

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

Newsletter No. 4

Harvest donations

Thank you so much to all of you who donated food for the 'Soup Bowl'. I was able to deliver near to 200 items last week and they were delighted with them. These gifts will now be used along with those from other schools and organisations locally for many months to come.

ParentPay

The school will be introducing a new system called ParentPay for parents to use to pay for school trips, activities, uniform, lunches and possibly even extended care. We are introducing it very gradually to ensure a smooth transition to the new system.

It is a web-based application, managed and maintained in a secure data centre. All parents will be able to access the service online, using a standard internet connection. You will be able to pay for services such as school visits by using a credit or debit card. Payments due will be listed specifically against each child. Each parent will be sent a letter with their own log in details and password to access the system to make payments. For those parents who prefer to use cash, the system will also allow payments to be made at PayPoints which are found in local newsagents.

We hope that by introducing this new system, which is currently being tested by 2 classes, it will make it easier for parents to make payments. You will even be able to pay for two or more items, or several children in one transaction. This will give you the flexibility of being able to pay any time of the day from wherever there is an internet connection.

We are looking at the possibility of parents using school computers to carry out transactions if necessary. We will also help and support parents who have difficulties with this payment method.

Once a Week Take a Peek Headlice Campaign

The school is launching a new anti headlice campaign called "Once a Week Take a Peek". This emphasises the importance of **everyone** checking the family's hair for headlice **every week** and provides information about getting rid of lice if they are found.

Further information can be found at this website www.onceaweektakeapeek.com

All children will bring home a leaflet advising parents about headlice, how to check for them and the different methods of treating them, if they are discovered. Please keep these leaflets safe for future reference as we do not plan to send these out again routinely.

If you should find headlice in your child's hair it is essential that you let the school office know. Please do not be embarrassed about this as headlice are a normal part of life and not something to be worried, panicked or ashamed about. The school will inform other parents of the class that there has been a case of headlice (no names will be disclosed) by Parent Mail, rather than sending out more leaflets. The email will provide a link to the Once a Week Take a Peek website where you can download further copies of the leaflet if you wish.

It would be wonderful if we could make this campaign a success and get rid of the nuisance of headlice, so please take the time to read the leaflet and get into the routine of taking a peek every week!

Chestnut and Willow Reception Classes

Starting the first week back after the end of term break, week beginning 1st November, we would like the children to line up on the playground when the bell rings first thing in the morning. Parents are welcome to wait on the playground until the bell rings and can support their child to line up. Mrs Wilmshurst and Mrs Cleveland will come and collect the children from the playground at 8.55am when the bell rings. Please try and encourage your child to be as independent as possible, and say your goodbyes on the playground.

Thank you

Mrs Wilmshurst and Mrs Cleveland

Operation Christmas Child – Advance Notice

Christmas is rapidly approaching and this year we are keen to support 'Operation Christmas Child' (Shoebox Appeal). Please keep your eyes open for shoeboxes and fillers, more details will be sent out after the autumn break.

Miss Spoor and Miss Gurr

Year 1 Kidenza

Year 1 would like to invite their parents to come and see what they have been doing in Music where they have been working with a professional musician. They will be giving a short performance in the hall from 2.30pm to 3.00pm on Friday 5th November. All Year 1 parents are welcome to come and watch.

Library Update

The new Library is almost ready as a result of many hours of work by Susan Clarke, and her team of parent helpers, who have been sorting and labeling all the books. The final stage will take place after half term when the bar coding and cataloguing will be completed. Many thanks to Adele Brown, Sue Heller, Ruth Turvey, and Jacqueline Wilson for all their help. We look forward to being able to use the library

Term date reminders

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| 1 st November | Term 2 begins | |
| 4 th November | 9.00am | Y1 and Y2 Visit to the Natural History Museum |
| 5 th November | 2.30pm | Year 1 Music performance to their parents |
| 11 th November | 9.00am | Year 1 Class assembly |
| | All day | Skipping4schools Day |
| 12 th November | 9.00am | Parent Reps meeting |
| 16 th November | 7.30pm | PSA meeting at school |
| 18 th November | 9.00am | Reception Willow Class assembly |
| | All day | Ian Macdonald doing a Dinosaur Writing Workshop for KS1 |
| 25 th November | 9.00am | Reception Chestnut Class assembly |
| 2 nd December | 9.00am | Year 6 Class assembly |
| 9 th December | 9.00am | Year 2 Class assembly |
| 13 th December | 2-3pm | Infant production |
| 14 th December | 9.30 – 10.30am | Infant production |
| | 2-3pm | KS2 Christmas production |
| 15 th December | 9.30 – 10.30am | KS2 Christmas production |
| 16 th December | 12 – 2pm | Christmas lunch |
| | 5pm – 6pm | Infant disco |
| | 6.30 – 8pm | Junior disco |
| 17 th December | 2.30 – 3pm | Carols round the tree |
| | End of Term 2 | |
| 20 th December – 3 rd January | School closed for holiday | |
| 4 th January | Inset Day – school closed to children | |
| 5 th January | Term 3 starts for all children except Nursery | |
| 6 th January | Nursery children start | |

Regards

Dan Turvey