



13th March 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down
Week 24 Newsletter

What a busy day the children have had in school today! It was great to see them in their red, raising money for Red Nose Day. Year 6 and Year 4 held a cake sale and Mr Tutt organised a penalty shoot out. All the money raised from these events will be sent to Comic Relief. During last Monday's assembly the children looked at how the money they raise helps other children around the world. Secondly the children have been taking part in the PSA sponsored bounce. Thanks to all the children who collected sponsors and all the parents who helped. The money raised from this event will go towards PSA funds.

Chess Club

Congratulations to Oliver in Year 4 who won the school tournament trophy in 'The British Land UK Chess Challenge 2009'. He now has the opportunity to enter the 'Megafinal' in May. Well done to all players who took part this year, it was a very closely fought tournament.

Vanda Paget

Midday Supervisor April 2009

We are looking for a MIDDAY SUPERVISOR from 20th April 2009 supporting children during their lunch hour. Term time only, hours 12.00 - 2.00pm.

A free lovely lunch is available from 11.45am.

Please come to the school office for details and an application form.

Salary. Kent Scheme Band 2 .4 £12,903 pro rata.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo an enhanced CRB check.

From the PSA

"The Summer Fair is on June 6th. It promises to be a hugely fun event and the PSA are well underway with organising it. But we need help with a few items. If you can help with any of the following, please e-mail Nicky Wheeler on n.awheeler@btinternet.com

1. We are always in need of raffle prizes so if you think you can offer a prize, we would like to hear from you. A prize can be a tangible item such as a toy, electronic item or a service, for example, a meal or beauty treatment or day out.

2. We are looking for £ 4 £ matching. If you work for a company that matches charitable donations, then please let us know. A list of companies that we know operate this scheme can be found on the school website in the PSA section. We would ask for matching for the profit from a stall not for the whole fair!

Many Thanks

PSA

Slapped Cheek Syndrome or Fifth Disease.

We have a number of children throughout the school, suffering from Slapped Cheek Syndrome, in the last few weeks. It is a viral infection that usually produces a red rash on the cheeks, hence the name. Other symptoms may include headache, fever, sore throat and rash on the legs and trunk. It is transferred by the air through coughing and sneezing and so can spread rapidly amongst children at school or nursery. There is no cure and the illness should get better by itself. Paracetamol or Ibuprofen may help fever and aches and pains. Creams and lotions will not help the rash.

The incubation period for this disease is quite long - up to 20 days and no physical symptoms are present during the contagious stage so there is no need to keep children off school if they have just the rash. However, if they have a fever or are feeling unwell they should be kept at home.

The disease may pose a risk to women in early stages of pregnancy and they should seek medical advice if they are in contact with someone infected. If you have any concerns about your child you should also seek medical advice from your GP.

Head Teacher Awards

Reception	Oliver	Alysia
Year 1	Rosie	Daniel
Year 2	Eloise	Saara
Year 3	Holly	Scott
Year 4	Milly	Lulu
Year 5	Georgie	Niamh
Year 6	George	Regan

Regards

Dan Turvey