

Bishops Down Primary School News

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11th November 2013

Dear Parents

Staff – We are pleased to welcome back Carol Eglise to our administrative staff. Carol has been absent since July following an operation on her foot. Sadly we say goodbye to our school nurse Helen Lawton this week as she moves on to a new Nursing role. We wish her all the very best for the future and thank her for all her efforts during the past 6 years. Congratulations to Claire Edmondson who is expecting her second child at Easter. Claire is one of our Nursery teachers and we will inform you when arrangements have been made to cover Claire's maternity absence.

Operation Christmas Child Shoebox appeal - The Christmas shoebox appeal is underway and children have started to bring in their shoeboxes. Last year we managed to collect 274 shoeboxes and this year our target is 300. Mulberry class would really appreciate your help in reaching this target. Please bring shoeboxes into school **before 22nd November**.

Thank you, Miss Spoor and Mulberry Class

Class Assemblies - Parents are invited to come and watch their child's class assembly at 9.10am, and then go into their classroom to look at their work until 10am.

Date	Class or teacher
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 3 – Mulberry
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 2 – Olive
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 3 – Maple
Wednesdays in December	No Whole school assembly
Wednesday 15 th January	Year 1 – Beech
Wednesday 22 nd January	Year 1 – Bonsai
Wednesday 29 th January	Reception - Chestnut
Wednesday 5 th February	Reception - Willow

WOW Challenge Day - As part of the Walk On Wednesday scheme, there will be a Challenge Day on Wednesday 13th November where the number of children walking in each class is compared to other classes in other schools across Kent. If one of our classes achieves the top number of walkers/cyclists/scooter-riders on that particular Wednesday, and are successful in the draw, they will win tickets for the Christmas Panto: Jack and the Beanstalk at the Marlowe Theatre, Canterbury which will feature stars from CBeebies and EastEnders! Don't forget – if you live too far away from school to walk all the way, you can "park and stride". Just park a little way from the school and walk the last 10 minutes (from Culverden Down) to be part of this green initiative.

Scooters - No scooters should be ridden inside the school gates for safety reasons. When leaving the school site please encourage children to push their scooter down the hill from the scooter park and do not let your child start riding their scooter until you are on Rydal Drive. Please ask your child to walk when pavements are congested in order to minimise the risk of injury. Thank you.

Own clothes day - Friday 22nd November 2013 is a **non-uniform day**. In exchange for wearing non uniform the PSA are asking for bottle donations of any description for their Tombola. Bottles will be collected in the school hall.

Children in Need - On Friday 15th November we will be raising money for Children in Need. For a small donation of £1, children can wear their pyjamas ALL DAY!! Families with 3 or more children are asked to donate 50p per child for dressing up. Year 5 have organised some fun activities and competitions for all the children. The activities that are available are:

- Biggest teddy competition
- Face painting
- Beat the goalie
- Eat the sweet off a string
- Lucky dip
- Treasure hunt

Children can choose up to **2** activities each. If you would like to take part in the biggest teddy competition you need to bring in a **NAMED** teddy on Friday 15th. The activities will vary in cost up to a maximum of 50p each. *Mrs Birmingham*

Dates for your Diaries

Thurs 21 st Nov	Parent Reps meeting at 9am
Sat 30 th Nov	PSA Christmas Fair 2-4pm
Tues 10 th Dec	Christmas Thermo-pholias! Years 3 and 4 – more details to follow. 1.30-3.15pm
Wed 11 th Dec	Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 2-3pm
Thurs 12 th Dec	Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 9.15-10.15am Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 2-3pm
Mon 16 th Dec	No After School Activities this week except Wrap Around Care
Wed 18 th Dec	KS2 Christmas Concert 6.30pm at St John's Church
Thurs 19 th Dec	Reception & KS1 Disco 4.30-5.30pm KS2 Disco 5.45-7.15pm
Fri 20 th Dec	Term 2 ends
Mon 6 th Jan 2014	INSET Day – no children in school
Tues 7 th Jan	Term 3 starts for all children except Nursery
Wed 8 th Jan	Nursery children start
Fri 10 th Jan	Parent Reps meeting at 9am
Mon 13 th Jan	All After School Activities (Clubs) start this week

Regards,

Daniel T Tunay



CHRISTMAS FAIR

Dear All,

This year's Christmas fair will be held on **Saturday 30th November 2:00pm - 4.00pm** If you are able to help with a stall on Saturday or with the setting up in the morning from 11.00am then the PSA would love to hear from you. Let your class representative or a PSA member know where you are able to help. We are particularly looking for face painters this year if you are able to help with this stall.

Secret Santa Donations

We are now accepting donations of unwanted gifts for the Secret Santa. Please leave any donations at the office or with a PSA member.

Plastic bag sweet donations

Plastic bags will be sent home shortly in the book bags . Please could these be filled with sweets, tied and returned to the office for the children's tombola. Further bags will be available from the office if necessary.

Bottles

In return for wearing non-uniform on **22nd November**, we are asking for donations of bottles for the bottle tombola. If we get enough bottles this year we hope also to run the barrel of booze raffle

Cakes / Mince pies

Plates will be sent home in the book bags in the next few weeks. Please can these be filled with cakes (Nursery to Year 2) and Mince pies (year 3–Year 6). We are also accepting donations of whole cakes which will be sold whole and priced individually.

Hamper Donations

The hampers are raffled at the Christmas fair and each class has a theme for these. Donations for the class hampers will be accepted from next week, please liaise with your class rep for full details

Stalls

If you would like to have a stall at the Christmas Fair, then please see the letter below which will explain how to go about it.

Bishops Down Primary School

Christmas Fair 2013

Dear Stallholder

Bishops Down Primary School PSA is holding its Christmas Fair this year on SATURDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2013 from 2pm until 4pm. We'll be having our regular attractions; Father Christmas' Grotto, children's games, face painting, carols and raffles etc and we would like to invite you to be part of this great day by offering you a stall this year.

Once again we will be advertising the Fair and particularly pushing the event within the immediate community to encourage the local residents to come and join us, soak up the atmosphere and spend their money! As the credit crunch is still in our midst we are keeping stall prices low at £15 by asking you to bring all of the equipment that you may need eg. tables, chairs, etc. With this in mind, your stall creativity won't be restricted to a 6' table, and if you have something larger you'll be able to spread yourself out to your heart's content!

If you would like to take up our offer please complete the attached form and enclose a cheque for the cost of the stall made payable to Bishops Down PSA. Upon receipt, confirmation of your stall booking will be sent out by email.

Please contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards

Anita Bryant

Christmas Fair Committee

Bishops Down Primary School

c/o 21 Apsley Street, Rusthall, Tunbridge Wells, Kent TN4 8NU 01892 521498

Application Form – Bishops Down Christmas Fair

Name of Stallholder _____

Address _____

Town _____

Postcode _____ Telephone _____

Mobile phone no. _____

Email address _____

Stall width required _____

Type of items to be sold _____

Please return this application form along with a £15 cheque for the stall made payable to Bishops Down PSA to the address above.