

Bishops Down Primary School News

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4th July 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you all so much for coming along to sports day on Wednesday. We appreciate that many of you had taken time off work to attend. What a great day we had with the weather and all the events. Thank you so much to Mrs Tizzard for organizing the day and to Year 5 and 6 who were a huge help in the morning.

Midday Supervisors - We are looking for two Midday Supervisors from September 2014 supporting children during their lunch hour. The role is term time only, hours 11.40am until 1.40pm, 5 days per week. A free lunch is available afterwards. Salary Kent Range 2 £13,512 pro rata which is £3011. Please come to the school office for details and an application form if you are interested. The closing date is noon on 11th July. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo an enhanced DBS check.

Art Exhibition Week - During Term 6 each class will be creating a piece of art linked to their class tree. All the children in each class will be involved in some way, and each class will be choosing where in the school to display their creation. During exhibition week each class will be able to view their own art work as well as all the other classes. On Tuesday 15th and Thursday 17th parents and carers are invited to come and view our "Tree Exhibition" from 3.15-4.30pm. We look forward to seeing you there! Alison Wilmshurst

Data collection sheets – Please can you return any of these forms which are still at home. If you do not remember checking a sheet and returning it, or have misplaced it, please let the office know so that a new sheet can be printed for you to look at, any amendments should be written on the sheet in red ink. The forms will be used as a main source of contact details should your child be ill.

PSA - Well done to everyone who was involved in organising the Summer Fair - we raised £2446 which is fantastic. Thank you for supporting the event.

Year 6 end of year production - Year 6 will be performing their play during the week of 7th July, the two evening performances are on Wednesday 9th July and Thursday 10th July at 7pm. If you would like tickets, please complete a request form at the office.

Lost Property – Please can you check the tables at the Parents' waiting area for anything which may belong to your children as most of the items are not named. Anything left at the end of term will be binned, given to the PSA to re-sell, or given to charity.

Parent Survey – Governors are keen to hear your feedback as we begin to prepare a new 'School Development Plan'. Some of you were able to complete surveys during parent consultations, but if you were not able to do this we would still welcome your comments. You can do this via e-mail to the school office or by writing your comments on paper and returning to the school office in an envelope marked 'Parent Survey FAO Governors'. We would encourage parents to respond even if they are happy with the school and have no suggestions to make. Comments are welcome on the following.

- What are the strengths of the school?
- What are the areas for the school to improve on?
- How do you feel about your child's learning and experience of school?
- What do you think about the government suggestions about altering the start/finish time of the school day and having shorter, more regular holidays?

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Changes to the Bishops Down Governing Body - We are sorry to announce that Lynne Russell and Stuart McTavish have stepped down from their role as Chair and Vice Chair of Governors respectively. Lynne has been an excellent Chair of governors for over 4 years (and a governor for 9 years) and we would like to thank Lynne very much for her hard work and dedication to the school during her time as chair and governor. Lynne will be staying on as a governor until December to help the new chair settle in. We would also like to thank Stuart, who has come to the end of his term of office as a co-opted governor and will be leaving the governing body at the end of term. Stuart has served on the governing body for over 7 years and has been a valuable member of the team. Helen Ralph's term of office as a parent governor has now come to an end and Helen was elected as a co-opted governor by the governing body on the 30th June. We would also like to thank Helen for agreeing to serve a further term of office.

Finally we are pleased to announce that Tarif Chowdhury was elected as the new Chair of Governors on the 30th June. We would like to wish Tarif good luck in his new role.

Regards

Daniel T Tunney

Dates for your Diaries

Sat 5th July	PSA Campout
Mon 7th July	Year 1 visit to Hastings
Tues 8th July	Prospective Parents visit at 9.30am
Wed 9th July	Year 2 Olive Class Assembly 9.10-10am Year 6 production 7pm
Thurs 10th July	Class swaps for the morning Year 6 production 7pm
Fri 11th July	PSA Cake Sale – donations from Nursery Acorn class please
Tues 15th July	Class swaps for the afternoon Art Exhibition 3.15-4.30pm
Wed 16th July	Year 3 Maple Class Assembly 9.10-10am Disability Awareness Day
Thurs 17th July	Art Exhibition 3.15-4.30pm
Fri 18th July	Y1 & Y2 Music workshops 10am to 12noon
Mon 21st	Bishops Down has Got Talent (pupils only)
Tue 22nd July	School Discos - see separate letter next week
Wed 23rd July	Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.15am Last day of term
Thurs 24th July	Holiday
Weds 3rd Sept	INSET day, no children in school
Thurs 4th Sept	Term 1 starts for children