

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents

Admissions - From September 2014 the Pupil Admission Number (PAN) for Bishops Down Primary will be 30. Based on current figures we anticipate 26-27 applications under family association criteria (siblings) for September 2014 and 12 under the same criteria in September 2015. To clarify a misunderstanding, KCC have no plans to change current admissions criteria in order to prioritise 'nearness of children's homes to school' over 'family association'.

Industrial action by teachers - I am delighted to say that no disruption was caused as a result of yesterday's industrial action. Thank you to all the teaching staff for coming into school despite the action taken by the main teaching unions.

Clubs - Term two commences on Monday 4th November and all after school activities will resume at this time. Please note which clubs will be continuing, and which will be starting in Term 2.

Cross Country club and **Basketball** Club will both be starting on Wednesday mornings at 8.15am for those who have applied, together with **Winter Athletics** on Wednesdays at 3.15pm.

Parent consultations – Please remember that Parent consultations for Years 1 to 5 are taking place next week. They are being held on Tuesday from 3.30-6pm and on Wednesday from 5-8pm. If you have not yet received your consultation time, please contact your child's teacher.

Uniform on ParentPay – Parents will now be able to pay for uniform using ParentPay online. We still need parents to continue to complete the uniform order form and hand it into the office, indicating on the last page that you have paid using ParentPay (PP), and confirm how much you have paid. You will be able to enter the amount due on the payment screen, just as you currently do for lunches, for example. Once the order is ready to go home, school will check your payment has arrived and send the uniform home with your child.

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory DVD – Copies are finally being made and will be sent out to the cast in due course. Thank you for your patience.

From the School Nurse - We have recently had an increasing number of parents asking school staff to administer over the counter pain killers such as Calpol and Nurofen, cough mixture etc. School staff are only allowed to administer **prescribed** medicines and so are unable to give over the counter medicines so we would kindly ask that you do not send your child to school with them. The medicines policy can be viewed on the school website, under the "School Nurse" pages and this gives details about what medicines may and may not be given by school staff. If your child is in Years 4-6 and you consider them old enough to be responsible to administer their own medicines, such as inhalers they may do so, once a form giving your permission is completed, but other prescribed medicines that need to be administered during school time should be handed in at the office and a medicines administration form completed. Until the new website is fully updated it is not currently possible to print off your own forms at home but forms are available in the school office.

Children of primary school age are very commonly affected by diarrhoea and vomiting which are usually caused by short-lived viral infections that require time at home. Children should not return to school if they have suffered these symptoms until at least 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea, as they remain extremely contagious until all symptoms are completely clear for this time period. If your child has been unwell with these symptoms and they return to school before this time you will be asked to collect them.

PSA Cake sales - The PSA will be holding cake sales again throughout the school year. They ask that parents of children in the selected classes provide cakes on the morning of the sale please. The list of dates and classes is below.

Year 3 (Mulberry & Maple) - Friday 22nd November 2013

Year 2 (Apple & Olive) - Friday 24th January 2014

Year 1 (Bonsai and Beech) - Friday 14th March 2014

Reception (Chestnut and Willow) - Friday 9th May 2014

Nursery (Acorn) - Friday 21st June 2014

Class Assemblies - Parents are invited to come and watch their child's class assembly at 9.10am, and then go into their classroom to look at their work until 10am.

Date	Class or teacher
Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 2 – Emma Akers Apple
Wednesday 6 th November	Poppy Appeal Trevor Green
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 3 – Cathy Spoor Mulberry
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 2 – Michelle Reader Olive
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 3 – Anne Pierce Maple
Wednesdays in December	No Whole school assembly
Wednesday 15 th January	Year 1 – Sinead Roberts Beech
Wednesday 22 nd January	Year 1 – Simon Wyke Bonsai
Wednesday 29 th January	Reception Chestnut – Natasha Cleveland
Wednesday 5 th February	Reception Willow – Tara Bell/Helen Sullivan

Dates for your Diaries

17th Oct to 22nd Oct Travelling Book Fair opens 8.15-8.45am and again at 3.15-3.45pm

Tues 22nd Oct Prospective Parents visit 2.30pm

Tues 22nd Oct Parent Consultations for Y1-Y5 from 3.30-6pm

Wed 23rd Oct Parent Consultations for Y1-Y5 from 5-8pm

Thurs 24th Oct Year 2 visit to Bodiam Castle

Fri 25th Oct Year 1 visit to Bodiam Castle

Term 1 ends

Mon 4th Nov All After School Activities resume this week

Fri 8th Nov Reception Parent Phonics Workshops

Fri 22nd Nov Parent Reps meeting at 9am

Sat 30th Nov PSA Christmas Fair 2-4pm

Wed 11th Dec Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 2-3pm

Thurs 12th Dec Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 9.15-10.15am

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Mon 16th Dec No After School Activities this week except Wrap Around Care

Wed 18th Dec KS2 Carol Concert 6.30pm

Thurs 19th Dec Reception & KS1 Disco 4.30-5.30pm

KS2 Disco 5.45-7.15pm

Fri 20th Dec Term 2 ends

Mon 6th Jan 2014 INSET Day – no children in school

Fri 10th Jan Parent Reps meeting at 9am

Mon 13th Jan All After School Activities (Clubs) start this week

Regards,

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