

Bishops Down Primary School News

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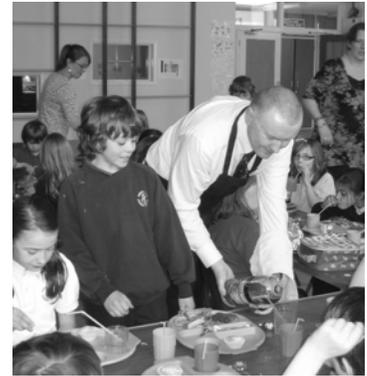


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Dear Parents and Friends,

Newsletter no.13

Thank you to all those who have already sent in sponsor money for Comic Relief. If you have money still to collect, please can you hand it into the office **on Monday** so the final total can be calculated and banked. So far we have already raised the staggering figure of £5273.49! Thank you all for your support. Year 5 had a celebration lunch today for the class which raised the most amount of money.



Wizard of Oz

The tickets for Wizard of Oz are now on sale at £2.50 each. Please complete the order form, pay online using ParentPay, and then return the form to school with your request. Tickets will then be issued via your child at the end of next week. **The performance starts at 7.00pm on both nights, not at 6pm as stated on the ticket order form, sorry for any confusion.**

Tunbridge Wells Music Festival

Tickets are still available from the office for the Tunbridge Wells Music Festival which is being held on Thursday 31st March at 7.30pm in the Assembly Hall, Tunbridge Wells. Come and support forty of our Key Stage 2 children who will be taking part. Tickets are £3.00 each.

PSA Fashion Show 6th May

The PSA are holding a fashion show on Friday 6th May at school. Tickets cost £5.00 which includes a glass of wine. They are available from class reps, Sue Heller, Lindsay Ayton, Helen Ralph, and at the office. Doors open at 7pm and the show starts at 7.30pm. Do come along and enjoy huge discounts on the High Street's latest collections, support the PSA, and raise funds for Bishops Down.

Second Hand Uniform Sale...

There will be a second hand uniform sale at **3.00pm on Friday 1st April** outside Year 5 and Year 6 classrooms (or in the hall if wet). All items cost £1.00 and funds go to the PSA. Please have a look while waiting for your children to come out of school.

...And Cake Sale

Chestnut (Mrs Cleveland's Reception) class will be holding a cake sale alongside the uniform sale on 1st April. Parents of children in Chestnut are asked to bring in cakes to be sold, and all monies raised will go to the PSA. Thank you for your support.

London Marathon – message from Vicky Vyner (Mia in Yr 5, Ollie in Yr 3 and Josh in Willow Reception)

I am fulfilling a lifelong ambition by running in this year's London Marathon. I must be mad! I am raising money for Anthony Nolan, a charity which finds matches for leukaemia patients who need a lifesaving transplant. For someone with leukaemia, a bone marrow transplant can be their only

hope of life. Why choose them? Because a very good friend of mine had leukaemia a few years ago and thanks to the most amazing treatment and care from the staff at Anthony Nolan, he is now thankfully in remission. Please donate via the JustGiving link, www.justgiving.com/vicky-vyner . Your details are safe-they never sell them on or send unwanted emails. Please also send me some messages to keep me going. Thanks everyone! *Vicky Vyner*

Japan Earthquake and Tsunami

The Shelterbox appeal is currently doing great things to provide relief in Japan following the devastating earthquake, tsunami and radiation threats. The youth section (weblink <http://www.sense-of-place.co.uk/shelterbox/forteachers/>) have some great activities for schools.

School Uniform

Following a review of the current school uniform, and consultation with School Council, Class Reps and Governors, it has now been agreed to standardise the uniform that children will be asked to wear. They will be expected to have red polo shirts with the Bishops Down logo and girls should have red and white checked dresses during the summer. The blue and white polo shirts will be phased out gradually. There is still a small stock of blue and white polo shirts in school which you can purchase if your child prefers these colours, and they can continue to wear these until they outgrow them, at which point we would ask you to replace them with red ones. From September, new reception children will only wear the red polo shirts.

It has been noticeable in school recently how many children are not wearing the correct uniform and footwear. None of us wish to create a negative culture of nagging pupils about this, but it must be remembered that parents and pupils have agreed when they started school to abide by our uniform rules. We all know how quickly precedents can be set when a minority of children do not wear the correct uniform. Please ensure that your child is wearing the following uniform during the summer months:

- **Black or navy** Shoes (not trainers) or sandals (not open toed)
- Logo polo shirt (**red - preferably**, blue or white)
- Logo navy sweatshirt/sweat cardigan or
Logo knitted sweater
- **Navy blue** school shorts
- **Red/white** (preferably) checked dresses
- Socks – **white or navy blue**
- **Navy** baseball/legionnaire's caps with Bishops Down logo

Are You Eligible to Apply for Free School Meals?

Your child may be entitled to receive free school meals if you receive one or more of the following:

- Income Support (IS)
- Income Based Jobseekers Allowance (IBJSA)
- An income related employment and support allowance
- Support under part VI of the Immigration and Asylum Act 1999; or
- Child Tax Credit, provided they are not entitled to Working Tax Credit and have an annual income (as assessed by Her Majesty's Revenue and Customs) that does not exceed £16190. Note: where a parent is entitled to Working Tax Credit during the four-week period, immediately after their employment ceases, or after they start to work less than 16 hours per week, their children are entitled to free school lunches.
- The Guarantee element of State Pension Credit

Please see Carol in the office if you are in receipt of any of the above.

Netball

On Wednesday 16th March Bishops Down Year 5 Netball Team played some great matches at Skinners Kent Academy. Our first match was against Pembury. Sadly we lost 3-0 (quite good). After that we played St Augustine's and they won with an amazing score of 7-1. Our last match was against St John's and we WON!. The score was a fabulous 4-1 to us!

Elena Holland and Lily Willis-Powell

Tag Rugby

One dreary day in March, we thought things couldn't get any worse until Mrs Tizzard picked a couple of experienced players from Year 5 and Year 6 to play a Tag Rugby festival. We actually turned out to be more than just experienced. We played seven matches against other schools, each school was split into two teams, Team A and Team B. Team A shone brightly by never losing a game...until the final. Our final match was against Matfield and Brenchley, the pressure was on! So far we had drawn one and won the others. Our final match wasn't as lucky though; we came second, but it was very very close. Overall, we came 2nd out of about eleven schools so Yahoo!

Ruby Read, Freya Simmons and Freya Bowden

Regards,

Dan Turvey