

Bishops Down Primary School News

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10th February 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have had a really fabulous week. On Wednesday the whole school took part in an attempt to break the world record for the number of children signing and singing at the same time. The children have really enjoyed taking part in this and it was lovely to hear so many positive comments from parents. We hope that over 150,000 children took part nationally. This was a fabulous chance to raise awareness for the deaf and to support the charity Sign Health. Thank you for all your contributions. Special thanks must go to Lizzie Youngson, Jan Cockburn, Emma Akers and Kate Spoor for all their hard work preparing for the event.

Today we had a disability awareness day designed to give all children positive opportunities to empathise with what it is like living with a disability. Children took part in workshops and activities as well as having a talk from Alison Wright who has short arms as a result of her mother taking a prescribed drug called Thalidomide during the early stages of pregnancy. Please take the chance to share with your child what they have been doing. Many thanks to Jane Clement and her team for organising this.

Marathon Run

Mia Gaymer's mother from Beech class is running in this year's London Marathon. Kirstie is raising money for the NSPCC - a great cause. It would be really appreciated if you would sponsor her. You can do so via www.virginmoneygiving.com/KirstieGaymer or hand a donation to the school office. Any amount helps. Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Year 5 and Year 6 Residential Trips

Please note that if you are paying by installments for your child's residential trip, and your child is in Year 6, the amount parents should have paid to date is £73.05 with the next payment of £32 due at the end of February. If your child is in Year 5, the amount which should have been paid is £39.00 to date, with the next payment of £16.00 due at the end of February.

Photographs

The family group and individual photographs came home yesterday. The photographers have given us an extension because of the Half Term holiday. **The deadline for these orders to be back in school is Friday 24th February.**

Year 1 Beech Swimming

Year 1 Beech will start swimming after half term. Please ensure that all permission slips and medical forms have been returned to school, and payment has been made using ParentPay.

Lunches

The lunch menus and/or calendar forms have been sent out this week together with invoices. Please return these forms as soon as possible. Copies of both forms are on the school website. If you have any questions about the invoices please speak to the office.

Class assembly dates

Wednesday 22 February	Year 6
Wednesday 29 February	Year 5
Wednesday 7 March	Year 4
Tuesday 13 March	Year 3
Wednesday 14 March	Year 2
Tuesday 27 March	Year 1Beech
Wednesday 28 March	Year 1Bonsai

Nearly New Sale at St John's Primary School

I am organising a nearly new sale for school aged children (selling clothes, shoes, books, toys, games, sports/dance kit and equipment, club and school uniform). 25% of the profits will be donated to Chyps (www.chyps.org) which provides hospice at home care for very ill children in this area. The sale is on Saturday 25th February at **St John's School**, Cunningham Road, Tunbridge Wells TN4 9EE from 2-3pm. For more details or to register as a seller, please email Francesca on nns82teen@aol.com or ring/text 07880 793394. Thanks in anticipation,
Francesca Braham

Term Dates

Finish: Friday 10th February 2012
Holiday Monday 13th February - Friday 17th February 2012
INSET DAY MONDAY 20TH FEBRUARY 2012
Start: Tuesday 21st February 2012
Finish: Friday 30th March 2012
Holiday Monday 2nd April- Friday 13th April 2012
INSET DAY MONDAY 16TH APRIL 2012
BANK HOLIDAY MONDAY 7TH MAY 2012
Start: Tuesday 17th April 2012
Wednesday 18th April 2012 for Nursery children
Finish: Friday 1st June 2012
Holiday Monday 4th June - Friday 8th June 2012
Start: Monday 11th June 2012
Finish: Friday 20th July 2012
Holiday Monday 23rd July - Monday 3rd September 2012
INSET DAY TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012
Start: Wednesday 5th September 2012
Thursday 6th September 2012 for Nursery children
Finish: Friday 26th October 2012
Holiday Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November 2012
Start: Monday 5th November 2012
Finish: Friday 21st December 2012
Holiday Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January 2013

PSA Cake Sales - PSA Cake Sales are taking place again after school. Class reps will be asking parents to bring in cakes for the sale, and volunteers to run the sale after school from 3.00 to 3.30pm. Below is a list of when each class is organising their sale.

Y2 Apple	24 th February	YR Chestnut	27 th April
Y1 Bonsai	16 th March	YR Willow	25 th May
Y1 Beech	30 th March	Nursery	29 th June

From Tobi, Year 5

'I would like to invite the whole school to a club at my church which is happening in the Easter holidays called 'To Infinity and Beyond'. It is happening from 2nd to 5th April, 9.15am-12.30 at Tunbridge Wells Baptist Church. Thank you'

Scooters in school

No scooters should be ridden inside the school gates for safety reasons. Please encourage children to push their scooter down the hill from the scooter park and do not let your child start riding their scooter until you are on Rydal Drive. Thank you.

Congratulations

This week Mr John Tutt was appointed as the new Headteacher of St James Junior School in Tunbridge Wells. I am delighted for him as this is a truly deserved appointment. As you know, during his time here at Bishops Down he has been an excellent teacher respected by pupils, staff and parents. He will be leaving at the end of term four in March.

Goodbye

Today we said a sad goodbye to Sinead Roberts, our Year 2 teacher, as she goes on maternity leave. We wish her all the very best for the next few months, but look forward to meeting baby Roberts soon.

Have a very enjoyable holiday.
Regards,

Daniel T Turvey

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