

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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11<sup>th</sup> January 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new term and a very happy new year.

## **Photographer**

The school photographer will be in school on 18<sup>th</sup> January to take individual and sibling group photographs. *Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform.* The photographer will start with Nursery class children at 8.45am. *If your child is NOT normally in Nursery on Friday mornings and you would like him/her to be photographed, please bring them to the Hall via the front door between 8.15am and 8.35am on Friday 18<sup>th</sup> January. This is also the time when the photographers will take sibling group photographs which include Nursery children who are not normally in on Friday mornings.* Unfortunately, pre-school siblings who do not attend our Nursery cannot be included in photographs.

## **Dogs**

There have been a number of reported incidents of dogs mess in Coniston Avenue and Rydal Drive before Christmas. Please ensure that any mess is cleared up if you do walk your dog to school. I have also had requests again from a number of parents who are concerned about dogs being tied up by the school gate. Please give consideration to all pupils who are scared of dogs and tie them up away from the entrance to the school

## **New library opening! Miss Runalls.**

The library at Bishop's Down has found a more permanent home outside Mr. Turvey's office which is very exciting as the space can now be used exclusively for the children to look at and take out books. Each class will have one session per week in the library to look at books and everyone will have the opportunity to take out 1 book per week. The following week books are returned during the class library time and a new book can be issued. We will encourage the children to make appropriate book choices based on their age and interests. A special thank you to Mrs. MacDonald-Brown (mum to Leo in Beech class) for her help in cataloguing books and helping with the move, your help has been invaluable.

## **Class Assembly Dates**

Parents are invited to come and watch their child's class assembly at 9am, and then go into their classroom to look at their work until 10am. Please note that Willow Class assembly is on 23<sup>rd</sup> January and not 16<sup>th</sup> January as previously advertised on the website. The school is willing to make space available for a crèche during assemblies, but responsibility for organising this will remain with parents. Please inform the office in advance if you wish to do this.

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> January	Chestnut – Natasha Cleveland
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> January	Willow – Tara Bell
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Y5 – Sarah Pain
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> February	Y6 – Kate Spoor
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> February	Y4 – Cathy Spoor
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Y3 – Jane Crawford
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 - Olive Michelle Reader
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Y2 Apple - Francesca Affleck
Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Bonsai
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> March	Y1 Beech – Emma Akers
Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Reception Chestnut – Natasha Cleveland
Wednesday 8 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Willow – Tara Bell
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May	Nursery – Alison Wilmshurst

### ***The Lifestyle Renault Tunbridge Wells Half Marathon***

This is now in its 30<sup>th</sup> year and takes place on Sunday 24 February at 10am. The race is organised by Tunbridge Wells Harriers on an entirely voluntary basis, and all race profits are donated direct to charities. The organisers would like as many people as possible to be involved, either supporting along the route, or volunteering. There are always lots of volunteering jobs to do such as acting as marshals, or handing out drinks to runners at water stations. If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, please contact [twhalf\\_volunteers@hotmail.com](mailto:twhalf_volunteers@hotmail.com) or see their website [www.twharriers.org.uk](http://www.twharriers.org.uk)

### ***School Lunches***

Thank you to all those parents who have returned the green School Lunch Calendar form indicating on which days their child will be eating a school meal. If your child will be eating **any** school meal during this term and you have not yet returned a form, please collect one from the office.

### ***Turning Circle***

This is a gentle reminder to park considerately if you are dropping off or collecting children. Please do not park in the turning circle (the area of road at the bottom of the school drive), on the pavement or blocking access to local residents. Please avoid parking on Rydal Drive and walk from further away. Remember, in the mornings you can arrange for children to join a walking bus, even if it is just the last part of the journey along Coniston Avenue and Rydal Drive. Our resident helper, Julian Miller, is always available on Coniston Avenue to walk pupils into school.

### ***Severe Weather Guidance for Parents***

It is that time of year again! In previous years we have managed to keep the school open during the snow. Decisions about closure of the school will be made taking into account the health and safety of pupils, parents and staff and conditions on the school site such as ice and temperature. Should we have to close, messages will be posted on the school website [www.bishopsdownprimary.org](http://www.bishopsdownprimary.org) by 7.45am or you can check [www.kentschoolclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentschoolclosures.co.uk) . We will also aim to text message any urgent information.

### ***Uniform***

At the Parent Reps meeting this morning uniform was discussed briefly including the colour of girls' tights. Just to confirm, these can be red or navy.

Regards,

*Daniel T Turvey*

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### **Dates for your Diaries**

14 <sup>th</sup> January	2pm	Prospective Parents visit
16 <sup>th</sup> January	3.30pm	Home Football Match against Langton Green
18 <sup>th</sup> January	8.15am	School Photographer
	2.15pm	Sign2 Sing parents meeting
	3.00pm	Netball Match at St Augustine's
	3.15pm	Maple Cake Sale for the PSA
22 <sup>nd</sup> January	2.45pm	Football Match at Paddock Wood
23 <sup>rd</sup> January	12.05pm	Sports Hall Athletics tournament
25 <sup>th</sup> January	2.15pm	Sign2 Sing parents meeting