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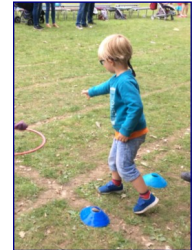
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Dear Parents and Guardians

I am pleased to announce the staffing arrangements for next year—see page 3. We welcome Mrs Michelle Woods as SENCo, Miss Elizabeth Mackie as Sycamore Class teacher, Mrs Cecilia Bekesi, Miss Louise McCredie, Miss Charlotte Bailey and Mrs Lydia Fahey as TAs and Mrs Sabina Bell as Midday Supervisor. Sinead Roberts is returning from her maternity leave before the end of this term.

Sadly we are losing one of our longest serving members of staff at the end of this academic year, Vanda Paget who has been with us for 23 years. Vanda will be enjoying a well earned retirement. We wish her well with this new chapter of her life. Also we say good bye to Miss Sophie Stock who is taking a permanent teaching position at St James Juniors. Mrs Naismith and Mrs George also come to the end of their maternity cover role this term. Lynn Sharman and Teresa Fennell, Teaching assistants are also leaving at the end of this year. We thank them all for their energy, expertise and commitment to Bishops Down.

Sports day was fantastic! It was great to see so many parents supporting the event— *and* the weather was kind. A huge thank you to Diane Tizzard for organising the day and to all the parents who helped tidy up at the end!



Recently we have had a few days when the car park is extremely busy. Please only enter the car park if you have a blue badge. All other visitors and parents should park on the road. Occasionally there may be a need for you to temporarily use the car park, eg. your child is on crutches due to an injury. Please ask the office for permission to use the car park first and do not use the disabled spaces. **Blue Badge holders only in the disabled spaces** thank you.



50th Celebrations

I would just like to say a massive thank you to the following parents for agreeing to help on the 50th Mrs McLoughlin, Mrs Bowers, Mrs Brown, Mrs Doubell, Mrs Bridge, Mrs Lynch, Mrs Aves, Ms Alexander, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Weston and Mrs Byrne. You are all amazing and we would not be able to run it without you. I'm still however am 1 short for the morning and 5 short for the afternoon. If anyone is able to do all day or just the afternoon please can you let me know ASAP otherwise I am going to have to drop some of the activities.

I would also like to say thank you to all of you for keeping it a secret from the children, it will make such an impact to their day that they don't know what is going on. Thank you also to the parents who contributed financially to the day, I can't wait to see the children's faces.

A reminder that children are welcome to wear 1960's style clothes on the day.

Finally there are just a couple of bits I am struggling to get, if anyone has any of the following please could you bring it in labelled for me many thanks; Lava lamps, 60's music cd's, medium sized paddling pool, Buzz off game and a water gun. **Mrs Kyte and the 50th Birthday Team**

A poster for 'B-Fest 2017' at Bishops Down Summer Camp Weekender. The background shows a busy outdoor festival with people, tents, and colorful bunting. The text is overlaid on this image.

B-Fest 2017
Bishops Down Summer Camp Weekender
1st & 2nd July  2pm onwards
Bouncy Castle & Family Games  Fab Music
Jewellery Making & Tattoos  Burgers & Hot Dogs
Bar & Pimms Tent  Movie & Popcorn
Midnight Walk & Hot Chocolate
Cool Vibes & Lots More...
Day tickets **£12** per adult & **£4** per child
Weekend tickets **£15** per adult & **£5** per child

PSA meeting meets End of Year Drinks!

The final PSA meeting for the year will be at St John's Yard on **Wednesday 5th July**, from 8pm. If you've not yet come to one of these, please join us. We'll be toasting our outgoing (in both senses) members, looking towards some great events for next year, and hopefully recruiting a new secretary. It would be great to see some new faces - and of course all the regular faces too!

Cricket News

Last week 36 children from yr 4 and yr 6 attended the cricket tournament. The yr 6 teams finished 3rd and 5th in their groups and the yr 4 teams finished 2nd and 4th in their groups. One of the yr 4 teams won the semi final to finish 3rd place in the overall scoreboard. Every team worked hard and all won at least one match. It was a very hot day and the children coped extremely well. It was great to hear other schools saying positive things about our school's behaviour and fair play. Well done to all the cricketers.

On Friday 23rd June five children attended a Disability Cricket Day at Kings Hill. Children taking part were Oliver, James, Anja, Devon and Malachi.

All children were fantastic sportsmen and women, embracing the challenge and playing excellent Rapid Fire Cricket. They won two games and Oliver, James and Anja were awarded Man of the Match in the games. The adults were very proud of them all. Well done.

Last chance of this school year....

To see our fantastic **This is Us** Youth Dance Company dancers take to the stage at Hillfest, Tonbridge Castle on Friday 21st July - the first day of the summer holidays!

The third public performance we will have done this year and a brilliant way to celebrate our talented bunch of dancers and all they have achieved.

We will be back training in September and do have some spaces available. Have a look at our Facebook page - This Is Us Youth Dance Company in partnership with Stopgap Dance to see who we are and what we do.

We are a completely inclusive group and are open to children from outside Bishops Down, why not come along for a free taster session and give it a try!

Class allocation 2017-18

Current Class	New Class	Teacher(s)	TAs
	Nursery	Mrs Edmondson	Mrs Seale Mrs Gaved Mrs Bekesi
Acorns	YR – Chestnut	Mrs Holliday	Mrs Thompson Mrs Chapple
Chestnut	Yr 1 – Beech	Mrs Parks	Mrs Cockburn Miss Goodfellow Miss McCredie Mrs Bekesi
Beech	Yr 2 – Apple	Mrs Akers (3 days MTW), Mrs Ashley (2 days ThF)	Miss Marriot Miss Bryan Mrs Magee Mrs Bekesi
Apple	Yr 3 – Maple	Mrs Wilmshurst (3 days MTW), Miss Ritman-Meer (ThF)	Mrs Peek
Mulberry	Yr 4 – Hazel	Miss Hepden	Mrs Gardner Mrs Lester Mrs Baker
Maple	Yr 4 – Sycamore	Miss Mackie	Miss Goodfellow Miss Bailey
Hazel	Yr 5 – Redwood	Miss Hardman (3 days), Mrs Cowell (2 days)- <i>days may be subject to change due to Miss Hard- man's Deputy Role</i>	Mrs Smith Mrs Fahey
Sycamore	Yr 5 – Pine	Miss Ritchie	Mrs Monkman/ Mrs Ahmed Mrs Williams Mrs Magee
Redwood	Yr 6 - Larch	Mrs Wilson	Mrs Gripper Mrs Gebbie
Pine	Yr 6 – Oak	Mr Wyke	Mrs Richardson Mrs Whittington Mrs Gillham