

Dear Parents and Guardians

What a fantastic Food and Fashion event we experienced this week! So much wonderful food on offer and all the outfits looked great! Many thanks to all the parents and staff that provided the food, music and decorations. We will be creating a school recipe book from all the dishes to hopefully sell at the Christmas fayre. There will be a parentmail explaining more about it. Photos from our Food & Fashion event feature throughout this newsletter.



- After half term children should be wearing **winter uniform**:

Logo polo shirt (red)

Logo navy V-neck sweatshirt or Logo navy V-neck knitted sweater/ Logo navy sweat cardigan

*Navy blue school uniform trousers (boys and girls trousers **must not** be combat style, corduroy, jersey or jean material – they must be regular polyester/Teflon school trousers)

*Navy blue skirt or pinafore dress *Socks – white or navy blue *Tights – navy blue or red *Shoes – black or navy (No trainers, VAN type shoes or ankle or knee high boots in school)

Parents will be contacted by the class teacher, in the first instance, if not wearing the correct uniform . If after a week the uniform is still incorrect I will send a letter to the parents for breach of school policy.

- Ballot papers for the Parent Governor vacancy have now been sent to you. Please vote following the instructions on the letter and return to the office by the 30th October.
- Finally, see below for an appeal by Riley, one of our yr 2 children. He is in need of a new wheelchair which costs around £4000. If every family at Bishops Down could donate £10 then they are half way to their total. Riley would be grateful if you could forward the link to his *gofundme* page to all your friends and family. Riley's family will be so grateful for any support.

This is the last newsletter before half term, so I wish all you a lovely break.

Clare



My name is Riley I am 6 years old and I have cerebral palsy which affects all 4 of my limbs. I currently have a spectra blitz powered wheelchair which I have nearly outgrown and is becoming difficult in my day to day living especially accessing tables at school which is making it hard for me to reach my full potential. I have found the perfect wheelchair its called the K45 MX this chair will enable me to fit under tables at school, sit with all my friends in assemblies but most of all will allow me to be like all of my friends and play football with them.

The K45 MX chair will enable me to have more independence and make my life easier and be able to access more areas at school. I tried this chair and I think its perfect for me I was even able to pick the ball up from the floor all by myself which I've not been able to do before in my current chair. Please donate if you can as it would mean a lot to me if I could have this chair to widen my confidence & independence. Many thanks Riley

[https://www.gofundme.com/rileys-new-powerchair?
pc=em_db_co2876_v1&rcid=34eca22cb3164240852fc1305654a230](https://www.gofundme.com/rileys-new-powerchair?pc=em_db_co2876_v1&rcid=34eca22cb3164240852fc1305654a230)



We are aware that at the end of the day we are experiencing overcrowding and jostling by the ball court. It is a narrow area so please can we ask that you make your way round to the playground to wait for your child or wait by the parent shelter by the wooden gate if your child is older and can make their own way there to meet you.

Please remind your children to take additional care around children with physical disabilities as it is not so easy for them to move out of the way or negotiate crowds.

Once children have been collected please leave the premises promptly as afterschool club and sports clubs need the playground— we can't allow the clubs to start whilst children and parents are on the playground. Children mustn't play with school equipment after school either as staff are not around to supervise.

Many thanks



Lost Violin

A neighbour has handed us a child's violin in a grey case that was left in Rydal Drive. It has been with us for nearly 2 weeks now and we have exhausted all of our connections.

If you hear for anyone that may have lost a violin please urge them to get in touch with the school office.

Many thanks.

