



3rd April 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 27 Newsletter

This has been another busy week. Congratulations to all the footballers who took part in the Hawkenbury Tournament on Saturday. The team did well and came a commendable 3rd in their group. Well done to all the children who took part in the Tunbridge Wells Music Festival. What a fabulous opportunity for those in the choir. The concerts were enjoyable for all concerned. In addition, we ended the week with a flurry; the PSA Egg Hunt. Many thanks to all those staff and parents involved in organising these events, particularly Mr. Tutt, Miss Runalls, Mrs. Bonwick, and the PSA.

4th June 'Polling' day

Some time ago arrangements were made for the school to be used as a polling station, on Thursday 4th June 2009. Originally it was decided that the school would be closed to children and the day taken by staff as a training day. This would mean that the school would be open for children until the last day of term, Monday 20th July. However, it has come to my attention that the vast majority of other schools in Tunbridge Wells are closed on that Monday, taking it as a training day.

In order to align ourselves with other schools and provide greater continuity for the children who will be on holiday for the week preceding polling day, **we will now keep the school open on the 4th June and take our staff training day on Monday 20th July.**

The school will still be used as a Polling Station, but the area accessible to the public will be confined to the kitchenette and drama room which is self contained. The facilities are all accessible directly to the car park with their own entrance and would not be affected by children being on site and vice versa. I apologise for any inconvenience caused.

Helpers in school

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to our unsung heroes, all those parents, grandparents and helpers who give up their time to run clubs, read or help in school in some other ways. We really value your contribution and recognise that without your help we would struggle to maintain many of our extended services. If you know of any others who would like to come in and help in some way, please let me know.

Dates for your diary

Please find attached forthcoming dates.

Scrap heap challenge week

We are planning to hold a creative recycling themed week next term. Do you know of any artists or people who sculpt, make models or create art from recycled materials? We are hoping to invite some visitors to work with and inspire the children. If you know of anyone who may be able to get involved and support our exciting project then please let Miss Powell, Mrs Bonwick or Miss Lynch know.

Head Teacher Awards

Reception	Laurie	Isobel
Year 1	William	Isobel
Year 2	Marcus	Charlie
Year 3	Lola	Alex
Year 4	Rebecca	Jarod
Year 5	Alice	Lara
Year 6	Alastair	Sam

Lucy, Year 5, won a prize from a competition in the school magazine.

Regards

Dan Turvey

TEACHING ASSISTANT VACANCIES

We are looking for 2 special people, with experience of working with children to join our caring and committed team supporting children with special needs in the Foundation Stage.

Candidates should possess a relevant qualification, such as NVQL2/3.

On-going training is available.

Contracts will be for 30 hours a week during term time and possibly additional hours supporting children during holidays in our Holiday Play Scheme.

One permanent and one temporary contract until 31st July 2009 are available.

Starting date: May 2009 or sooner.

Teaching Assistant salary, £14,099 – £15,984 pro rata.

We are committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and applicants must be willing to undergo an Enhanced CRB check.

Closing date for applications: 27 /04 / 09

Interviews - w/b: 05 / 05/ 09

DIARY DATES FOR PARENTS

Date

Event

TERM 5

Mon 20 th April	Nursery closed – Consultations
Tues 21 st April	3.00 Uniform Sale in school hall
Wed 22 nd April	7.30 PSA Meeting
Fri 24 th April	PARENTS TO CONFIRM YR PLACES APPEALS LODGED BY LEA
Mon 27 th April	4.30 Govs AEN Meeting 5.30 Govs Curriculum Meeting
Wed 29 th April	SCHOOLS CAN OFFER YR PLACES 9.30 Able Writers – Rob Parkinson 3.30 – 5.00 'Maths' for parents led by John Years R – 6
Mon 4 th May	BANK HOLIDAY
Mon 11 th May	KS2 SATs week
Wed 13 th May	9.30 Reception Height & Weight Measured 7.30 Parent Information Meeting – Transition to secondary school 'Moving On'
Fri 15 th May	PSA bottle collection
Mon 18 th May	Walk to School Week Optional KS2 SATs
Thurs 21 st May	9.00 AEN Parents Meeting
Fri 22 nd May	Funky Shoe Day PSA toy collection

TERM ENDS

Mon 1st June

TERM 6 BEGINS

Tues 2 nd June	9.15	Prospective Parent Visits
Thurs 4 th June		Polling Day in ASC/Kitchenette
Fri 5 th June	9.00	PSA cake collection – Non Uniform Day Parent Reps Meeting
Sat 6 th June		PSA Summer Fair
Thurs 11 th June	1.00	Y5 Secondary 1-1 Transition meeting with parents
Fri 12 th June	9.10 9.45	Harry & Friends KS2 Collective Worship Harry & Friends KS1/FS Collective Worship
Mon 15 th June		YR6 to the I.O.W
Fri 19 th June		Book Fair arrives
Wed 24 th June	9.30	Able Writers
Mon 29 th June		Year 5 to Kentwell
Tues 30 th June		Year 5 return from Kentwell
Thurs 2 nd July		Sports Day
Sat 4 th July		PSA Quiz Night
Mon 6 th July		'Scrapheap Challenge' Theme week
Wed 8 th July		Reserve Sports Day
Sat 11 th July		PSA Summer Camp Out
Fri 17 th July		LAST DAY OF TERM FOR CHILDREN
Monday 20 th July		INSET DAY – NO CHILDREN
Thurs 3 rd Sept		INSET DAY
Fri 4 th Sept		INSET DAY
Mon 7 th Sept		CHILDREN RETURN FIRST DAY OF TERM 1