

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

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Walking Buses

Next Thursday, 28th January, there is a Walking Bus birthday party for those children who currently walk to school using the walking buses, and those Year 6 children who used to use them. This party is to celebrate 10 years since the walking buses started at Bishops Down. Invitations have been sent to children and replies should be handed into the office.

A Message from Kirstie Aves - The third walking bus is now up and running (well ice and snow etc permitting!). We currently operate on Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, meeting on Culverden Down at Reynolds Lane (having crossed Reynolds Lane, i.e. Bennett side) at 8.25. We get to Huntleys Park about 8.30 and then the end of Coniston Avenue 8.35. We would love to have a bigger bus and anyone interested can call me on 01892 546738 or 07973 689191. If we get enough interest and passengers we hope to operate every day. Many thanks.

School Photographs

Please remember that the school photographer is coming this Monday to take pictures of family groups and individuals. For details check the previous letter or talk to your class representative.

Metal Security Gates

Please can all parents remember to shut the side metal gates behind them when they come to and from the playground or Garden House. If you do not know the code for the gate and have a child to collect from the playground, please ask at the office. Please use the gate by the playground to bring your children to school, not the gate via the car park.

Cash4Schools

This week the school received its Cash4Schools award of £2000 from the Kent Courier. Many thanks to Nicky Wheeler and her team and all of you who contributed by voting for Bishops Down.

From the School Nurse

I would like to make you aware that at this time of year there is a prevalence of Norovirus (winter vomiting). This presents as both diarrhoea and/or vomiting sometimes accompanied by a fever. This viral infection is highly contagious but normally lasts only 24-48 hours. We kindly request that you do not send your child to school if they are suffering from such symptoms and that they remain at home until at least 48 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhoea. If your child is unwell and you are concerned please contact your GP for further advice or contact NHS Direct on 0845 46 47.

Makaton Signs of the Week

The pupils and staff are learning Makaton together, a unique programme providing a visual representation of language which increases understanding and makes expressive communication easier. We can sign: Good morning, Hello/Hi, What is your name? My name is, Alphabet, How are you? I, ill, ok, hot, cold, clean, dirty, please and thank you. Each week a small prize is awarded to a pupil and a member of staff who have been observed using these signs throughout the school day. New signs are introduced every week, ask your child what they are and join in the fun,

Regards

Dan Turvey