

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents

Newsletter No. 9

Welcome back to school. Thankfully the snow has abated for now. Many thanks from all the staff for the lovely cards, gifts and presents that you gave during the Christmas period.

School Orchestra Auditions

This term we intend to start a school orchestra with the help of Rachel McIlwham who has already worked in classes teaching music and assisting with productions. The orchestra will rehearse on Friday mornings starting at 8.15am for an hour. She will come in on Friday 4th February at 8.15 to start the orchestra. During this session she will "audition" any interested children before they can join. This is a huge incentive to children who want to join to practice and work hard. All the children have to do is come along, with their instrument and a piece of music that they really enjoy playing and show Rachel what standard they are. As Rachel says, 'It will not be a scary thing and I'm really very nice! Children won't have to play in front of their peers. I will do my best to put them at their ease and make it lots of fun.'

From the PSA

A reminder that the PSA Quiz Night to raise funds for the school is on Saturday 22nd January and that the team sizes can be up to a maximum of 8 persons, not 6 as stated on the registration forms. Book now at the school office to avoid disappointment.

You are invited to a Travelling Trends fashion show on 6th May at 7pm. Travelling trends supply this season's fashions at approximately 50% of the retail price. Clothes are from M&S, Warehouse, Oasis, Mango, Debenhams and many other high street stores and designers. £5 per ticket to include a glass of wine. Raffle including a £50 Boden voucher.

Tickets will be on sale soon. Please see Lindsay Ayton, (Year 3 & 6 parent) for more details.

Lost Clothing

A purple waterproof jacket with fur trim on the hood from Hennes belonging to a Year 6 child went missing in December. Also a green and brown hand knitted chunky zipped round-necked cardigan was lost on own clothes day last term. It belongs to a Reception child. If anyone has seen either of these items, please can you let the office know. Thank you.

Clubs

Gym Club has now finished for all children. Mrs Tizzard will be running a Tag Rugby club for Years 4-6 on Wednesdays and a separate letter has gone out to these classes. Those children who were doing Art Clubs before Christmas will be continuing until February half term. Netball Club is finishing at 4.15pm each week until the evenings get lighter.

Parent Lunches

For those parents who have ordered a school lunch, please find below the times that each class goes into the hall to eat on the taster days. Please sign in the visitor book at the office before joining your child in the hall to line up for your meal.

Nursery – 11.45am

Reception Chestnut – 11.50am

Reception Willow – 11.55am

Year 1 – 12.10pm

Year 2 – 12.25pm

Year 3 – 12.30pm

Year 4 – 12.35pm

Year 5 – 12.40pm

Year 6 – 12.50pm

School Photographer

The school photographer will visit Bishops Down on Friday 28th January from 8am. All children will have an individual photograph taken for you to purchase if you wish. Please complete and return the slip below if you would also like a family photograph including siblings in all groups. Parents are warmly invited to bring babies and pre-school children (under three years old) for a family photograph with your Nursery or school age children from 8am. Please enter the school via the front door by the main office, and do not come through any other entrances. Pushchairs should be left outside. Children attending the afternoon Nursery, or who are not normally in Nursery on Fridays who wish to have their photographs taken, must come along to the hall from 8am with any pre-school and school age siblings. The remainder of the children in the Nursery and all other year groups will then be photographed from 9am.

Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform on this day and return the slip below to the office by Wednesday 26th January

Influenza update from Helen Lawton, School Nurse.

I am sure you are aware from reports in the media that there are an increasing number of cases of flu, including the H1N1 strain (swine flu). For the majority of people the infection is mild and causes no lasting problems but for a few the infection is more severe and has meant that they have become critically ill. At school we are taking measures to try to prevent the spread of all viral infections by educating children in good hand washing techniques and using tissues effectively when coughing and sneezing.

If you suspect your child is showing signs of flu (fever, cough, headache, muscle and joint pain, sore throat and runny nose and sometime vomiting or diarrhoea) they should not come to school and you should contact your GP or NHS Direct (0845 4647) for advice.

Please let the office know if your child has been diagnosed with flu. Children should not return to school until they are completely symptom free. Thank you for your support with this.

Sex and Relationship Education Helen Lawton, School Nurse

We are currently undertaking a review of the content, delivery and resources that the school uses for its Sex and Relationship education. We would like to introduce a curriculum that will be delivered to all the age groups from Nursery to Year 6, rather than one whole programme to Year 6, as we do at present. Many of the topics that may be introduced to the younger children are very similar to what is already included in the PSHE (Personal, Social and Health Education) Curriculum.

We are very mindful that the topic of Sex Education in school has to consider the maturity of the children and the views of their parents. For this reason we are asking you to attend a meeting at school to gain your opinions about potential changes to the Sex and Relationship Education Curriculum. We have purchased some new resources and put together some ideas for developing the curriculum throughout the school and are looking for your thoughts and suggestions about these. We would like to invite you to attend a meeting where you will be able to view the new resources and hear about the changes that we would like to make to the curriculum.

Meetings will be held in the Drama Room on:

Tuesday 25th January 2011 at 2.00 -3.15pm and

Wednesday 26th January at 9.15- 10.30am

Please indicate on the form below which day you would be able to attend.

Kind regards

Dan Turvey

School Photographer Friday 28th January 2010

Please tick the appropriate options:

- I would like a family photograph of my school age children
- I would like a family photograph of my pre-school child with their siblings and will bring them to school from 8am.
- I have an Afternoon Nursery child/Nursery child not in on Fridays and I will bring them along at 8am with any siblings.

Names of children Class

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..... Class

Signed Date

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Sex and Relationship Education

I/We will attend the Sex and Relationship Education meeting on (please tick box below)

- Tuesday 25th January 2011 at 2.00 -3.15pm
- Wednesday 26th January at 9.15- 10.30am

Child's name Class.....

Parent's name(please print)

Signed

Dates for your Diaries including Term dates and class assemblies

18 th January	9.10am	SCAMPS Guitar assembly for parents of guitar players
20 th January	9.00am	Class Led Assembly for Year 6 parents
25 th January	2-3pm	SRE Parents workshop
26 th January	9.15-10.15am	SRE Parents workshop
27 th January	9.00am	Class Led Assembly for Year 2 parents
28 th January	from 8am	School photographer
2 nd February	9.00am	Class Led Assembly for Year 3 parents
3 rd February		Year 1 Kidenza Trip
	7.30 – 9pm	PSA AGM & Grand Opening of the Library
4 th February	8.15-9.15am	Orchestra 'auditions'
	9.00am	Parent Reps Meeting
9 th February	9.00am	Class Led Assembly for Year 5 parents
10 th February	1.30 – 3pm	Beginners Recorder Festival
	7.00-8.30pm	Year 5 meeting re Secondary Schools
16 th February	9.00am	Class Led Assembly for Year 1 parents
18 th February		Term 3 ends

Monday 21st February – Friday 25th February 2011 - Holiday

28 th February		INSET DAY
1 st March		Term 4 starts for all children
15 th – 17 th March		Safer Cycling for Year 6
16 th March	9.00am	Class Led Assembly for Reception Chestnut parents
25 th March		Reports home to parents today
30 th March		Tunbridge Wells Music Festival
	9.00am	Class Led Assembly for Year 4 parents
31 st March		Year 3 and 4 60's Exhibition in the hall
6 th April	9.00am	Dress Rehearsal for 'Wizard of Oz'
	6.00pm	'Wizard of Oz' performance
7 th April	6.00pm	'Wizard of Oz' performance
8 th April		Term 4 ends

Monday 11th April– Monday 25th April 2011 - Holiday

26 th April		INSET DAY
27 th April		Term 5 starts for all children (excluding Nursery)
28 th April		Nursery children return
29 th April		BANK HOLIDAY
2 nd May		BANK HOLIDAY
27 th May		Term 5 ends

Monday 30th May – Friday 3rd June 2011 – Holiday

6 th June		Term 6 starts for all children
22 nd July 2011		Term 6 ends

Monday 25th July – Wednesday 31st August 2011 – Holiday

1 st September		INSET DAY
2 nd September		INSET DAY
5 th September		Term 1 starts for all children (excluding Nursery)