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Dear Parents and Carers,

Fantastic Results for Bishops Down!

I am delighted to say that we have achieved fantastic SATs results this year. We have improved in all areas in KS2 since last year and in KS1 we continue to exceed Kent and National expectations.

A particular highlight being KS2 writing where we have seen an increase in Level 4 attainment from 69% to 90% and at Level 5 an increase from 34.5% to 60%. Our KS2 data is now either in line or exceeding Kent and National expectations, this is a great achievement.

I am immensely proud of the children and staff for their hard work this year.

Clare



Year 5
Residential

Reminder to Reception parents

Once your child is 5 you have to pay for their milk.

This is an online payment to coolmilk. Leaflets can be obtained from the school office.



Sports day

Well done to all of our children on Sports Day this week. It was a lovely day and thank you to all the staff and parents who made it a success.



Sadly, I have been informed that photos have been posted on Facebook and this has caused upset to other parents. It is lovely that you are so proud of your children but it is not fair on parents who wish to keep their child's image off the internet. There are families with very compelling reasons as to why they do not want their child's image shared.

I am happy for you to take photos and video for personal use only but please respect other peoples wishes regarding privacy.

Milly Seale is holding a Loom band sale in aid of Dementia UK after school on Monday 13th July. Please go along and support her!



Key Dates

Yr 6 Production of Oliver	14th and 15th July
Yr 4 Trip to Riverhill Himalayan Gardens	15th
After school activities end	17th
Chestnuts Camping Day	21st
WAC Disco (separate letter coming out on Monday)	23rd
Yr 6 Leavers assembly 2pm	24th





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Skiing

Saturday went well at the Kent Schools Ski Championships with the mini team (Lila, Isobel, Teddy and Nate) winning gold in the mini mixed team and coming third out of all the mini teams.

The older team (Laurie, Mattie and Alex) also did very well and came 5th in their category. Unfortunately Alf could not take part due to his broken arm, which was a shame after the hard work he put in at the training sessions.

Alex Ralph has written the following report: *'The older team had 3 people in it, Laurie, Mattie and Alex, as Alf had broken his arm and he wasn't able to ski. The competition was held in Brentwood and we each skied the slalom course twice. Our run times were all added together to get a total time for the team and we came 5th overall. It was our first competition and we all really enjoyed it.'*



Reports will be sent home on the 20th July and there will be drop in sessions on the 21st and 23rd in classrooms if you have any 'burning' queries.

Please read the letter that accompanies the report carefully as it should answer most FAQs. The main thing to remember for years 1, 3, 4 and 5 is that it is now anticipated that children reach **Age Related Expectations** NOT levels. These **ARE** bands are wider than the old levels.

The teachers will not be able to alter the reports at this stage but are happy to answer any questions you may have. Your concerns will be noted and passed to the new teacher in September.



All school reading books (including library books) must be returned to school on Monday 20th July.

Year 3 Staff for 2015/16

I have been contacted by a few parents who have concerns regarding the staffing for the year 3 classes next year. I would like to reassure parents that Mrs Cowell and Mrs Ashley are both qualified teachers and up until now the school has been very fortunate to employ them as TAs.

Miss Hepden is an experienced teacher joining us at a middle leadership level. Our other new teachers, Miss Williams and Mr Bailey, are also very experienced. Miss Styles is the only NQT joining us next year.

The days particular teachers are teaching in a job share class will be put on the end of term newsletter.



Year 3 at
Wisley Gardens

WAC Holiday Club- places still available- please sign up!