

Bishops Down Primary School News

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2nd July 2010

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Staff Organisation 2009/10

I am pleased to be able to tell you that we now have a full compliment of teaching staff and teaching assistants for September. We recently appointed Natasha Griffiths to the teaching team. She is a newly qualified teacher who has already been into school to get to know us and has already made a positive impact on staff in school. We look forward to both her and Cate Spoor joining us. Below is a list of staff allocated to the different year groups in September 2010. Diane Tizzard will continue to teach PE throughout Key Stages 1 and 2. In addition, Sue Clarke will be covering in some classes for their planning and assessment time.

Nursery Emma Bonwick		Current Nursery Classroom
Teaching Assistants	Lizzie Youngson Vanessa Ahmed	Sue Peters Ana Monkman
Reception Natasha Griffiths		New classroom
Teaching Assistants	Vanda Paget Laurel Gardner	Sally Bath
Reception Alison Wilmshurst		New classroom
Teaching Assistants	Sue Solomon Claire Richardson	
Year 1 Sinead Roberts		Current Reception classroom
Teaching Assistants	Jan Cockburn Alison Gebbie	Kelly Gurr
Year 2 Helen Runalls		Current Year 2 Classroom
Teaching Assistants	Jayne Sayes Katherine Hunt	Sue Lester
Year 3 Michelle Reader		Current Year 3 classroom
Teaching Assistants	Val Wadhams Jeannette Magee	Vanda Paget
Year 4 Cathy Spoor		Current Year 4 classroom
Teaching Assistants	Ellen Stock Katie Baker	Val Wadhams
Year 5 Cate Spoor		Current Year 5 classroom
Teaching Assistants	Juliet Silburn Sally Bath	Debbie Norman Karen Gillham
Year 6 John Tutt (Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday) and Jane Clement (Thursday and Friday)		Current Year 6 classroom
Teaching Assistants	Kate Smith	Debbie Norman

Transition - Over the next two weeks a range of opportunities will be in place to assist children acclimatise to the change. These include class swaps, meetings between staff to discuss children's progress, visits by teaching assistants to meet children and visits to pre-schools and nurseries. The first class swap takes place on Wednesday. We hope that your children will come home and talk to you with increasing excitement about the year ahead, though this may be tainted by some natural trepidation. An opportunity to meet the new staff will take place early next year.

Summer Play scheme - If you would like to book your child into the Summer Playscheme, please can you complete the green booking form which was sent home recently, and return it as soon as possible. If you need another form, please collect one from the office.

School Photographs – back Monday first thing at the very latest. A £5.00 late fee will apply to all those orders received after Monday.

Vouchers - The deadline for bringing Sainsbury's vouchers into school is 9th July, and so if you have any vouchers, please can these be brought in before this date.

Ofsted – Yesterday Ofsted were in school inspecting our Art and Design provision. The outcomes of the inspection will be sent home to you as soon as we have them. We hope that will be within the next two weeks.

'Sport 4 All' Sponsored Event

On 14th July a company called Sports 4 All will be visiting the school. They will be bringing a person who is taking part in the Olympics in 2012. All children will be taking part in a sponsored event with the company to give us the opportunity to raise money for the school. The children will be bringing a sponsorship form home next week for them to start collecting sponsors. Thank you in advance for your support with this.

Sinead Roberts

Year 5 fund raising - Many thanks to Year 5 pupils for organising their fund raising events today. Year 5 are planning the revitalisation of the pond area outside their classroom. This is a project that Year 5 children have wholeheartedly embraced in order to improve the quality of our existing pond and wild area surrounding it. Over a number of years the area has become increasingly overgrown and the pond itself has become damaged, eventually leading to a leak. The children and Mrs Clement have been very enthusiastic about improving this situation, not just for their own benefit but for all the children in all year groups. They have devised a plan for improvement and are keen to have this area back in regular use for their friends to once again enjoy. We hope to access further funding from wildlife charities to assist with this.

Parent Consultations - Parent Consultations take place in the week beginning the 12th July for children in Years 1-6. Sign up sheets will be going home next week.

Wednesday 14 th July	1-5pm Year 1 and Year 2
Thursday 15 th July	1-5pm Year 3 and Year 4
	5.30–7.30pm All year groups
Friday 16 th July	1-4pm Year 5 and Year 6

Junior Concert – Friday 9th July 2.15pm

Unfortunately, the date for this has had to be changed and this will now take place on Friday 9th July instead of Thursday 8th July as planned. This is an informal celebration of songs and music performed by KS2 pupils. Parents are invited to attend and the performance will be watched by younger siblings in the Foundation Stage and Infants.

Tunbridge Wells Mela – Wednesday 7th July

If you happen to be in Tunbridge Wells town centre next Wednesday morning please keep an eye out for the Mela procession. This is a celebration of diversity in the town and Year 3 will be waving their Romanian chickens in amongst the procession!

Midday Supervisors needed from September supporting children during their lunch hour. Hours are usually 11.45 -2pm, term time only. A free lovely lunch is available from 11.30am.

Salary - Kent Scheme Band 2 .4 is £3238.65p.a. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo an enhanced CRB check. If you are interested in this position and you have a child in our Nursery we may be able to help with your child attending our Nursery Lunch Club. Please come and see Carol Eglise in the office to discuss details and application forms.

Lost Property at Camp Out

During the PSA Camp Out, a silver coloured, Black Diamond head torch with a black strap and name tag was misplaced. Please could you check your camping equipment for a torch like this which isn't yours, and return it to the office.

School Discos - This term's Discos will be held on Thursday 22nd July. There will be an Infant Disco from 5.00-6.00pm followed by a Junior Disco from 6.30-8.00pm. The price of the Infant Disco is £3.00 (this includes a snack and a drink), and £3.50 for Juniors. Drinks and snacks will be available for Junior children to purchase. This year we will not issue tickets but, as before, a register of all children purchasing tickets and attending will be kept. Please note that children from outside the school cannot be invited.

Our After School Club will be running its popular pre-disco sessions to include a light tea. Infants 3.15 -5pm at £9.00 including disco entrance. Juniors 3.15-6.30 at £11.00 including disco entrance. **Numbers are limited so are on a first come first served basis.**

For regular ASC members who also attend the disco there will be no invoices for this day. Please fill in the slip below and attach payment for the session and disco. Cheques should be made payable to 'KCC re Bishops Down Primary School'. If you wish your child to attend ASC only, please book their place in the usual way and you will be invoiced.

Please return the slip below by Friday 16th July.

Yours sincerely,

Dan Turvey

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Infant Disco

- I would like places for the Infant Disco only, at £3.00 each (includes crisps and drink)
- I would likeplaces for the Club and Infant Disco at £9.00 each
- I enclose £.....

Name of child(ren) Class.....

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Signed

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Junior Disco

- I would like places for the Junior Disco only, at £3.50 each
- I would likeplaces for the Club and Junior Disco at £11.00 each
- I enclose £.....

Name of child(ren) Class.....

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