



Bishops Down Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Firstly, welcome back to year 6 and the accompanying staff. All had a fantastic time in Wales last week, they thoroughly enjoyed themselves. I have added a few photos to this newsletter but please see the photo gallery on our website for more. Thank you to Mr Bailey, Miss Stock, Mr Wyke, Mrs Gebbie, Mrs Miller and Mrs Cockburn for making the trip possible. The children will never forget the experience, some quotes from the children have been added to the photos.



You get a
great sense
of
achievement



The centre staff
challenged us and
really supported it was
so much fun!

Commando for Stoppap!

This weekend enthusiastic Bishops Down parent Peter McLoughlin, and our wonderful Stoppap teacher Hannah Rotchell, will be pushing themselves to the limit to raise funds for our Stoppap class.

They are taking part in the Commando Series at Hever Castle. Their challenge will involve covering a minimum distance of 6km over 18 different obstacles, of which the majority offer a guarantee of getting completely soaked and freezing cold - all for the benefit of our inclusive dance group!

We are a non-profit group and all funds raised will go towards growing and developing our hub here at Bishops Down, including a very special performance at the Stoppap Studios in Surrey happening next month.

If you are able to support in anyway either by making a donation, link below, or coming along to cheerlead on Saturday (they have an 8:30 slot!) I know Peter, Hannah and our dancers will be so very appreciative! https://www.justgiving.com/crowdfunding/peter-hannah-stoppap?utm_id=2&utm_term=8baMmXzvy. Thanks in advance for your support!

Mrs Cockburn - Stoppap Dance Company Co-ordinator



From the PSA

Only 2 weeks until the Christmas Fair! Just a couple of things to take note of -

* please could parents bring in donations for the Secret Santa stall. These are items that the children can choose from to purchase and wrap, and give to you for Christmas...so bear this in mind when deciding what to donate! Items could include nice toiletries, books, ornaments, etc.

* sweet bags for the Sweet Tombola stall will shortly be going home in book bags. Please could you fill these with sweets and return to the office as soon as possible.

Looking forward to seeing lots of you there!

DATE FOR THE DIARY

On Thursday 15th December we will be holding a Cinema Evening for the children, from 6pm to 8pm. Details to follow but please put this date in your diary. The evening will let parents take advantage of late night shopping and the children can watch a film in the hall, and enjoy some popcorn and hot chocolate. Everyone wins!

The PSA

Bishops Down Primary School is



**50yrs old
in 2017!**



We are setting up a working party to plan our celebrations for next year.

If you would like to join the planning team please see Jo Sheldon. Any offers of help gratefully received.

Art Competition: Autumn Term 2 2016

This term there will be an art competition which is open to all the children in the school; all art work is to be completed at home. The focus for the competition is "50 years of Bishops Down". The children can use any media they like to depict any aspect of the school that is important to them; this could be a favourite subject, club or teacher, a part of the school they especially like (inside or out), a production or performance that they have been involved in or a special memory. As long as it is about the school, anything goes!

Entries need to have the artist's full name and class name on the back and should be given into the school office by **Wednesday 14th December**. Artwork will be displayed within the school. The artwork will be judged by Mrs Vanda Paget who is the longest serving member of staff at Bishops Down. Mrs Paget also runs the infant art club so she is really looking forward to seeing all of your artistic creations.

There will be a winner in each class and prizes will be awarded during the final week of term.
Mrs Alison Wilmshurst

Running Club

Running club has got off to a flying start with 49 children heading out each Wednesday morning. It has been great to welcome new and returning members, some of whom have had the opportunity to take part in Cross Country events representing Bishops Down (see photo). Well done to all of them! A huge thank you to the staff and parents who are supporting us this year - we couldn't do it without you!

Sarah Barker



The Archery was amazing!

You are never bored



We need parent help for Forest school on Wednesday afternoons and to hear readers in classes throughout the school.

Please get in touch with Sue Solomon (PA to Headteacher) if you are able to offer help. ssolomon:@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk. Thank you

Photographer

The school photographer will be in school on Thursday 17th November to take individual and sibling group photographs. Please ensure that your school aged child is wearing the correct school uniform. **Year 6 Oak children need to bring school uniform to change into.**

If your child is NOT normally in Nursery on Thursday mornings and you would like him/her to be photographed, please bring them to the Hall via the front door at 8.30am on Thursday 17th November. This is also the time when the photographers will take sibling group photographs which include Nursery children who are not normally in on Thursday mornings.

Unfortunately, pre-school siblings who do not attend our Nursery cannot be included in photographs. If your child attends Nursery on Thursday mornings, their individual and any sibling photographs will be taken during the morning and so there is no need to come in early.