



Bishops Down Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Thank you to those parents that have been in touch with words of encouragement and support during the recent norovirus outbreak. It has been a difficult time for staff as many have dealt with multiple incidents over the past week. I am incredibly proud of the resilience and tenacity of our staff. We are over the worst of the outbreak now, as children off school with coughs and colds outweigh the number off with sickness.

We are delighted to announce that the school video project for our 50th birthday is well into the planning stage. In a month or so you will be asked if you give permission for your child to take part. We are aware that we have your general consent for your child's picture to be seen on our website but as this video will be on our website for a number of years we want to double check with you. If you have any skills or equipment that we may be able to benefit from for this project please get in touch with Jo Sheldon. Thank you.

Year 5 parents– thank you to those who were able to attend the presentation this week regarding the residential trip. I know many of you would appreciate an evening meeting, so in the Autumn term we will arrange a meeting to discuss the trip in more detail. Please can we have your deposits for the year 6 residential by **30th January** to secure a place.

Please can children be given lunch boxes/zipped bags, not disposable bags to bring their lunches in. When lunches are just in plastic bags it is very tempting for our local squirrels! Lunch boxes are put on the trolleys in the morning and then taken in at 9.am. They are then taken back outside at 1.45pm. Please remind your child to collect their lunch box at the end of the day or the squirrels will try to open them during the night and make an awful mess!

See photo below for the year 5-6 athletics tournament last week.

PSA

The AGM will be on Wednesday 29th March at 7pm, at the school. It would be great to see some new faces so if you're interested in getting involved in the school,

please come along!

QUIZ NIGHT 4 FEBRUARY



We are delighted to let you know that Mrs Clarke will be running a recorder club every Monday lunch time 1-1.30pm, starting Monday 6th February 2017.



This club will be open to children in Years 4, with a maximum limit of 15 children. To guarantee a spot for your child, contact the office on a first come first served basis. We will then write to confirm whether your child has a place. These members will be taking part in a recorder workshop on the 2nd March, 1.30pm to 3pm at TWGGS, so it is important that your child does have some confidence with the instrument and is willing to practice the pieces at home.

We look forward to hearing from you!

Kent West Dyslexia Association

8th February 7.30-9.30pm- IT & Revision Skills for Dyslexic Learners

20th June 7.15-9.30pm- 'Creative Successful Dyslexic'
author Margaret Rooke (& AGM)

Coffee mornings and workshops are held throughout the year.
Please see website for further details.

www.kentwestdyslexia.org.uk

EAL Parents 'Tea Afternoon'

Wednesday 1st Feb, 2.00-3.00 in the drama room.

This is an opportunity for parents of children who have English as an Additional Language to get together and talk about common issues. It is informal and very supportive.



On Monday 16th January 2017, the very talented KS2 Choir took to the stage at The O2 Arena with some of the best live entertainment in the world! They joined forces with numerous choirs across England, to form the world's largest choir 'Young Voices'. The children sang their hearts out (as the professionals we know they are) and danced and beatboxed with such energy and enthusiasm.

A huge thank you to all of the staff that attended: Mrs Wilson, Mrs Thompson, Mrs Gripper, Miss Marriott and Mrs Richardson and parent volunteers: Camilla Slattery, David Patrick, Sarah Barker and Sarah Bailey. This once in a life-time experience wouldn't have been possible without you all!

Please note: the Young Voices app for taking pictures was not successful. Therefore, we will be organising photos to be sent via drop box very soon.

'The only thing better than singing, is more singing!' *Ella Fitzgerald*

Parent consultations are on Monday 30th Jan, Tuesday 31st and Wednesday the 1st Feb. Please ensure you have signed up. During the Monday and Tuesday meetings you will have the opportunity to try a selection of food provided by Independent Catering.