

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

Newsletter No. 16

Welcome back Year 6

We welcome back Year 6 pupils after their adventure on the Isle of Wight. Please have a look at the photos on the school website. Many thanks to John Tutt, Jane Clement, Kate Smith and Debbie Norman for volunteering to have a sleepless week!

PSA Roles

Belated congratulations to Simon Wyke who has taken over as Chair of the PSA and to Melissa Joyce who has taken on the role of Vice Chair. We wish them well as they take on the challenge.

PSA Funds

I am often asked what the money raised by the PSA is used for. The PSA usually fund a Yearbook for Year 6 leavers and have agreed to do so once again. A donation has been made to the school council and work to improve the lower junior toilets has begun, including the painting of murals. They have also agreed to assist in donating funds to improve outdoor learning. There are to be picnic tables outside junior classrooms and on the front field with parasols. The work by years 5 and 6 in the Woodland Walk has been fantastic, and there will be 2 gates purchased into and out of the walk. The landscape gardener will come in for another day to build a habitat environment. There is to be a wall-like structure by the new mound for role play, handstands, ball games etc. The early years are to have some new garden development, including the installation of vegetable beds.

PSA Events

The PSA would like to invite you to the annual Camp Out to be held on **Saturday 18th June 2011**. There has been huge interest in holding this event and so it should be a fantastic weekend. Tickets will be on sale shortly and details of the theme and attractions are to follow. Please put this date in your diary. Another date for the diary is **Sunday 10th July** (time to be confirmed next week) when the PSA will be holding a Summer Fayre with all the usual fantastic stalls and games. This event is open to the whole community so invite your neighbours and friends.

From Simon Wyke

Side Gate by Nursery

This gate is for Nursery children only to be dropped and collected. Please ensure that when you are using this gate that you close it securely afterwards. Thank you.

Nearly New Sale

There is a nearly new sale being organised for older children (junior school age to teenage). It will be at St John's School, Cunningham Road, on Saturday 11 June from 10.30am to 11.30am. 75% of the sale price of goods will be returned to the seller and the remaining 25% will be used for admin costs (such as hall hire) and then what is left will be donated to Demelza House, the children's hospice. Sellers have to pre register and they can get further details from Francesca Braham on nns82teen@aol.com or by ringing/texting 07880 793394. If you need any more information, please do not hesitate to contact her.

School Letterbox

There have recently been a large number of parents queuing at the office in the mornings who wish to return various forms etc. Please can parents who are just returning slips and do not have any other questions use the letterbox on the wall outside the front door. This letterbox is emptied twice a day and is dry and secure

Drop Off Times in the Mornings

The playground is supervised from 8.45am when the metal side gate is opened. Please can parents try to arrive at school between this time and 8.55am when the bell is rung. A number of children have been arriving earlier than this and there is no one to supervise them until 8.45am.

Lost Property

There are two watches which have been found and handed into the office. One is an adult watch, and the other would fit an adult or older child. If you have lost a watch please ask at the office.

Playleader Required

Our Wrap Around Care facility operates a daily Breakfast and After School Club throughout the school year, as well as a Holiday Play Scheme during school holidays. The children are aged between 3 and 11. Contracted hours are negotiable, although we need someone who can work a minimum of 9 hours a week during term time.

Applicants must have a Level 3 childcare qualification and previous experience with EYFS curriculum would be beneficial.

The school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of our children.

The post is subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure.

Salary will be KENT RANGE 2.4 £12,903 pro rata.

If you would like to visit, or ask for an application pack, please contact the school.

Closing date 10th June 2011

Interviews 24th June 2011

Position start date TBA

Lunch Menus

Lunch calendar forms will be coming out on Tuesday next week. Please complete and return these by the end of the week if your child eats any school lunches during the term. These forms will have invoices attached which can be paid by ParentPay please. The menus for next term will be on the school web site by Tuesday for you to discuss with your child.

Dates for the Diary

Please note that we would like to offer you the opportunity to share your children's learning on the same morning that your class does their assembly. From now on you are very welcome to stay on for a few minutes after the assembly to go into class with your child to look at and discuss their learning. Please note the additional Nursery assembly on Thursday 30th June at 9.15am.

The class assembly dates for next term are as follows:

Tuesday 24th May Reception A (Chestnut Class)

Wednesday 8th June Year 4

Thursday 16th June Reception B (Willow Class)

Tuesday 21st June Year 5

Tuesday 28th June Year 3

Thursday 30th June Nursery – this assembly will start at 9.15am

Wednesday 13th July Year 1

All class assemblies except Nursery's are at 9.00am

Vouchers

Please can you bring in any Sainsbury's or Tesco vouchers you still have at home. Sainsbury's will stop issuing vouchers at the end of May. If you are able to come into school and help count vouchers, please speak to the office. Any help would be gratefully received.

An Exhibition of Music Open Morning

Listen to a variety of instruments, try them out, and get advice from players and teachers. All are welcome on Sunday 26th June between 10.30am – 12.30pm at Weald of Kent School, Tudeley Lane, Tonbridge, TN9 2JP. If you would like more details, please call 07792 777494

This event is supported by a number of societies including Kent Music, KEMSA, and Tonbridge Philharmonic Society.

Netball

On 7th May the Bishops Down Year 6 netball team played a tournament at Bennett Memorial School. The team played 6 matches and we won two matches and lost four matches, and came 9th out of 25 teams in the end. Our shooters, Yasmine Wells and Rebecca D'Crus, did some excellent goal shooting and the whole team did great passing. Everyone played brilliantly and had good fun!

Milly Evans and Sarah H Williams

On Saturday 7th May the Bishops Down Year 5 team played four tiring matches. We lost two matches against St Augustine's and Horsmonden, and we won against Southborough and Pembury. We came together as an amazing team and played very enthusiastically. Our star player was Ruby Read because she has never played in a competition or been Goal Shooter and she scored 6 goals. We thank Mrs. Gillham, Mrs. Solomon, Mrs. Tizzard, and all the parents who supported us.

Year 5 netball team

Regards,

Dan Turvey