

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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23rd March 2024

'When spring came, even the false spring, there were no problems except where to be happiest'.

Ernest Hemingway

We have had another busy week at school and particularly enjoyed lots of time outdoors on Wednesday which felt like the first, and last day of Spring!

Sporting events

A squad of 15 children represented the school in the recent hockey tournament. It was an exciting event where the children were able to put in place their recently acquired skills. The children demonstrated all the school values during their competition and thoroughly enjoyed this highly competitive event. The year 5s were placed 4th out of the 16 teams, only losing one match on the night. We would like to congratulate all of the children and thank our volunteer hockey coaches, Mrs Houslop-Duffy and Ms Houslop for their dedication, time and passion.



Beehive Club

I am sure that you are aware that Claire Richardson our Beehive Manager is leaving after the Easter Holidays. We wish her all the best in her new adventure. We are currently recruiting for her position and you can find the link to the advert here in case you or someone you know may be interested in this position, [Wraparound Care Manager \(Breakfast and After School Club\) Management/Supervisors at Bishops Down Primary and Nursery School, Tunbridge Wells \(kent-teach.com\)](https://www.kent-teach.com/jobs/vacancies/management-supervisors-at-bishops-down-primary-and-nursery-school-tunbridge-wells)

Next term, we will be closing at 5.15pm on a Friday. We currently only have one or two children staying past this time as so many people work from home on a Friday. This isn't a decision we have taken lightly but in order to keep the Club going we do need to make a few changes. Unfortunately the system will not let us remove the full session slot on a Friday so if we could ask you not to pick this option please just on a Friday. Moving forward, we will also be reducing the number of days we are open in the holidays. We will be open during half terms but will only open for two weeks in the Summer holidays and we will no longer open over Christmas.

Most importantly, we are doing everything we can to employ the right candidate to run our wrap around care and to continue the friendly feel to the club. Claire would like me to thank everyone for the kind comments and support she has received this week.

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15th April—Start of Term 5

16th April—Safety in Action—Year 6

6th May—May Bank Holiday

9th May—Year 4 and 5 Literacy Festival Visit

27th—31st May— School Holiday

3rd June—Start of Term 6

18th—21st June—Year 6 residential trip

23rd July—Last day of Term 6

2nd September—INSET Day

3rd September—Start of Term for pupils from Years 1-6

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Year 4 trip to London



On Wednesday, Year 4 took the train to London for a workshop with the Thames Explorer Trust. The children had the opportunity to observe and learn about the geography of the River Thames and land use change and how this links to a wider historical context. The children were able to use the language they knew to describe the features of a river and enjoyed collecting their own 'treasure' as they investigated how artefacts found around the Thames help us to build a picture of London's history.

Thank you to the Year 4 staff for organising this trip and to the parent volunteers who joined them.

'It was good because we went on the train! It was exciting to see the sights as we went into London. We found bones, pottery and rocks to make our own museum on the Southbank. We identified the items we had found'. Louie



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