

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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28<sup>th</sup> March 2014



Dear Parents and Guardians

**Bring Your Dad to School Day** – Yesterday we had a wonderful time on our 'Bring your Dad to school day'. Thank you to everyone who came along and took time off work to do so. The children thoroughly enjoyed themselves and I hope this was a valuable experience for everyone. If you are interested in coming in to help on a regular basis please contact Sue Solomon via the school office.

**'Going Wild' and 'French' Clubs** – Please note that these clubs will not take place next week as Mrs Bell and Mrs Baker are unavailable. All other clubs will have sessions next week.

**Starsnappers** – These exciting workshops for the Guinness World Record attempt for the largest photographic exhibition are taking place on Monday and Tuesday next week. There are still a number of children across the school (Y1-Y6) for whom we do not have a completed Starsnappers permission form, so please either complete the one attached and return to school, or collect one from the office.

**Issues after school on the playground and rear field** - We are having a number of issues with parents and children staying on the school site after school for a long time. Our expectation is that most parents and children will have left the site by 3.30pm and those collecting children from Nursery by 3.40pm. Our priority must be the safety of children involved in after school hours activities. Staff leading these activities are struggling to monitor pupils and deliver their clubs effectively as there are so many other children still in school.

In addition we are having issues with children being allowed to use the castle, outdoor classroom and play equipment unsupervised after school. To clarify the position, children are not allowed to play on the equipment behind Reception classrooms after school hours. I have asked staff to be vigilant about this for the sake of all our children and they will ask children to leave the area.

**Litter** – There is an increasing amount of litter, particularly sweet packets, being left behind in the playground at the end of the school day. Please can we all work together to keep the school looking tidy by using the bins provided, thank you.

**Lost Property** – The Lost Property bin is again full of items which are not named, or with names of children who have left the school (so which have been purchased from the PSA). Please can you have a look in the bin next week if your child has lost anything, as items left will again be donated to the PSA/Charity bin at the end of term.

**Request for donations** - We are currently in the process of developing the outside area around the pond and would be grateful for any donations of plants, seeds and washed clean pots. We would particularly welcome wildlife friendly and bee and butterfly attracting plants, but any donations would be gratefully received. If you enjoy being outside, would like to help and are able to offer a small amount of time to help us kick start this project, then it would be great to hear from you. Please leave your details at the office.  
*Mrs. Tuson and Mrs. Bell*

**Improved Online Free School Meals Process** - Kent County Council will be launching an online application service for Free School Meals from 7<sup>th</sup> April. Parents will have the opportunity to complete an eligibility assessment themselves to establish whether they are entitled to Free School Meals. If eligible, they

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can complete an application for Free School Meals via <http://www.kent.gov.uk/>. Schools will be notified of any successful applications straight away via email, so that a Free School Meal can be provided the same day.

Please don't forget that we break up for Easter next Friday and children (except Nursery) return on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> April.

Regards

*Daniel T Tunay*

### **Dates for your Diaries**

Mon 31 <sup>st</sup> March	Starsnappers photographic workshop in school for Y1-6
Tues 1 <sup>st</sup> April	Starsnappers photographic workshop in school for Y1-6 Year 1 trip to Port Lympne – children to be at school at <b>8am</b>
Wed 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	Year 2 trip to Port Lympne – children to be at school at <b>8am</b>
Fri 4 <sup>th</sup> April	PSA Easter Egg Hunt 12.30-3pm
	<b>Term 4 ends</b>
Tues 22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Inset Day – no children in school
Wed 23 <sup>rd</sup> April	Term 5 starts for all children EXCEPT Nursery
Thurs 24 <sup>th</sup> April	Term starts for Nursery children
Fri 25 <sup>th</sup> April	Y6 Safety in Action morning
Mon 28 <sup>th</sup> April	After School Activities start again today
28 <sup>th</sup> April to 2 <sup>nd</sup> May	Parent lunches in school (further details to follow)
Wed 30 <sup>th</sup> April	Deadline for full payment for Y5 residential trip
Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Deadline for full payment for Y6 residential Trip Parent Reps meeting 9am
Wed 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Tag Rugby Tournament 12-5pm
Fri 9 <sup>th</sup> May	PSA Cake Sale (Reception parents to donate cakes please)
Mon 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Whole Class Photographs Year 5 Secondary Transition Meeting 7-8pm