like information to be recorded on an "asthma card" which will be stored in the "Asthma Register". Some older children are able to self administer their own inhalers, as

required, but it is just as important that teaching and support staff are aware of this. They also need to be aware of younger children, who need help from an adult to take their medication, so they can offer the appropriate support if the need arises. Please contact me if your child has asthma so I can ensure you receive one of these cards.

Web site - Further information about my role as school nurse is available from the school web site. You can also print off forms if your child needs medicines while at school or to provide information for emergencies or if your child has a medical condition. If you have other suggestions for information you would like to be included please do not hesitate to contact me.

Parent representatives If you would like to become a parent representative and contribute your ideas to the school in a different way, or if you were a parent representative last year and would like to continue in the role, please let us know via the school office. Ideally, each class needs a class representative (or two) for the next parent reps meeting on 1st October.

Meet the teacher Please note the dates of these meetings which take place next week.

Water bottles We would like every child to have a water bottle for drinking water in class, for health reasons and for keeping the brain alert. We ask you to check that your son or daughter has a bottle with their name printed clearly on it. You can purchase these from the school office for £1.

Lost Property Lost property will now be re-located in the bin outside the Year 2 classroom in the courtyard. If your child has lost something it may be there. Please check it, as all unnamed items are sorted and given to the PSA for re-sale or sent to a charity shop at the end of each term. All named items are returned to the owners, so we do ask you to name clothing so that if they are lost they can be given back to the appropriate child.

Volunteers needed This is the time of year when we ask if you would be able to help us in school. We need lots of helpers in all year groups. Not only do we welcome parents, but also willing grandparents. Usually this has been to read with children through the school, but if you have other talents, like gardening, art, sewing or music, particularly piano or guitar playing, please let us know those too. Teachers would like helpers prepared to try anything! Just an hour a week or fortnight would be very helpful and if you could offer a morning or afternoon that would be even better. Please remember that all helpers must have a CRB check completed. Please ask Carol in the office about this.

Please fill in and return the slip at the end of this newsletter, giving days and times that you could help. Thank you.

Clubs

Extra curricular clubs will be starting from week beginning 20th September. Please keep an eye out for the clubs letter that will be sent out next week.

Thank you to all of you as we have made adjustments to routines due to the changes in our Early Years provision. An outward sign of this has been an increase in the number of buggies wending their way to school. I would like to ask everyone to be a little more vigilant both in school and on the roads and pavements approaching school as the pavements become more congested. If we can all keep an eye out for each other we can avoid any unnecessary accidents.

Regards

Dan Turvey

Dates for your Diaries**September 2010**

13 th September	Reception Class photo Year 6 start swimming 3.15pm	Year 1 and 2 'Meet the Teacher'
14 th September	Year 3 start swimming 3.15pm	Year 5 and 6 'Meet the Teacher'
16 th September	3.15pm	Year 3 and 4 'Meet the Teacher'
30 th September	9.00am	Year 4 Class assembly
1 st October	9.00am	Parent Reps meeting
7 th October	9.00am	Year 3 Class assembly
13 th October	Year 3 visit to Pizza Express 2.45 – 3.30pm	Sharing Learning – parents to come to class
14 th October	8.30 – 9am 9.00am	Sharing Learning – parents to come into class Year 5 assembly
15 th October	7.30pm	PSA Zumba evening
20 th October	3.30 – 6pm	Y1 to 6 Parent Consultations
21 st October	5.00 – 7.30pm	Y1 to 6 Parent Consultations
22 nd October	End of Term 1	
25 th – 29 th October	School closed for holiday	
1 st November	Term 2 begins	
4 th November	9.00am	Y2 Class assembly
11 th November	9.00am	Y1 Class assembly
12 th November	9.00am	Parent Reps meeting
18 th November	9.00am	Reception Willow Class assembly
25 th November	9.00am	Reception Chestnut Class assembly
2 nd December	9.00am	Year 6 assembly
13 th December	2-3pm	Infant production
14 th December	9.30 – 10.30am 2-3pm	Infant production KS2 Christmas production
15 th December	9.30 – 10.30am	KS2 Christmas production
16 th December	12 – 2pm 5pm – 6pm 6.30 – 8pm	Christmas lunch Infant disco Junior disco
17 th December	2.30 – 3pm End of Term 2	Carols round the tree
20 th December – 3 rd January	School closed for holiday	
4 th January	Inset Day – school closed to children	
5 th January	Term 3 starts	

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'Volunteers Needed' - Please circle days and times you could offer your help

I can help on: Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday/Friday Morning/afternoon.

I can help with..... or anything else.

I have a special talent or skill in

My child(ren) is/are in Year(s)

Child(ren)s name

please print

Signed