

Bishops Down Primary School News

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26th November 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Newsletter No. 8

It is that time of year again when newsletters take on a Christmas feel. In fact it will be 4 weeks today that you will be enjoying the festivities. So to get you in the groove...

Christmas Productions

This year we will be enjoying a performance of 'It's a baby' by children in our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Children in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 will take part in a Key Stage 2 Christmas Concert which will combine music, songs and readings.

'It's a baby' will be performed on Monday 14th December at 2.00pm and Tuesday 15th December at 9.30am.

The Key Stage 2 concert will be performed at 9.30am and 2.00pm on Wednesday 16th December. Separate letters will follow with details of tickets.

Christmas Fair, Saturday 5th December 2-5pm

Thank you for all the donations already received for the fair. Chocolate for the chocolate tombola stall can continue to be delivered to the school office during next week.

Raffle tickets are coming home in book bags today. Please return any stubs and money, together with unsold tickets, to the office during next week in a sealed envelope and mark this for the PSA. Cheques should be payable to 'Bishops Down PSA'.

Tomorrow, Friday 27th November, is own clothes day for children who bring in a donation for the bottle tombola stall.

Many thanks for your support.

PSA

Diane Tizzard

You will be aware that Diane Tizzard who teaches PE throughout the school is expecting a baby. She will be leaving us on the 2nd December to go on maternity leave. We wish her a very enjoyable and relaxing Christmas before the fun begins in January. We look forward to seeing her again in the summer of 2010. PE will continue and be taught by class teachers, swimming will be taught by teachers and instructors at the pool.

Christmas Shoeboxes

Many thanks for the fantastic response to our shoebox appeal. We have managed to collect 135 boxes this year, 25 short of our target of 160. It is great to be able to focus on giving at what can be a difficult time of year for many around the world.

Christmas Cards and Great Ormond Street Hospital

The festive season is a very special time for children. Instead of sending each other cards this year, we have decided to make a donation to Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. The charity aims to raise £50 million pounds every year to fund life-saving equipment, pioneering research, accommodation for parents and to help rebuild and refurbish the hospital. We hope to help them make their Christmas campaign a success.

Each class will be issued with two snowman posters, and each child in the class will be given one self adhesive sticker on which they can write their festive message to their class/friends. In return, the money which would have been spent on Christmas cards can then be given as a donation to the charity through a collection tin here in school. The posters will go up in the classrooms on Monday 7th December.

Children in Need

CHILDREN IN NEED –AMAZING NEWS!

A huge thank you from all of Year 5 for all the support on Friday's Children in Need day. We raised the incredible amount of £ 377.86. The very 'spotty' day was enjoyed by all (except the poor car washers who braved the terrible weather). The winners of the various competitions organised by Year 5 were:

Spot the Pudsey – Jake Year 4 and Lily Year 1

Pin the Ear on Pudsey – Isobel – Year 6

Which Teacher lives in a house like this – Leya Year 2, Beth Year 6, and Tom Year 6.

How many teddies in the jar – Laura Year 6

Best spottily dressed – William Year 1

A very special thanks to the year 5 parents who provided the delicious cakes for the cake sale and helped make Pudsey friends for selling. Finally a massive thank you to all of Year 5 for their motivation and enthusiasm- you should be very proud of all you achieved!

Mrs. Clement.

Christmas decorations

We hope to resurrect an old tradition at Bishops Down, which is the decoration of the hall with the children's own home made decorations. We will be awarding a prize in each class for the most creative Christmas decoration. This should be made using a coat hanger so that we can hang the decoration easily. Children can be as imaginative as they wish. The only stipulation is that the decoration must be light and that all parts must be firmly attached! Each decoration must be clearly labelled with a name and the child's class. Please bring them to the hall when complete. (If anyone has a spare clothes rail for temporary storage, please let me know). Happy sticking.

Christmas Discos

Christmas discos have again been organised for both Key Stages on Thursday 17th December. Please see below for all the details and the ticket request slips, including the booking form for After School Club for this night if required.

Christmas lunch

Our Christmas lunch is on Thursday 17th December. If your child does not normally have a school lunch but would like one, please ask for a form from the office. The cost of a meal is £1.95. Payment and the form should be returned by tomorrow, Friday 27th November.

Photographs

Following discussions with the class reps, a different photography company has been booked to take individual and family photographs of the children in January. Further details will follow after Christmas.

Regards

Dan Turvey

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Dear Parents,

School Discos

This term's Discos will be held on Thursday 17th December. There will be an Infant Disco from 5.00-6.00pm followed by a Junior Disco from 6.30-8.00pm. The price of the Infant Disco is £3.00 (this includes crisps and a drink), and £3.50 for Juniors. Drinks and crisps will be available for Junior children to purchase. This year we will not issue tickets but, as before, a register of all children purchasing tickets and attending will be kept. Please note that children from outside the school cannot be invited.

Our After School Club will be running its popular pre-disco sessions to include tea. Infants 3.15 -5pm at £9.70 including disco entrance. Juniors 3.15-6.30 at £11.50 including disco entrance.

Numbers are limited so are on a first come first served basis.

For regular ASC members who also attend the disco there will be no invoices for this day. Please fill in the slip below and attach payment for the session and disco. Cheques should be made payable to 'Bishops Down Primary School'.

If you wish your child to attend ASC only, please book their place in the usual way and you will be invoiced.

Please return the slip below by Monday 14th December.

Yours sincerely,

Mr. John Tutt

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Infant Disco

- I would like places for the Infant Disco only, at £3.00 each (includes crisps and drink)
- I would likeplaces for the Club and Infant Disco at £9.70 each
- I enclose £.....

Name of child(ren) Class.....

..... Class

Signed

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Junior Disco

- I would like places for the Junior Disco only, at £3.50 each
- I would likeplaces for the Club and Junior Disco at £11.50 each
- I enclose £.....

Name of child(ren) Class.....

..... Class

Signed