

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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12<sup>th</sup> July 2013  
Dear Parents

**Staffing** -I am pleased to announce that we have now appointed all of the teaching staff required for September. We will be welcoming Anna-Marie Cheeseman, an experienced teacher, to work alongside Mrs Roberts in Beech Class. In addition we will be joined by Elaine Dugan, an experienced KS2 teacher, to cover the maternity leave of Mrs. Pain in October. We are also pleased to have been able to re-appoint Julia Gearing as a teaching assistant.

Sadly we have to say goodbye to Miss Runalls and Mrs. Crawford. Miss Runalls joined the school 9 years ago and has taught in all key stages in the school and knows the children well. She is moving on to teach at Groombridge School. Mrs. Crawford joined us two years ago and we have seen her flourish from being a new Graduate Teacher to an effective and creative class teacher. She moves on to Sussex to share her expertise with Autism across the authority. It is a loss to our school to lose them both, but we wish them well in all that they do.

**Meet the Teacher Meetings** -These are all scheduled for Monday 9th September. Each teacher will hold 2 sessions commencing at 3.20pm and 4pm in classrooms. We would appreciate it if parents could seek childcare for toddlers. The hall will be made available for parents to mind children during these sessions. Parents should ensure that they have made an arrangement for another parent to supervise their children in the hall beforehand.

**Walk to School awards** -On 9th July Hannah Turvey and Marie Denne from Oak class set off to Leeds Castle to collect an award on behalf of Oak class for walking to school. We were given a certificate and were named the class who won the Summer Day Challenge for Tunbridge Wells District. We had our photograph taken and found out Oak class were the best class at walking to school in Kent that day.  
*Hannah Turvey and Marie Denne*

**Sculpture Exhibition** -The week beginning 15th July 2013 is Sculpture Week. In the run up to Sculpture Week the children will be learning about what sculpture is, and will be developing their ideas in their sketch books. The underpinning theme of Sculpture Week is "Reuse, Recycle and Reclaim" so all of the sculptures will be made from these types of materials. The sculptures will all be ready at the beginning of Sculpture Week and will be displayed around the school grounds and in some classrooms. On Monday 15th July and Tuesday 16th July we would like to invite parents and carers to look around the sculpture exhibition after school with their children. A map will be emailed to you so that you will know where to find all the sculptures. There will also be a Response Board under the shelter outside Years 5 and 6 so that you can let the children know your thoughts on the sculptures you have seen. The children will also have time during the week to view all the sculptures with their class. We look forward to seeing lots of you during Sculpture Week.

*Alison Wilmhurst and Tara Bell*

**Sports Day photos** -Please see the link below for some photos of Sports Day. We hope to put some on the school web site too.

<http://www.davidhodgkinsonphotography.com/bdpssportsdayjunior2013/>

**Rose Hill Y8 Student feedback** -Following on from their work experience here, some of the Rose Hill students have given us feedback from their visit. These are some of the things they said:

"Some qualities I noticed were having many group activities around the school, which are frequently used. They had friendship circles, gardens, animals and many sporting activities."

"You are automatically welcomed in and everyone seems to be smiley and happy."

"They encourage people to be unique and different. Their Assembly was in fact about being unique and different and virtually all the children contributed."

The Head of the Upper School reported the students came back buzzing with little stories and observations. He finished by saying 'You can't beat children for honesty! Sounds like Bishops Down is a very special place'.

**Drive and path** -Mr. Beaton has now removed one of the fence panels alongside the drive and will paint a zebra crossing across the drive at that point. Please try to keep the one way system on the path working effectively. We would also value your vigilance in keeping children close to you as you enter and leave the premises in order to keep them safe as cars come and go. Thank you.

**Uniform** -Uniform orders are being fulfilled as quickly as possible. However, it is likely that not all items requested will be sent home at the same time. We will ensure that all new to Reception children have the correct uniform to wear when they start. Orders from suppliers will continue to be received during the holidays and so it is hoped that delayed items will be sent home during the first week back in September. Any orders placed before the end of term will be fulfilled as soon as possible in the order they are received.

**Swimming** -Just a reminder that Year 3 still have one more swimming session for this term on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Year 4 have now had all their sessions. Letters are going home tonight for current Year 4 and Year 2 Apple classes who will be swimming in September.

**Clubs** -All after school clubs have now ended for the term. Please ensure you collect your child at 3.15pm or that they are booked into After School Club next week.

**Green Team** -As there are no clubs running next week there will be no opportunity before the end of term to take a trip to a garden centre to spend our garden vouchers. However, this will happen in September when clubs start again. I would like to thank all the dedicated members who have helped to plant and water peas, beans and tomatoes which are now all successfully growing! Don't forget you can come and water the plants during break and lunchtimes. Many thanks  
Mrs Pain

**Orchestra and Violin lessons** -These will happen next Friday at the normal times.

**'Johnny and the Bomb' - Year 6 production** - Year 6 has nearly come to an end and to mark it Oak class has put together a fantastic play for everyone to watch and enjoy. Our play is called 'Johnny and the Bomb' and is based around the novel written by Terry Pratchett. If you would like to come to our production, it will be on 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> July at 7pm. Tickets are free but need to be reserved so please collect your ticket request form from the office. Refreshments will be available with all profits going to the Hospice in the Weald. See you there!  
Year 6

### Midday Supervisors

We are looking for Midday Supervisors from September 2013 supporting children during their lunch hour.

Term time only, hours 11.45 - 13.45, or 11.30 - 13.30, on Mondays and Fridays  
A free lovely lunch is available from 11.30.

Please contact Carol Eglise in the school office for details and an application form.

Salary Kent Range 2  
Annual Salary £1173.48

## Class Arrangements for 2013-14

Class in September	Location	Teacher	Teaching Assistant
Nursery	No change	<b>Alison Wilmshurst</b> (Mon-Wed) <b>Claire Edmonson</b> (Thurs/Fri)	<b>Louise</b> <b>Vanessa/Ellen</b>
Reception Chestnut	No change	<b>Natasha Cleveland</b>	<b>Laurel</b> <b>Margaret</b>
Reception Willow	No change	<b>Tara Bell</b> (Mon-Wed) <b>Helen Sullivan</b> (Thurs/Fri)	<b>Charlotte</b> <b>Sue S</b>
Year 1 Beech	No change	<b>Sinead Roberts</b> (Thurs/Fri) <b>Anna-Marie Cheeseman</b> (Mon-Wed)	<b>Liz</b>
Year 1 Bonsai	No change	<b>Simon Wyke</b>	<b>Vanda /Anna</b> <b>Kate/Sue L/Ellen</b>
Year 2 Apple	No change	<b>Emma Akers</b>	<b>Katherine</b> <b>Jayne</b> <b>Julia</b>
Year 2 Olive	No change	<b>Michelle Reader</b>	<b>Alison</b> <b>Jan</b>
Year 3 Maple	No change	<b>Anne Pierce</b>	
Year 3 Mulberry	Current year 4	<b>Cathy Spoor</b> <i>Vanessa Richards (student teacher all year)</i>	
Year 4 Sycamore	New classroom	<b>Kate Spoor</b>	<b>Juliet/Lizzie</b> <b>Katie/Karen</b> <b>Claire</b>
Year 5 Redwood	No change	<b>Alex Birmingham</b>	
Year 6 Oak	No change	<b>Sarah Pain</b>	<b>Jeannette/Sue S</b>

### 2013/2014 Year

**INSET DAYS TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013, MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014, FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014, TUESDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> APRIL 2014, MONDAY 2<sup>ND</sup> JUNE 2014**

#### TERM 1

**INSET DAY TUESDAY 3<sup>RD</sup> SEPTEMBER 2013**

Start: Wednesday 4th September 2013

Thursday 5th September 2013 for Nursery children

Finish: Friday 25th October 2013

Holiday: Monday 28th October - Friday 1st November 2013

#### TERM 2

Start: Monday 4th November 2013

Finish: Friday 20th December 2013

Holiday: Monday 23rd December 2013- Friday 3rd January 2014

#### TERM 3

**INSET DAY MONDAY 6<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY 2014 AND FRIDAY 14<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

Start: Tuesday 7th January 2014

Wednesday 8th January 2014 for Nursery children

Finish: Thursday 13th February 2014

Holiday: Monday 17th February - Friday 21st February 2014

Regards,

*Daniel T Tunney*