

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Guardians

## Snow and Ice

Many thanks for your perseverance this week and for getting your children to school. We have been able to stay open mainly because nearly all the staff have managed to get into school. Many thanks to Pete our caretaker for keeping the paths so clear.

I wanted to share a couple of brief observations about our experiences this week as the cold snap is forecast to continue. Please make sure that your children have adequate warm clothing as we are continuing to go outside during the day. Children must have a warm coat, boots, hats, scarves and thick socks. I am also keen to ensure that no family that is particularly vulnerable in this weather struggles unnecessarily when others might be able to help. For example, I am aware that some families with very young children or babies might find getting to school particularly stressful. If you are in this situation or might be able to assist by picking neighbours children up then please let us know. Alternatively, please use the walking buses which are continuing as normal.

I would like to discourage all cars from using Rydal Drive and Coniston Avenue where possible. Many staff are now parking nearer to Bennett School and are finding that the flatter ground is making it less precarious negotiating the roads.

Finally, we are using the school website [www.bishopsdownprimary.org](http://www.bishopsdownprimary.org) as our main source of weather and closure information. This is the quickest and most reliable source as the local radio stations and parent mail have become clogged up in recent days. For those without computers we will continue to use parent mail texts when the school closes, however information may be delayed. Please ensure that your contact details are up to date.

## Change of Dates

We have changed the dates of the following events this term in order that when you visit your child's class you can also see what they have been doing during theme week. The original dates were:

Wednesday	10.02.10	2.45pm Sharing Learning – Years R to 6
Thursday	11.02.10	8.30am Sharing Learning – Years R to 6
Monday	22.03.10	Theme Week (all week)

The new dates are on the list below. There will no longer be a meeting about the Walking Bus on Friday 29.01.10. This will be re-arranged at a later date.

## Diary Dates

Friday	15.01.10	9.00-10.00am Parent Reps meeting
Saturday	16.01.10	PSA Quiz night
Thursday	21.01.10	2.15pm PSA AGM
Monday	25.01.10	Profiles Photography 8.00am Family groups and sibling photographs
Tuesday	26.01.10	2.15 Guitar assembly for children learning guitar
Thursday	28.01.10	Parent assembly – Year 2
Wednesday	3.02.10	Parent assembly – Year 1
Thursday	4.02.10	KS2 to "Horrible Science" at Assembly Hall
Monday	08.02.10	Theme Week (all week)
Wednesday	10.02.10	Dance day
Friday	12.02.10	Term 3 Ends

Monday	22.02.10	Term 4 starts for all children
Thursday	25.02.10	Parent assembly – Year R 2.15pm Theme week feedback in the hall 2.45pm Sharing Learning – Years R to 6
Friday	26.02.10	8.30am Sharing Learning – Years R to 6 9.00am Theme week feedback in the hall
Monday	1.03.10	Year 3 to British Museum
Thursday	4.03.10	Parent assembly – Year 5
Thursday	11.03.10	Parent assembly – Year 4
Wednesday	17.03.10	am Year 3 to Pizza Express
Thursday	18.03.10	Parent assembly – Year 6
Friday	26.03.10	Reports sent home to parents
Wednesday	31.03.10	Parent assembly – Year 3
Thursday	1.04.10	PSA Sponsored Bounce PSA Easter egg hunt Term 4 Ends
Monday	19.04.10	Inset Day
Tuesday	20.04.10	Term 5 starts children back Nursery closed for consultations
Wednesday	21.04.10	Nursery starts
Monday	3.05.10	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday	28.05.10	Term 5 Ends
Monday	7.06.10	INSET day
Tuesday	8.06.10	Term 6 starts for all children
Tuesday	15.06.10	Photographer – Classes/Teams
Monday	21.06.10	Year 6 to the Isle of Wight (return Friday)
Monday	5.07.10	Year 5 at kentwell (return Tuesday)
Friday	23.07.10	Term 6 Ends

### Head Lice

Unfortunately, like all schools we have a persistent problem with head lice in the school. The most successful treatment is washing your child's hair, adding in conditioner and leaving it, then combing thoroughly with a nit comb. Regular treatment in this way should mean that your child is kept nit free. It is also important if you do detect little critters to inform the school in order to ask other parents in the class to do an immediate nit check. The spread of lice can also be limited if children with long hair have their hair tied back. Please remember that this happens to all children and that no names are used on our nit check reminders!

### Parent Lunch Tasting Sessions

Due to the weather conditions, we have postponed the parent lunch tasting sessions due next week until the Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February. If you had signed up for a date next week, please complete a new reply slip and return it to the office.

### Clubs

In view of the severe weather conditions which are set to continue into next week, parents may decide to let their children start clubs when the conditions improve.

If you decide that your child will not be staying to a club next week for which he or she has a place, please let the office know in writing so that the teacher running the club is not expecting your child.

**French** - All those children who have applied for a place in French Club with Mrs Smith on Fridays have been successful. This club starts next Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> January and finishes at 4pm. Spaces are still available. Please collect a form from the office.

**Football** – Monday Infant and Junior Football Clubs will provisionally restart on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> January, depending on the state of the pitch. If this changes we will let you know.

**Drama Club** – This club will continue to run for the existing children on Friday lunchtimes as before, with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> January, although the extra rehearsals on Mondays after school have finished.

**All other clubs start next week** except Cross Country, and Eco Club which start week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> January.

Have an enjoyable weekend in the snow,

Dan Turvey

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**School Lunches for Parents**

I would like to sample a school lunch

- I would like to eat with Year 1 on Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> January
- I would like to eat with Reception on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> February
- I would like to eat with Year 2 and Year 3 on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> February
- I would like to eat with Years 4, 5 and 6 on Monday 8<sup>th</sup> February

Parent's Name ..... (please print) Signed .....

Child's Name ..... (please print) Class .....

Date .....