



27th June 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 35 Newsletter

A busy week with classes out on trips and children competing in sports events. Round up of recent reports -

Reception Trip to Underriver Farm

On Thursday 19th June Reception visited Underriver Farm near Hildenborough for the day. We travelled by coach which was very exciting and lots of us saw places that we recognised along the way. When we got there we met Farmer John who spent the day helping us. In the morning we went pond dipping and found lots of pond bugs, we had pictures to help us find out what they were. In the afternoon we went into the woods to look for minibeasts. We were each given a pot to put a minibeast in once we had one, then we went to show Farmer John who told us what they were. We had a lovely day out and we were very lucky that so many mums of Reception children came along to help us and enjoy the fun.

Alison Wilmshurst

Year 3 Trip to the Pantiles

On Tuesday we went on our trip we have all been looking forward to for so long to the Pantiles. We especially enjoyed finding out about the history of the Pantiles and were surprised at the age of some of the buildings. We found out where the fish market used to be and enjoyed our tour of the church. We also tasted the water from the Chalybeate spring and the iron in the water made it taste very different from water we are used to drinking. We all enjoyed the day and did very well to walk such a long way on a hot day. A big thank you to all the parents who offered to help on our trip.

Michelle Reader

Governors Health and Safety Committee – Gate Safety

The Health and Safety Governors' Committee would like to remind parents not to enter the playground until the gate is opened at 8.45am by a member of staff. In recent days the gate has been opened by some parents as early as 8.30am and this has allowed children to enter the playground to play unsupervised.

Class reps have also expressed concern that there are a large number of parents coming onto the playground to wait with their children until the bell goes. This can compromise the children's safety as large numbers of adults make it difficult to monitor and supervise. Only parents of children in Reception and Nursery are allowed onto the playground. By working together we can make our school a safe place. Thank you for your co-operation with this.

Governors Health and Safety Committee

Pentathlon

The pentathlon was a fantastic event. The sun shone for us all afternoon and there was a great atmosphere with 16 schools competing. Every competitor helped towards our total with us achieving 8th place out of 16. There were a number of very high 4th Standards reached and 3 pupils, Rose, Edward and Oscar received the highest Standard 5. The whole team should be proud that they represented their school with such enthusiasm. A special thank you to Mrs Silburn for organising the pupils and running of events during the afternoon whilst I was marshalling.

Diane Tizzard

Book Box Competition

Please do come and see the lovely boxes children created, inspired by their favourite book. These are on display outside the ICT suite. Winners of the competition were –

Nursery	Eloise
Reception	Rosie
Year 1	Adam
Year 2	Jemima
Year 3	Milly
Year 4	Amy and Marie

School Class Photographs

The class photograph proofs went home in book bags on Wednesday. Due to a tight turn around, please can you return the proof with payment sealed in the plastic wallet provided as soon as possible, and **NO LATER THAN WEDNESDAY 2ND JULY**, if you wish to place an order. Any late orders must include a £3.50 surcharge and are not guaranteed back before the end of term.

Future Events -

Year 6 Summer Play

On Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th July the extremely talented Year 6 are showing to parents and friends 'Cloned Classics Park!'

Our singing will be super; our acting is amazing and the guitar playing by Mr Tutt...well anyway. If you have a good sense of humour then come on down and see our great summer play. Tickets will be a reasonable price. We will be looking forward to seeing you ALL there!

Breeze Y6

Shine Week

Next week is Shine Week and the children will be involved in activities to share their talents, develop their skills and try something new. This is also happening in the Isle of Wight as Year 6 journey begins on Monday. A very excited Mrs Savage, Mr Tutt, Mrs Stock, Miss Gurr and Year 6 will be involved in all sorts of adventurous activities. We are hoping to develop our technology skills too, and upload daily photos on the school website, all being well. To see what we're up to click on www.bishopsdownprimary.org

Head Teacher Awards

Reception	Danielle	Artie
Year 1	Adam	Corey
Year 2	Max	Keira
Year 3	Oliver	Abigail
Year 4	Thomas	Taran
Year 5	Tom	Eleanor
Year 6	Jasper	Katie

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Savage

Please see below for term dates for the next school year.

TERM DATES 2008- 2009

INSET DAYS: MONDAY 1ST SEPT, TUESDAY 2ND SEPT 2008, MONDAY 17TH NOVEMBER 2008, MONDAY 5TH JAN 2009 AND THURSDAY 4TH JUNE 2009.

INSET DAY Mon 1ST SEPTEMBER 2008

INSET DAY Tues 2ND SEPTEMBER 2008

TERM 1

Start: Wednesday 3rd September 2008 Nursery closed 3rd & 4th Sept
for Consultations

Finish: Friday 24th October 2008

Holiday Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October 2008

INSET DAY Monday 17th November 2008

TERM 2

Start: Monday 3rd November 2008

Finish: Friday 19th December 2008

Holiday Monday 22nd December – Friday 2nd January 2009

INSET DAY Monday 5th January 2009

TERM 3

Start: Tuesday 6th January 2009

Finish: Friday 13th February 2009

Holiday Monday 16th February – Friday 20th February 2009

TERM 4

Start: Monday 23rd February 2009

Easter 10th April – 13th April

Finish: Friday 3rd April 2009

Holiday Monday 6th April – Friday 17th April 2009

TERM 5

Start: Monday 20th April 2009

Finish: Friday 22nd May 2009

Holiday Monday 25th May – Friday 29th May 2009

INSET DAY Thursday 4th June 2009 (EUROPEAN & COUNTY ELECTIONS)

TERM 6

Start: Monday 1st June 2009
Finish: Monday 20th July 2009