



# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY & NURSERY SCHOOL PSA

December 2020 Newsletter

## WHAT'S ON

**19th December 2020 -  
3rd January 2021 -**  
Christmas Facebook  
Competition

**20th January - 7.30 pm -**  
Bishops Down PSA  
Committee Meeting

**25th January - 29th  
January -** Bag 2 School  
Collection

**12th February - "Break  
the Rules" Day**

**12th February - 21st  
February -** Valentine's  
Day Facebook  
Competition

## WELCOME TO THE BISHOPS DOWN PSA

Welcome to our December Newsletter. The past few months have been very busy and we have held a number of fantastic events. The **Sweetie Jar competition** and **Crazy Christmas Jumper Day** were a huge success and raised £572.54. Thank you to everyone who took part and kindly donated to Bishops Down PSA.

### Christmas Hamper Raffle

Of course, the main event of the past month has been the Christmas Raffle and it has been phenomenal seeing everyone pull together and donate to our wonderful school. Thank you so much to everyone who kindly donated to our Class Hampers or who bought raffle tickets.

We sold an amazing **1,370 £1 raffle tickets**. This is fantastic and we are thrilled with the success of the event. We know that this year has been very hard for many people and we are especially grateful to all of you for being so generous.



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# CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Our Christmas Raffle was drawn on Thursday, 10th December. A massive congratulations to all our raffle winners:

- **Fiona who won the Nursery Class Hamper**
- **Claire who won the Reception Class Hamper**
- **Kristinn who won the Year 1 Class Hamper**
- **Julia who won the Year 2 Class Hamper**
- **Kristinn who won the Year 3 Class Hamper**
- **Emily who won the Year 4 Class hamper**
- **Kristy who won the Year 5 Class Hamper**
- **Sarah who won the Year 6 Class Hamper**
- **Katherine who won the Hamper of Booze**

As soon as our winners have collected their hampers, please can they urgently log-in to Raffall and mark that they have received their prize.

## Christmas Facebook Competition

As the Christmas holidays are fast approaching, it's time for our Christmas Facebook competition. And your child could be in with the **chance of winning a special prize**. This month, Santa Claus has put his Christmas jumper and his special red outfit in the wash and they have shrunk. He is in desperate need of a new outfit. Can you help him out by designing one? Maybe he could wear a ball gown or dress up as Rudolph! Whatever you design, let your imagination run riot and remember that Santa likes bold and bright colours. It's easy to enter. Your child just needs to produce a picture of Santa wearing his new outfit.

- Upload a photograph of your wonderful picture onto our Facebook PSA page **[Click here to visit](#)** - please also include your child's full name and their school year.
- **Make sure you send us your photos between Saturday, 19th December 2020 and Sunday, 3rd January 2021.**
- Head to Facebook for the competition rules and to keep up to date with the competition.
- The winner will be chosen by a judge and announced on Tuesday, 5th January 2021. They will then be awarded a £10 Amazon Gift Voucher.





# CHRISTMAS HAMPERS

Our annual Christmas Class Hamper Competition was judged by Mrs Owen. A huge thank you to Mrs Owen for giving up her time to judge this competition. All the Christmas Class Hampers looked fantastic and it must have been impossible for our judge to choose just one winner.

But congratulations to Year 2 for their fabulously gorgeous hamper. Mrs Owen said that

**“The winning hamper captures the brief in its entirety... it made me smile with happiness and the reps have taken the rainbow theme to another level. Well done Year 2.”**

Year 2 were delighted to receive a trophy and certificate to celebrate their win. The PSA have given the class **£50.00 to spend** on a prize of their choosing. There have been rumours that a new class pet may be purchased!







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## SUPPORT LOCAL

Local and small businesses have been really struggling during the Coronavirus. So we have created a Bishops Down Support Local Market on Facebook. If you are on Facebook then please go and **follow the page**.

The idea is to use this page to promote local and small businesses and give back to our community. We especially want to help those businesses that are run by Bishops Down parents.

If you run a business and would like us to promote it for you on our Facebook page then please do get in contact.

We would also like to begin a section in this newsletter where we interview Bishops Down parents who run their own business.

If you would like to be featured then please do contact us. You can email us on **psa@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk** - we would love to hear from you.

### Looking forward to 2021 with Bishops Down PSA

There is no doubt that 2020 has been a tough year.

But with the recent news that a vaccine has started to be rolled out, 2021 is looking brighter. And Bishops Down PSA are wishing for a much brighter year.

We hope that eventually, we will be able to run some proper events. But in the meantime, we still have some fabulous fundraising plans.

# DATES TO REMEMBER

## AOB

### PSA 2021 Meeting

The PSA Committee meetings are open to all parents, staff and teachers. We would love to see you there and hear any fundraising ideas that you may have. Our next meeting is to be held via Zoom on **Wednesday 20th January 2021 at 7.30 pm.**

If you would like to attend then please email us on [psa@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk](mailto:psa@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk) and we will send you an invitation to the meeting. Please also email us if you have any questions or fundraising ideas.

### Events to look forward to:

**Bag 2 School - In January**, we will be running our annual Bag 2 School fundraiser. So if you are having a clear-out over the Christmas holidays or after New Year then please save your good quality unwanted clothes, accessories, shoes, belts and handbags. We will be sending bags home with your children in mid-January and then you can drop these full bags back up to school after drop off on the week beginning **Monday 25th January**.

**“Break the Rules” Day - On Friday, 12th February** (the last day before half-term) we are inviting your child to break some rules. Rules to break include: wear school uniform; bring a healthy lunch or snack; have neat hair; no temporary tattoos; no nail varnish; no make-up; wear school shoes. Each rule that the children would like to break costs £1.00 and children can break up to four rules. Payment will be taken via School Gateway.

**Virtual Easter Fair and Raffle** - Come to our Virtual Easter Fair (being run on Facebook) and grab yourself some wonderful Easter goodies. Also, after the success of our Big Christmas Raffle, we will be holding another raffle online. You could win one of the fantastic donations supplied by some fabulous local businesses.

**Personalised Easter Cards** - Working with Arts Projects for School, you can purchase some fabulous Easter items designed by your child. Money from each item sold goes to Bishops Down PSA.

**Children’s Sponsored Read** - A brilliant way to encourage your child to read and to raise money for the school. We will produce sponsorship forms that will be sent home with the children. The children will then try to get sponsorship from family and friends - either being sponsored an amount per book they read or for the whole number of books that they plan on reading. Then over the Easter holidays, they will read as many books as they can.

# CHRISTMAS RECIPE

## INGREDIENTS

200g/ 7oz of self-raising flour, sifted

100g/ 3 ½ oz of golden caster sugar

100ml/ 3 ½ fl.oz of sunflower oil

75ml/ 2 ½ fl.oz of whole milk

1 large free-range egg

100g/ 3 ½ oz of good quality dark or milk chocolate, chopped

1tsp of vanilla essence

2 heaped tbsp of mincemeat.

## Christmas Muffins

Unfortunately, there are fewer activities to do with our children during the Christmas holidays this year. But one activity that you can do with your children and which always goes down a storm is baking.

Especially as, once the baking is over, you can eat the results of your work in the kitchen.

If you are looking for a quick, easy and yummy recipe to make then these Christmas Muffins fit the bill perfectly.

They are ideal to make with children. And as they contain oil instead of butter you don't need to worry about creaming any butter and sugar together. Easy peasy. And oh so tasty!

**Preparation time:** 10 to 20 minutes

**Cooking time:** 20 minutes

**Makes:** 12 large muffins or 24 mini-muffins

**Method:** Preheat the oven to 190°C/ 375°F/gas mark 5. Either put 12 muffin cases inside a muffin tray or 24 mini-muffin cases inside a mini-muffin tray. Mix the flour and sugar in a bowl and make a well in the centre. In a separate bowl, whisk together the egg, milk, oil and vanilla essence. Slowly pour the egg mixture into the well in your flour. Stir gently until combined. Add the chopped chocolate and the mincemeat. Stir gently again. Divide the mixture among the muffin cases and bake for 20 minutes or until golden brown and risen. Remove the muffins onto a wire rack and cool.



# HOW TO GET INVOLVED



## 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.



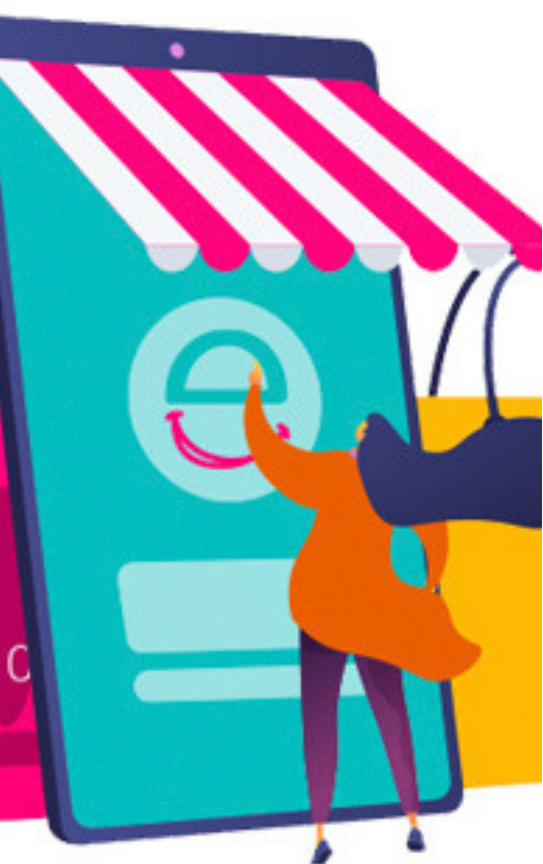
## AmazonSmile

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.





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# MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR



## Thank you

None of our activities would be possible without your continued support and generosity. In 2021, our focus will remain on raising vital funds for our school and our children.

Every donation makes a difference to our school and our children's lives,

We hope you all have a very Merry and relaxing Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**See you in 2021.**

**Warmest Christmas wishes from all at  
Bishops Down PSA**

