

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Newsletter no. 6

School Car Park

There has been an increase in the number of parents/carers driving into the school car park to drop off and collect children. The school car park should only be used by parents/carers of disabled children who have a parking badge issued by the school, or those using a Blue Badge. Please park in Rydal Drive or Coniston Avenue and walk up to the school.

Schools Cross Country Competition

A group of children from Year 4 and Year 6 represented Bishops Down in the Cross Country competition on Wednesday 4th November. This was the first time the School has taken part and they ALL achieved results beyond our expectations. Billy West came 1st in the Year 5/6 run. We are hoping to encourage more children to compete next year.

PSA Christmas Fair News - 5th December

The PSA would like to have a Jam and Chutney stall at the Christmas Fair. We would be very grateful for volunteers to make some home made jams and chutneys. We would welcome any donations from now onwards.

We are also looking for volunteers who would be able to take photographs of the children with Father Christmas in the Santa's Grotto. If you are able to help with this could you please let us know by emailing Nicky at n.awheeler@btinternet.com.

PSA Feedback from Nikki Wheeler

The PSA would really welcome your feedback. Class Reps will shortly be asking you for your opinion on PSA events. In order for the PSA to organise events in which you would be interested in attending your feedback would be most helpful. We are very interested in your thoughts for an evening event whether that be a ball, disco, race night, cheese & wine evening or whatever you think would work well. If you wish to e mail your suggestions please do so on the following n.awheeler@btinternet.com.

Water Bottles

Every child is bringing home a FREE new water bottle today to use with our new drinks fountains. Please will you make sure that you mark them clearly with indelible pen with your child's name. If your child loses his/her bottle, replacements will cost £1.00 each.

Swine Flu Update

Please see below/overleaf for an update about swine flu from the school nurse.

Regards

Dan Turvey

4th November 2009.
Swine Flu Update

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am sure many of you are aware schools have been advised to expect an increase in the number of cases of swine influenza infection now that the weather is getting colder. Schools nationally have now been informed that they should remain open in these circumstances. We have had a number of children who have received treatment for swine flu in recent weeks.

If you suspect your child is showing symptoms of swine flu (fever, cough, headache, muscle and joint pain, sore throat and runny nose and sometimes vomiting or diarrhoea) they should not come to school and you should contact your GP or the National Pandemic Flu Service on 0800 1513 100 or via the Directgov website.

If your child should show swine flu symptoms while they are at school you will be telephoned to collect them as soon as possible. So we would be grateful that you ensure your contact details are kept up to date with the office.

Please inform the school office if your child has been diagnosed with Swine Flu. Informing the school that your child is being treated for swine flu is of great importance to other children, who may be more at risk if they should become infected, as they may be offered Tamiflu. If your child has been diagnosed with swine flu they should not return to school for a minimum of 7 days and should only return if they are completely symptom free after this time.

We have spent time with the children to increase their awareness of good hand-washing techniques and using tissues effectively when coughing and sneezing. I would be grateful if you would continue to reinforce these at home.

Swine flu vaccination should be available to those children and adults most at risk within the next few weeks and I would urge those of you who are concerned and would like vaccination to keep in contact with your GP about vaccine availability.

Further information about Swine Flu can be obtained from the National Pandemic Flu Service website www.pandemicflu.direct.gov.uk

Kind Regards,
Helen Lawton, School Nurse, RGN, MSc.