



16th January 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 17 Newsletter

Welcome to our second newsletter of the school year. Please don't forget that if you receive a paper copy of this it is still possible to sign up for an electronic copy that will be e-mailed to you. Obviously this would reduce paper and ensure that there are no surprises each week when you find a soggy newsletter at the bottom of your child's bookbag!

Second Hand School Uniform Sale

There will be a second hand school uniform sale on **Wednesday 28th January** from 3.10 pm onwards in the school hall. A range of items for all ages will be sold at £1 each so don't forget your money on that day.

If you have any clean, uniform, including sports wear, which you would like to donate, then please hand it to the school office. If you could remove your child's name tag before donating that would be very helpful.

As well as requiring second hand school uniform the PSA would welcome donations of second hand **ballet outfits, stagecoach uniforms, and brownie/cub/beaver/rainbow uniforms**, all of which will also be sold at the sale.

If you need new name labels, please don't forget that if you order them through Easy2name, the PSA will be given cash back by Easy2name. You can order online - www.easy2name.com - or by phone or post. Order forms are held by the school office.

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Year 5 Visit to Museum



On Thursday 8th January Year 5 finally arrived at the British Museum after nearly a 2 hour coach ride. We were there to see the Ancient Egyptian area, with all the scary mummies and other ancient objects! It was 10.15 so we needed to get a move on. We were split into groups and set off to explore. As we entered a gallery we saw the Rosetta stone. It was in a glass cabinet so we couldn't touch it. It had millions of tiny letters in hieroglyphics, Greek and Roman.

Georgie and Georgia

At 12.00 we went to the mummy workshop. A lady explained about the Egyptians and what they did. She told us how the Egyptians made a mummy and how scientists unwrapped the mummies using computers so the actual mummy stayed intact.

Niamh and George

Then we saw the mystical canopic jars: the baboon, falcon, human and the jackal. They were so cool. Some were made out of marble. They had the lungs, intestines, stomach and liver. It would be cool to see inside! So we went home after all we did and saw. We all enjoyed it. Mrs Clement told us how much she enjoyed the day - well, after a cup of tea!

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Dogs on School Grounds

Please can I remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on school premises. Some of the children are very wary of dogs so we would appreciate it if you could leave them outside of the main gate.

Friday 23rd January - 'Red and White' Day

In remembrance of Jamie Russell who died a year ago, we are having a 'red and white' clothes day next Friday. We ask that children contribute £1 towards the Jennifer Trust, the Russell family's nominated charity. We wish Lynne, Darren and Kyle all the best during this difficult time.

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Whole Class	
Year 2	Rachel	Felix
Year 3	Keira	Miriam
Year 4	Hebe	Rory
Year 5	George	Amy
Year 6	Sophia	Freddie

And finally, I wanted to let you know what a delight it has been getting to know your children. I have been impressed by their behaviour, politeness and willingness to share and talk. They are credit to both you and the school and have been extremely welcoming to me. Please pass on my thanks to them.

Kind regards,

Dan Turvey