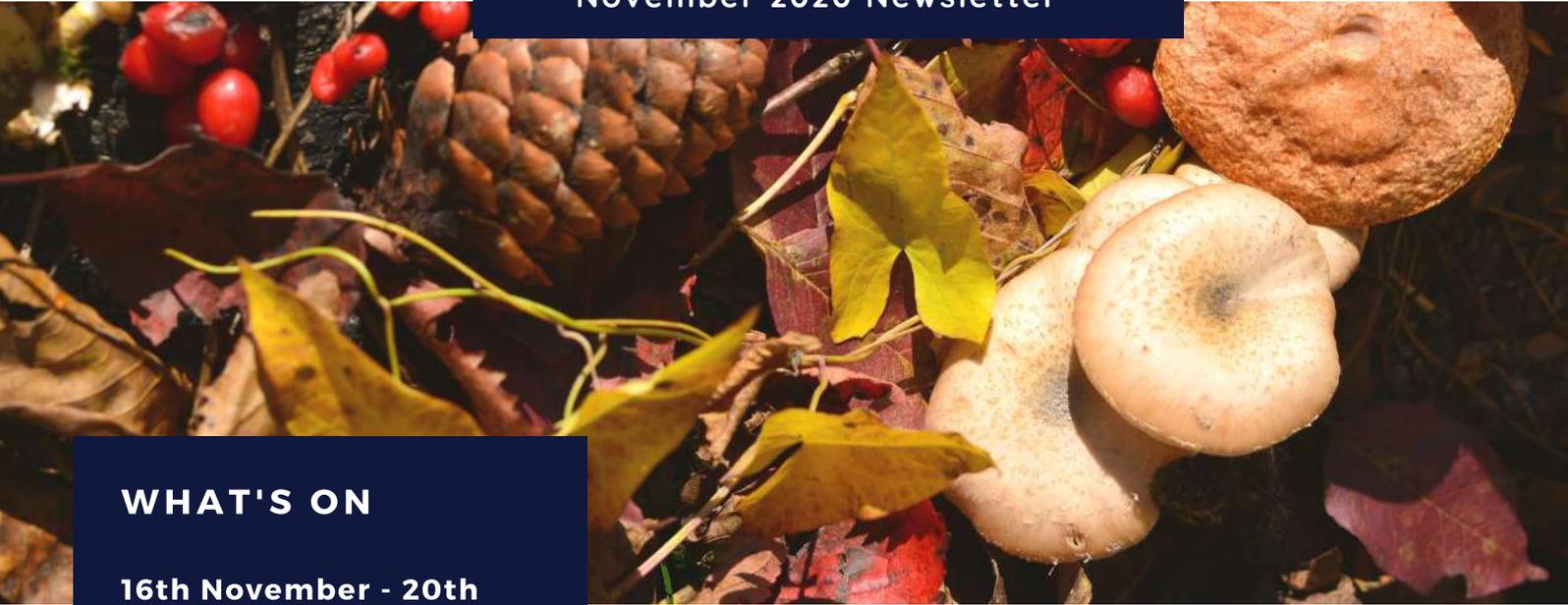


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# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL PSA

November 2020 Newsletter



**WHAT'S ON**

**16th November - 20th November** - "Sweetie jar" competition

**27th November** - Christmas hamper raffle donations deadline

**29th November - 6th December** - Our December Christmas Facebook Competition

**4th December** - Class Reps assemble Hampers

**16th December** - Crazy Christmas Jumper Day

## WELCOME TO THE BISHOPS DOWN PSA

The PSA has been out of action for most of 2020 due to the Coronavirus. But in the past few weeks, new Co-Chairs (**Kristy Adams** and **Lucy Howard**) and a new Secretary (**Clare Wetz**) have been voted in.

As a result, there is a renewed passion for the PSA. And we all want to do everything that we can to raise much needed funds for the school. [Click here](#) to find out more about our new team on the school website.

## HOW CAN YOU HELP?

There are many ways that you can contribute to the success of the Bishops Down PSA. These include supporting our events, buying raffle tickets or following our social media pages. Additionally, if you are a business who would like to collaborate with us, perhaps by supplying a prize for our raffle, then please do contact us on [\*\*psa@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk\*\*](mailto:psa@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk). We would love to hear from you.

# HOW CAN YOU HELP?

Over the next few months, we are planning to run many COVID-friendly and digital fundraising activities. These will hopefully mean that we can start to raise vital funds for the school. So please keep an eye on our webpage, the PSA community Facebook page and the school newsletters for more information about future events and fundraising activities.

## Christmas Hamper Raffle

Christmas is approaching which means it is time to start collecting for our Christmas hampers. This year all classes will be filling their hamper with "happiness" and all the colours of the rainbow. Please bring donations for the hamper into school by **Friday, 27th November 2020**.

The donations need to be given to your child to take into class where they will place them in their class donation boxes. These gifts will then be quarantined and collected by the class reps before being assembled into a hamper. And don't forget, the most creative hamper will win a prize for their class.

## Raffle Tickets

Bishops Down's Big Christmas Raffle is now live. Tickets can be purchased through the website Raffall and **cost £1.00 per ticket** and will be on sale until midnight on **Thursday, 10th December**. Please **[Click Here](#)** to buy your tickets.

The raffle prizes include the **8 Christmas Class Hampers and 1 Hamper of Booze**. And in a plan to support and promote local small businesses we have asked a number of businesses to contribute a prize to the hampers. Please look at Facebook and emails from the school for more details.

## NEWS

### Pumpkin Competition

Over half term the Bishops Down PSA ran a pumpkin carving competition for all children. The competition was a huge success with 46 entries. It was hard for our lovely judge to decide on one winner and so she chose two.

Congratulations to **Oliver from Year 5** and **Silvia from Year N** for being our winners. Your pumpkins were amazing and very creative. But thank you to everyone who took part. It really was a great success. We will be running another competition to win a £10.00 Amazon Gift Voucher in December. So do keep an eye on our Community [Facebook page](#) for more information.

# HOW TO GET INVOLVED

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## Social Media

We have created fundraising pages on Facebook and Instagram. These will be used to promote fundraising events and to build our community. If you have a Facebook and/ or Instagram account then please go and give these pages a follow.



**On Facebook** "Bishops Down Primary and Nursery School PSA Fundraising" [Click here to visit](#)



**On Facebook** "Bishops Down Primary and Nursery School PSA Page" - Which is our private school group [Click here to visit](#)



**On Instagram** "@bishopsdownschoolpsa" [Click here to visit](#)

## Webpage

Our new webpage is now live and launched on the Bishops Down Website it can be accessed [here](#)



## Easyfundraising

It's simple to use and it's free. Since their launch in 2005, they've helped thousands of good causes raise money simply by shopping online. To take part follow these three easy steps:

**Join** - [Click here](#) to join and start raising money for your chosen cause.

**Shop** - There are nearly 3,000 retailers on board, so pick the one you want and start shopping.

**Raise** - After you've made your purchase, the retailer will make a donation to Bishops Down PSA at no extra cost to yourself.



## AmazonSmile

AmazonSmile is a program that **donates 0.5%** of your eligible purchases on Amazon to a charity of your choice. All you need to do to start raising funds for Bishops Down PSA is the following:

**Join** - [Click here](#) and choose to support Bishops Down Primary School Parent Staff Association.

**Shop** - Shop on AmazonSmile to your heart's content.

**Raise** - At no extra cost to yourself, a donation will be made to Bishops Down PSA.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

**16th November - 20th November - "Sweetie jar"** competition. Children can guess the number of sweets in the sweetie jar. We are asking for a donation of £1.00 per guess. Donation and guess will be taken in class by the teacher.

**12th November - 10th December** - Raffle tickets will be on sale. Please [click here](#) to find out more

**27th November** - This is the last morning for all Christmas hamper raffle donations to be sent into school with your child and placed into class donation boxes.

**29th November - 6th December** - Our December Christmas Facebook Competition - Every month we hold a competition for all children to get involved with to WIN a special prize. This month, we are challenging you to design a new outfit for Santa Claus. The snazzier the better! Our Community Facebook Page will have further details soon.

**4th December** - Class Reps to create their class hamper and leave at school.

**11th December** - Bishops Down Big Christmas Raffle - The raffle will be drawn and the prize for best hamper awarded. The winner's will be contacted and announced on our Facebook and in our newsletter for December.

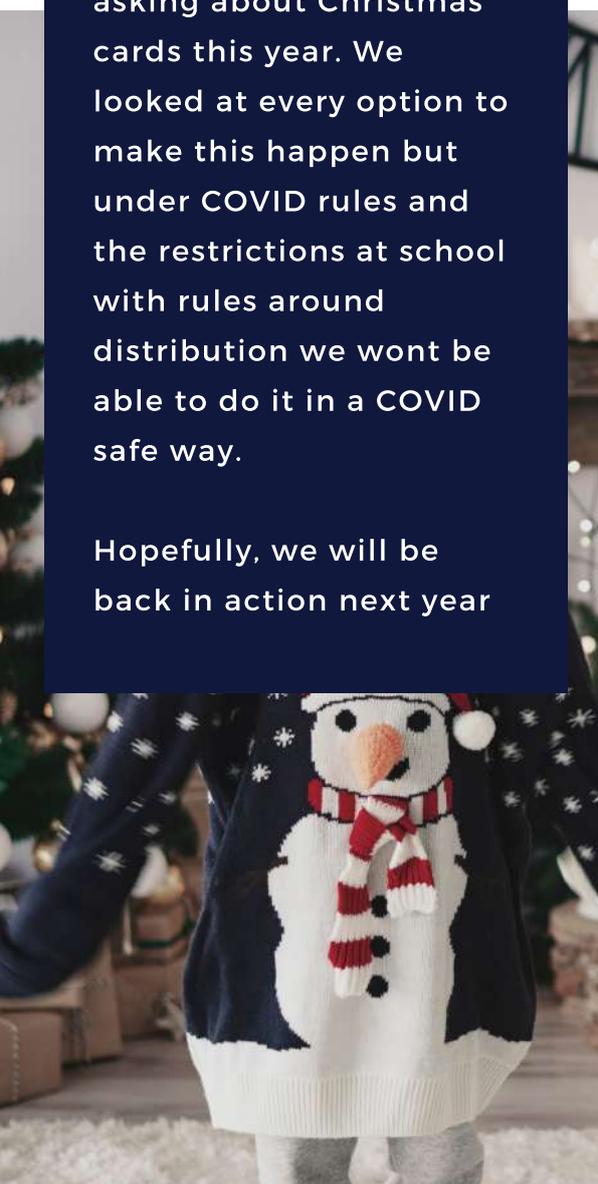
**16th December - Crazy Christmas Jumper Day** - For a donation of £1.00 you can wear your craziest Christmas jumper to school. Donations will be taken via School Gateway.

## AOB

### Christmas Cards

Many people have been asking about Christmas cards this year. We looked at every option to make this happen but under COVID rules and the restrictions at school with rules around distribution we wont be able to do it in a COVID safe way.

Hopefully, we will be back in action next year





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# THANKYOU

## Thankyou

The Bishops Down PSA is the main charity that supports the School. We provide opportunities for children, families and the local community to come together and have fun while supporting the school that we love.

Our work benefits all the children at the school. So thank you for everything that you have done to help the PSA have such an effect on Bishops Down Primary and Nursery School.

We really couldn't do this without you. Thanks to your help, the money raised through the PSA has had a massive impact on the resources Bishops Down Primary and Nursery School is able to offer their students. And it has enriched the experiences and opportunities available to pupils.

In the past two years, we have contributed **£20,000** to the school. This money has been used, among other things, to buy **30 iPads and their accessories**. These are used alongside the desktop computers in the ICT suite and have been a great addition to the children's learning. This is an amazing achievement and should be celebrated.

## Thank you and Goodbye

We would like to take this opportunity to thank **Lucie Farrimond** (the former Chair) and **Maria Mandia** (the former Secretary) for everything that they have done for the Bishops Down PSA.

We would also like to say goodbye to **Paulina Wookey** who is leaving the Committee after many years of loyal service. Their hard work has enabled the Bishops Down PSA to achieve amazing things. So thank you to Lucie, Maria and Paulina. You have certainly left some big shoes to fill.

