

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down

Newsletter No.2

The early morning chill in the air means that we can begin to look forward to some exciting events including our Harvest Festival. This year we will be celebrating in a traditional way by asking your children to bring in donations of food which will be donated to 'The Soup Bowl' in Tunbridge Wells for homeless people. We will be having a harvest assembly on this day for the children which will be led by Tess Negri who works for the charity. Donations can include tins of food (including tuna, salmon, ham, corned beef, tomatoes, and sweet corn), packs of cheese, dry pasta and sugar, jars of coffee and custard! It is amazing to know that local donations given at this time can last a year, so no out of date sticky tins from the back of the cupboard! You can start bringing in donations from the 5th October. Our assembly will be on Thursday 8th at 9.10am.



Bring your grandparents to school day – Friday 9th October 9.00 – 11.30am



We welcome all grandparents to come along to school with their grandchildren to take part in classes, assembly, playtime, enjoy coffee, a cake and a chat! Additionally, if anyone has a grandparent with an exciting story to tell, who might be willing to talk to the children in assembly or classes, please let myself or class teachers know. If your child cannot bring a grandparent along, please let us know and we will ensure that they are adopted by another one for the day. We hope that this may become an annual event. If a grandparent is desperate to attend but cannot make the morning, a limited number may be able to visit in the afternoon, though by that stage there may not be any cake left. Please let us know if your child can bring their GPs along by sending back the attached form by Friday 2nd

October.

From the PSA - Thank you so much to everyone who helped today at the Dragon Boat Race. Thank you to Gill, Jen and Sue for helping set up the pitch on Friday evening. Well worth the hard work as we won best pitch and received £100. The team was fantastic. We got through to the final after getting the fastest time of the day out of 64 other teams. Ten boats went through to the final and we came in 5th. Even in the last race nobody managed to beat our fastest time but this race was based on the first team across the line.

e-Safety at Bishops Down - At Bishops Down we are committed to ensuring the children are taught how to use the Internet safely, as this will be an integral part of their lives. We are therefore participating fully with KCC and their e-Safety campaign. The staff have already been fortunate enough to have received training this week on the dangers and the positives of Internet use.

We will be holding an e-Safety week, 12th – 16th October, for all the children, where staff will deliver fun activities and there will be visits from a theatre group and the KCC e-Safety officer. We also feel it is essential that parents are aware of what their children have access to and how you can help reduce the risks. We will therefore be hosting 2 parent presentations on 19th and 21st October at 9.20am. We hope as many of you will be able to attend as possible. If you would like any further information please contact me.

Jane Clement Year 5

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Class Parent Representatives - Please find below a list of this year's parent representatives. As you can see we still have a few spaces available. If you would like to become a parent representative and contribute your ideas to the school in a different way, please let us know via the school office.

Nursery	No REP
Reception	No REP
Year 1	No REP
Year 2	Nikki Wheeler
Year 3	Sue Knight
Year 4	Bonnie Gomersall
Year 5	No REP
Year 6	Iva Cassell

Parking - If you have been given permission to park at the school at pick up and drop off times, and you don't have a 'Blue Badge', please enquire at the school office.

Book Fair - Our travelling book fair is arriving on October 14th until 21st! We are looking for volunteers to help set up and run the fair on each day. The slots are:

8.15am -9am

3.00pm - 3.45pm

If you can help out it would be very much appreciated! Please see Miss Runalls as soon as possible to let her know which slots you could help with. Many thanks.

Miss Runalls

Art - A plea for Year 2! If anyone has any old shirts or aprons at home, and would like to donate these to the class for use in art, we would really appreciate it! Many thanks.

Miss Runalls

Regards,

Dan Turvey

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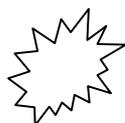


My child's name _____

My child will be bringing _____ grandparents for the morning.

My child/ren is/are in Year _____

The names of the grandparents attending are: _____



Please tick if you would like them to attend in the afternoon as they cannot come in the morning.