

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

Newsletter No. 3

What a fabulous day we have had with our dads, granddads and uncles. The children have had a terrific time and will remember this experience for a long time to come. Thank you to all of you who were able to come in. A special mention for Steve Inglis who bravely gave us a talk in assembly this morning about his job as a fireman. Be prepared to be nagged about smoke alarms by your children. Many thanks to all the staff and governors who gave up their time to do the catering and for helping things to run so smoothly.

Year 6 SAT's

Following guidance from unions it has been agreed that Headteachers will not boycott SAT's during May 2011 for Year 6 children. This has been agreed since the Department for Education has committed to carrying out a review of KS2 SAT's which takes into account views expressed by teachers during the SAT's boycott in 2010.

Walking to School

You may be aware that the school has received concerns from parents about children walking to school unaccompanied. Traditionally we have requested that children should only walk to school on their own in Year 6, though accept that the choice and responsibility for this lies with you as parents. We would encourage you to think carefully about whether your child has an awareness of road safety and whether he/she is responsible and confident to walk to school on their own. If you need help, I understand that one of the walking buses could accommodate more children setting off from Huntley's Park at 8.30am. Please contact Kirstie Aves, mother of Amelia in Year 1, if you are interested in using this facility.

Girl Guiding Centenary Celebration Finale on Wednesday 20th October 2010

Vision 20 October is when all the 500,000+ members of Girlguiding UK, throughout the UK, will be celebrating the end of their Centenary year, looking forward to the next 100 years and renewing their promise and commitment to friendship and understanding. It has long been a tradition for Girlguiding members to be allowed to wear their uniform to school on 22nd February but Girlguiding have asked for members to be allowed to wear their uniforms on Wednesday 20th October just for this year. **I am happy for any Rainbow, Brownie or Guide to wear their uniform to school on this day.**

After School Club- Zumba Night

There are still places available for the **After School Club** Zumba Night on Tuesday 19th October from 3.15pm to 6pm, including tea. To book a place, please speak to the office.

PSA Zumba Evening

The PSA are holding a Zumba Fitness Night on Friday 15th October. This evening is a great way for parents new to the school to get to know other parents, and is also a fun event. Please speak to the office if you have not yet booked your place. Tickets are £8.00 and all monies raised will go towards the school.

Travelling Book Fair - Miss Runalls

The Travelling Book fair will be open from Thursday 14th October (in the morning) – Wednesday 20th October (in the morning) in the hall. Please pop in and see what books we have either in the morning (8.30-8.50am) or after school (3.15-3.45pm). If you are able to help at the book fair, please email me to let me know what dates and times you could do. Thank you! My email address is; HRunalls@bishopdown.kent.sch.uk.

Returning forms

Not all parents are aware of the black post box situated on the wall outside the main front door. This can be used for returning forms and cheques (but not cash). This will help avoid unnecessary queuing at the office.

Sharing Learning on 13th and 14th October for Children in Reception, and Years 1 to 4

Parent Consultations will take place on 20th and 21st October. In addition, we have set aside two sessions for you to come into school to view the classroom, and find out more about your child's learning with your child. These are intended to be an opportunity to talk together with your child about their learning. Parents, grandparents and other friends of the school are therefore invited to either of the sessions below for children in Years R to 4:

Wednesday 13th October 2.45pm – 3.30pm or

Thursday 14th October 8.30am – 9am

Please note - Children in Years 5 and 6 are having their Sharing Learning sessions a week later on:

Thursday 21st October 2.45pm to 3.30pm or

Friday 22nd October 8.30am to 9am

Fire Home Safety

The children had a talk in assembly this morning from a member of the Kent Fire and Rescue Services. For a free home safety visit from Kent Fire and Rescue Services including fitting of free smoke detectors please call 0800 9237000.

Do4Kidz Danceworks

Musical Theatre Workshop right here at Bishops Down!

A song from Glee, a dance from Grease and a song and dance from HSM! This format is BRAND NEW for 2010. Professional vocal coach, Jade Brunson, will be teaching the children vocal warm ups and technique followed by dancing and lots of fun! The children will perform a show to the parents at the end of the final day.

Do4Kidz Danceworks will be running this workshop for children in years 2 - 6 on Monday 25th and Tuesday 26th October, 9.15am - 1pm, £32 per child.

Bishops Down pupils will have priority bookings up until Friday 15th October. Call Chloe to book your space 01892 521778 / 07957 769550

Year 5 Assembly

Year 5 class assembly will take place on Thursday 14th October at 9.00am. All Year 5 parents are welcome to watch.

Regards

Dan Turvey