

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Healthy Schools Enhanced Status - Many of you will remember when the school received its platinum award as recognition for our commitment to the Healthy Schools program. We now have the exciting opportunity to upgrade to Enhanced Healthy Schools Status. As a school we would like to work on developing our SRE (Sex and relationships Education) policy and curriculum content and the partnership priority will be linked to emotional wellbeing. Miss Wilmshurst is setting up a working group who will be focusing on these priorities and is looking for 1 or 2 parents who would be interested in joining this working group. If you would like to take part or would like further information please contact Miss Wilmshurst via the school office.

Netball - Wednesday 2nd December was the last Netball Club meeting. Netball Club will continue after Christmas with help from Miss Spoor, Mrs Clement, and Mrs Roberts, along with Sue Solomon. Well done to our B league who have come first in our group therefore they will go through to play winners from the other 3 groups. Our A league has coped extremely well playing some challenging teams from the larger schools. Finally, a big thank you to Sue for all the time and expertise she gives to our Netball players. Good luck for next year. I know our netballers will continue to learn, develop and compete.
Mrs Tizzard

Gym Club - KS1 Gym Club has now finished. Unfortunately, there is no one available in school to start KS2 Gym at the moment, although the West Kent School Sports Partnership has details of Gym clubs in the area and these details are available at the office.

Parking and walking bus - Once again local residents have raised the issue of parents parking across resident's drives and parking dangerously and inconsiderately on the corner of Rydal Drive / Coniston Avenue. Our travel plan committee, which is a group comprising of parents, staff and governors have asked me to name and shame these drivers by including their vehicle registration numbers in our newsletter. Whilst I prefer diplomatic measures in these cases, I will be publicising the registration numbers of offenders who continue to put convenience ahead of child safety and courtesy. Better still, I would encourage as many of you as possible to use one of our walking buses. We are currently working towards a third bus via Culverden Down. Please let Alison Ruff (parent governor) know if you can help with walking with children on this route.

Reminders - Please don't forget to reserve your seats for the Christmas performances if you haven't already. Please ask in the office about this. All children can donate to Great Ormond Street hospital by bringing small change into school in exchange for putting a Christmas message onto posters in their class rooms. If your children would still like to send a card to their friends, they can do so via the new post box in the entrance hall. Many thanks to Barry (grandad of Jake and Alfred) for making us a new one. Envelopes should be marked with the full name of the child and their class, bearing in mind that we have a number of children with the same name in the same classes. Finally, we have received a few great decorations for the hall, but we need more made from coat hangers. Don't forget to label them too!

Regards

Dan Turvey