

Bishops Down Primary School News

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9th May 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians

It is with great sadness that I have to announce the retirement of Carol Eglise, one of our school secretaries. Carol has worked at the school for 22 years and has been a loyal, diligent and well-loved part of the Bishops Down staff. Carol leaves at half term and we wish her all the very best as she learns to put her feet up and enjoys spending time with her husband Geoff.

PSA Spring fair - Due to the forecast of heavy rain tomorrow the Spring Fair has been cancelled. It has been rescheduled for Saturday 21st June when we will have a Midsummer Fair instead. Thank you to Helen Jones and her team for all their hard work in planning and then cancelling tomorrow's event.

Class photos Monday 19th May - Classes will be photographed on the 19th May. Please try to ensure that girls wear summer uniform and that children bring cardigans/jumpers on this day. We will try to ensure that hair remains in place and combed!

Walking to and from School - A number of parents have requested clarification about children walking home by themselves. Our school policy is that pupils in Year 6 should be encouraged to walk and cycle to and from school (assuming that they have had cycle training). Year 5 children may walk home by themselves, but we do ask for parents to give written permission to the class teacher to confirm this. In exceptional cases pupils in Year 4 may also walk home or meet parents half way; however we do ask that parents have a discussion with the class teacher and also put this in writing to the school. We discourage parents of pupils in Year 4 and below from allowing children to walk unaccompanied by an adult. During the winter months when it is dark early we also discourage any pupils from walking home alone to Rusthall via the woods.

Summer Footwear – Please can you ensure that if your child is wearing sandals to school for the summer terms, that these shoes have closed in/covered toes for safety reasons to avoid injuries and are blue or black.

Parking on the grass verges around the school – Please avoid parking on pavements or grass verges around the school. A child had a very narrow escape earlier last week when a car nearly reversed into him, whilst he was tying his shoe laces.

Reminder – The big metal gate to the playground opens at 8.45am when a member of staff is outside to supervise the children. Please do not arrive at school until this time, unless your child is involved in an early morning club.

Issues after school on the playground and rear field – I mentioned previously that we are having a number of issues with parents and children staying on the school playground and rear field after school for a long time. Our expectation is that most parents and children will have left the site by 3.30pm and those collecting children from Nursery by 3.40pm. Should you need to remain on site or wait to collect children from clubs you may use the parent shelter or wait at the side of the front sports field where there is seating.

Sainsbury's Vouchers – The box in the entrance by the office is nearly full of vouchers, which is great news. However, the vouchers need to be counted and so if there are any parents who are willing to do a little

counting, perhaps while waiting to collect their child after an activity, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please speak to Karen, thank you.

Regards

Daniel T Tunay

Dates for your Diaries

Sat 10th May

Mon 12th May

Mon 19th May

Wed 21st May

Thurs 22nd May

Fri 23rd May

Mon 26th May

Mon 2nd June

Tues 3rd June

Wed 4th June

Thurs 5th – Fri 6th June

Fri 6th June

Mon 9th June

Wed 11th June

Wed 18th June

Sat 21st June

Wed 25th June

Thurs 26th June

Tuesday 1st July

Wed 2nd July

Thurs 3rd July

Sat 5th July

Wed 9th July

Thurs 10th July

Wed 16th July

Tue 22nd July

Wed 23rd July

Thurs 24th July

PSA Summer Fair 2-4.30pm – THIS HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Year 6 SATs tests

Whole Class Photographs

Year 5 Secondary Transition Meeting 7-8pm

Year 1 Bonsai Class Assembly 9.10-10am

Polling Station for Elections

Wrap Around Care takes place in the Hall before and after school due to elections being held in the Drama room.

Last day of term

Half term holiday

INSET day, no children in school

Term 6 starts for all children

Reception Willow Class Assembly

Year 5 Residential trip

PSA Cake Sale – donations from Reception classes please.

Year 6 Residential trip all week

Year 4 Sycamore Class Assembly 9.10-10am

Year 2 Apple Class Assembly 9.10-10am

PSA Midsummer Fair – new date

Year 3 Mulberry Class Assembly 9.10-10am

Parent Reps meeting

Y1-Y6 parent consultations 3.30-6pm

Sports Day

Y1-Y6 parent consultations 5-8pm

PSA Campout

Year 2 Olive Class Assembly 9.10-10am

Year 6 production

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Year 3 Maple Class Assembly 9.10-10am

Disability Awareness Day

School Discos

Year 6 Leavers Assembly 9.10am

Last day of term

Holiday