



# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter No 5  
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Dear Parents & Guardians,

## Hellos and Goodbyes

We welcome two new members of staff to the Bishops Down family this week. Mrs Hatch and Mrs Singleton join us as Midday Supervisors. Amy Adams, our new SENCo, started last week and has already met many parents, I trust that you will make all our new staff feel welcome.

Huge congratulations to Kelly Kyte who has given birth to a baby girl, Caitlyn. Kelly has asked me to pass on her thanks for all the warm wishes and gifts from parents.

Parents of year 5 children will be aware that Sarah Pain will be leaving us at Christmas for a new position. She has been an incredible teacher and a great Maths subject leader, we wish her well.

For those parents that knew Natasha Cleveland, last year's Reception Teacher, she will not be returning to Bishops Down following the birth of her baby girl as she wishes to spend more time being a full time mum. Mr Gunn and Mrs Perez-Williams had always planned to leave us at Christmas which will be very sad for the school. Mrs Perez Williams is having her third baby (as you may have guessed !) and Mr Gunn has other personal plans.

We are now looking for a new Reception Class teacher and we will let you know in due course who is taking over from Mr Gunn and Mrs Perez-Williams.



## Other news

Although I am not in school today I have heard that the school is full of crazy socks for Children in Need. A big thank you to everyone for taking part. We will announce how much we raised in the next newsletter.



Apologies on behalf of Independent Catering re their Squid software and children's accounts. The catering company are sorting out the computer glitch, so many thanks for your patience.

A few coats have gone missing from school – please double check that the coat your child is wearing is actually theirs as so many look the same! Name tags please in coats, hats, scarves and gloves. We know this is time consuming but so many get handed in to the office and we would like to give them back to their rightful owner. Thank you.

## School Christmas Fair 12.00-2.00 28th November

Please save the date for the school  
Christmas Fair and  
look out for further communications  
from the PSA.



Do you have any bilingual children's books?

We are looking at expanding our collection of bilingual books in our library We have 19 different languages in the school!

Please pass any books to the school office for the attention of Juliet Silburn.

**Do you have a child starting Primary School in September 2016?**

Kent On Line Admissions is now open until 15th January 2016 for applications for Reception Year 2016. You must apply even if you already have an older child at the school. The website is: <http://www.kent.gov.uk>

Guidance is on the front page of the Kent website.

Please remember that long hair needs to be tied up to prevent the spread of head lice. Hair bands and ties should be school colours or a neutral colour such as brown or black.

Sadly no parents at all came forward to offer support to pack items to send to Barut Primary School the last time of asking so this is a further plea for help. If you can spare some time to pack resources for our link school in Barut please can you contact Sarah Pain through the school office.

Thank you for your continued support. Have a lovely weekend.

*Clare*

**Message from Mr Wyke**

Digital Leaders has started again this year with 26 eager pupils ready to learn (see picture below) and share their learning around the school. This week we have been using different types of software to produce an e-safety poster. All the pupils enjoyed using the PCs and the opportunity to be really creative!!!



	19.10.15 attendance	lates
Beech	96.3%	0
Apple	96.0%	1
Olive	94.3%	3
Maple	98.7%	2
Mulberry	96.3%	0
Hazel	96.9%	0
Sycamore	95.9%	0
Redwood	95.2%	2
Pine	98.5%	1
Oak	98.0%	0

**Key Dates**

Parent Workshop –Maths

18th November 7pm

Forest School starts for Year 3

19th November

Learning Journey celebrations for parents 3-3.45pm

N&R on 23rd, Y1/2 on 24th,  
Y3/4 on 26th, & Y5/6 on 27th

Yr2 Visit to Pantiles and Tunbridge Wells Museum

24th November

Yr5 Visit to London Eye and Tate Modern

26th November

