



5th September 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 1 Newsletter

Welcome back to the start of a new term! The children are looking very refreshed and raring to go. We have had a very busy summer at Bishops Down. Our new roof is nearly finished and would have been by now had it not been for the very wet summer. As a result of all the rain we also had a flood in Year 2. Whilst we have endeavoured to get the room ready for the children's return, unfortunately time beat us, so Year 2 will be working in the drama room for the next week or two until their room is painted and a new carpet is fitted.

Summer reading challenge

Thank you to everyone who took part in this. We were very impressed with the standard of the posters, books and portfolios that came back. We were also most intrigued to see some of the unusual places where the children had read which included upside down on a swing, in a helicopter and in a cave. Well done to everyone who took part, their efforts were celebrated in assembly today.

Scooter and bike racks

Over the summer we have had some new bike and scooter racks fitted at the top of the drive. We have also had several scooters left to rust in the old scooter racks; some have been there for several months. If you think one of them belongs to you please can you collect it.

Morning drop off

Now that the children have settled into their new classes and know the routine for coming into school in the mornings, please can we ask that all parents and carers from Year 1 upwards say goodbye to their children at the side gate. For Health and Safety reasons it is much easier for teachers to supervise your children if there are only children on the playground. Parents of children in Nursery and Reception may continue to come onto the playground to wait with their children; however can we ask you to wait at the edge of the playground nearest to the Nursery / Reception building (Garden House).

If you need to come into school in the morning please come via the office.

Meet the Teacher

Please come along to meet your child's new teacher and classroom. This is an opportunity for you to find out about the class routine and what your child will be learning throughout the year.

Reception- Thursday 11th September 3.45pm

Year 1- Thursday 11th September 3.45pm (Please note this is a change to the previously published date)

Year 2- A date will be arranged when the children are back in their proper classroom

Year 3- Monday 8th September 3.30pm

Year 4- Monday 8th September 3.30pm

Year 5- Monday 15th September 3.30pm

Year 6- Monday 15th September 3.30pm

As usual may we remind you that the meetings are for parents only. We have the meetings on different days so that you can double up child care with parents from another class, alternatively After School Club will be open from 3.15pm.

Class reps

The first class reps meeting of the year will be on Monday 15th September at 9am. The change of day from Friday to Monday is a temporary measure for this meeting only. Please let me know whether you are able to attend or not.

Dragon Boat Festival 2008 Bewl Water

On Saturday 13th September, a team of 16 parents from Bishops Down, 'The Bishops Beauties', will be participating in the Dragon Boat Race to raise at least £2000 for the school.

This event, which is held at Bewl Water, consists of approximately 60 teams of paddlers competing to be the ultimate race winners.

Please come along and cheer for our paddlers who will welcome your support. They will be easy to spot as they will be wearing black dresses and pink wigs! Races will start at approximately 9.30 in the morning.

The Festival is a fun family day out; it has a lively carnival atmosphere with field events, stalls and bands as well as the paddling. Bishops Down PSA will be running a beauty stall so please also come and find us for face painting, nail painting, and massages amongst other things.

To kick off the Bishops Down paddling experience the PSA will be giving each child a goodie bag as they leave school today.

You can find out more about the Dragon Boat Festival at www.funraisers.org.uk.

The PSA

PSA Meeting Monday 8th September – 7.30pm at School

The PSA will be holding a PSA meeting on Monday to which all parents are invited - just turn up. The PSA welcomes new people to the meetings.

Second Hand Uniform

Thank you to everyone who has donated or bought second hand uniform from the PSA. The sale this week raised £65 for the school. These sales are becoming increasingly popular so we hope to make them a regular event. If you have any reasonable quality uniform you wish to donate, please leave it at the school office. If there is any item you urgently need, please leave a note at the school office addressed to the PSA, stating what items you need, sizes and contact details and we'll try to sort something out for you.

The PSA

Head Teachers Awards for the Summer Reading Challenge

Year 1	Madison	Rosie	
Year 2	Rachel	Toby	
Year 3	Trent	Celine	Max
Year 4	Yasmine	Elle	
Year 5	Bethany	Joseph	
Year 6	Regan	Amy	

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Powell