



7th November 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 9 Newsletter

Welcome back to term 2! We hope you all enjoyed the autumn break.

Phonic Workshop

Unfortunately this had to be postponed as there were only 8 parents able to attend.

The new dates are as follows

Tuesday 2nd December 3.45pm- Nursery and Reception parents

Wednesday 3rd December 3.45pm- Year 1 and Year 2 parents

We hope as many parents as possible can come along to find out how we use phonics to teach reading and writing. You will have the opportunity to see some of the activities that children use in school. The workshop will also see the launch of our spelling games which the children will be bringing home shortly. It will last for approximately 45minutes to 1 hour. Please return the reply slip at the end of the newsletter to indicate if you are able to come. We are doing the workshops over 2 days so that parents can double up with childcare or use After School Club to look after their children.

Vouchers

Thank you to everyone who contributed towards collecting Sainsbury's Active Kids vouchers. Just before half term we were able to take delivery of some fantastic new PE equipment and toys for the playground.

At present we are collecting Morrison's vouchers and Flora vouchers. Flora vouchers should be redeemed on line by visiting their website www.florahearts.co.uk

Healthy Snacks

Just to remind everyone that only healthy snacks should be bought to school for break times. In order to maintain our Healthy School Status, lunch boxes should not contain any crisps or chocolate.

School Lunch Menus

The next school lunch menu goes out on Monday and is **due back by Thursday at 9.30am**. There are still a very large number of menus coming back late (the equivalent of a whole class) which have to be chased and located across the school. Please ensure the forms are returned and handed into the office or placed in the register boxes by Thursday morning.

Unwanted Toys

Have you any unwanted toys or games that you could donate to After School Club. They particularly need board games, electronic games and games for older children. If you have, please drop them to After School Club or see a member of the ASC team.

PSA Christmas Fair

If you have any unwanted jam jars, please bring them to the school office for the PSA to use on one of their stalls. Thank you.

Football Training

Last Tuesday afternoon we had a coach who came in to teach Year 5 new football skills. First we went to the back of the field and practised dribbling. Then there were some people who came and chased after us and tried to get the ball. Then he set up two fields and put us in teams and we had a game.

Joshua Year 5

Last Tuesday a man came and played football with us and taught us as well. Lucky for us he is coming every week.

Amber Year 5

Last Tuesday Year 5 had a football practice by a football coach. We played some games with the ball like dribbling around cones with the ball and stopping at the cones, and turning corners to another cone. Then we played a game after, and that was a lot of fun and I think that was the best part.

Isobel Year 5

Important Message for Year 4 and Y5

Could all children in Year 4 and Year 5 have a separate kit for these Tuesday football sessions i.e. tracksuits, T-shirt, old trainers, as it is very muddy.

Mrs Clement

Children in Need

On Friday 14th November it is Children In Need day. We are having ‘an own clothes’ day for donations with a ‘P’ for Pudsey day when we dress up in something that begins with ‘P’! We are also having some stalls, i.e. cake stalls and games, so you may want to bring in some silver coins too. More details to follow.

Emily and Amy Year 5

Football Report

On Wednesday 5th November we went to a football match at Speldhurst Primary School. Within the first few minutes Speldhurst unfortunately scored so the score was Speldhurst 1- Bishops Down 0. The second half came with the score still 1-0. However, we came back and Alex scored. The score was 1-1, then in a few minutes Speldhurst scored. 2-1 to Speldhurst. Then out of nowhere, Tom chipped the ball over the keeper to make the score 2-2. Despite the bad pitch conditions, at the end of the match the score stood at 2-2.

George and Alex Y6

Mumps in School

Please be aware that we have had a case of mumps confirmed in school yesterday. For this reason, if you have any concerns about your child’s health, please consult your G.P

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Douglas	Alex
Year 2	The whole Class	
Year 3	Hannah	Jasmine
Year 4	Charlotte	Jake
Year 5	Georgie	Levi
Year 6	Freddy	Lauren

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Powell

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Phonics Workshops

- I am able/unable to attend the Phonics Workshop for Nursery and Reception parents on Tuesday 2nd December at 3.45pm
- I am able/unable to attend the Phonics Workshop for Year 1 and Year 2 parents on Wednesday 3rd December at 3.45pm
- I cannot attend the phonic workshop but would like information from the session sent home.

Name (print)

Signed

Date

Child's Name

Class