

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

Newsletter No. 17



Year 5 returned on Wednesday having been evacuated to Lincolnsfields in Bushey, Hertfordshire, on Monday. What a fabulous experience they had, enduring the claustrophobia of the shelters, rationing and even a ride on a troop carrier. They enjoyed hearing the stories of World War II veterans and evacuees as well as taking part in role plays, visiting exhibitions and a 1940's house and school. The experience was all made possible by the hard work of the staff on site but also our own who led the visit, Juliet Silburn, Karen Gillham and of course Kate Spoor. Special thanks to them and to all the children who made us all very proud by throwing themselves into the experience.

Year 6 Leavers Hoodies

The Year 6 Leavers Hoodies have been ordered. Please can all Year 6 parents who ordered a hoodie for their child pay the amount due using ParentPay online.

Class Assemblies

As mentioned previously, we would like to offer you the opportunity to share your children's learning on the same morning that your class does their assembly. From now on you are very welcome to stay on for a few minutes after the assembly to go into class with your child to look at and discuss their learning. **However, we would ask you to ensure that you leave the classroom by 10.00am in order for lessons to begin.** Please note the additional Nursery assembly on Thursday 30th June at 9.15am.

The class assembly dates for this term are as follows:

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| Thursday 16 th June | Willow Class |
| Tuesday 21 st June | Year 5 |
| Tuesday 28 th June | Year 3 |
| Thursday 30 th June | Nursery – this assembly will start at 9.15am |
| Wednesday 13 th July | Year 1 |

All class assemblies except Nursery's are at 9.10am

Cycling and Scooting to School

There appear to be some children riding their bicycles to school without wearing their cycle helmets. Please can you ensure your child wears their helmet when riding to and from school. There have been a couple of near misses with younger children riding their scooters at speed on the pavements while their parents have been some distance behind. One child fell off on the pavement resulting in their scooter continuing into the road and under the wheels of a car. Please can you ensure your child is fully supervised when riding their scooters.

Nursery

We would like Nursery parents to bring and collect their children to Nursery using the gate at the end of the car park, rather than walking through the playground, as this can unsettle older children who see parents at

this time. *It is important for safety, however, that all parents please shut the gate after they have gone through it using the sliding bolt at the top.*

Walking Buses

The school has just been awarded another Gold award and the Walking buses are an important part of the school's travel plan. Everyone is welcome to join one of the three walking buses, whether it is just one day a week, or every day – it's flexible and up to you how often you walk with them. We would very much like to see new walkers and so for your information the timetables for the three buses are detailed below with the location of the 'invisible bus stops'.

If you have any questions about the walking buses please phone the coordinators as follows:

Byng Bus – Alison Ruff Tel. 01892 530069

Rusty Bus – Maria Simmons Tel. 01892 544010

Culverden Bus – Kirstie Aves Tel. 07973 689191 or 01892 546738

Byng Bus

8.30am Junction of Byng Road & Culverden Down
8.35am Junction of Coniston Avenue & Culverden Down
8.40am Junction of Coniston Avenue & Rydal Drive
8.45am Arrive at Bishops Down

Rusty Bus

8.30am Bottom of Woodside Road (start of the footpath through the Hurst Wood)
8.45am Junction of Rydal Drive & Coniston Avenue
8.50am Arrive at Bishops Down

Culverden Bus

8.25am Junction of Reynolds Lane & Culverden Down
8.30am Junction of Huntleys Park & Culverden Down
8.35am Junction of Coniston Avenue & Culverden Down
8.40am Junction of Coniston Avenue & Rydal Drive
8.45am Arrive at Bishops Down

School Class Photographs

The school photographer is coming on Tuesday morning to take photographs of classes and sports teams.

Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform. Nursery children who are not normally in class on Tuesday mornings are welcome to come along at 8.55am to join the rest of the Nursery for a whole class photograph, and then leave. Nursery children should meet in the Nursery classroom and they will be brought over all together to the photographer.

Art & Design at Bishop's Down School

We are planning a whole-school exhibition of art which will take place next week beginning on Tuesday 14th June 2011, remaining open to visitors until Friday 17th June. Every pupil, from Nursery and Reception to Year 6 will have their work displayed in the exhibition. There will be prizes for the best painting from each class, with a special prize for the design chosen for the exhibition poster. A professional artist will judge the exhibits.

There will be an official opening and reception with refreshments from 3.30 to 5.30pm on Tuesday 14th June, when prizes (gift vouchers) will be awarded. This is an invitation to all parents, relatives, friends and Governors to visit the exhibition on the Tuesday afternoon or between 8.30 to 9.00am and 3.15 - 3.45pm on Wednesday and Friday. For further details, please look out for our Celebration of Creativity posters.

Sports Day Wednesday 22nd June

Sports Day events are taking place all day. If you are a parent of junior children only, you may wish to attend one part of the day. Parents of infant only children may wish to attend the morning and picnic. Remember - all children who have school dinners will be provided with a picnic lunch. Please feel free to bring your own picnics to enjoy. Please let us know if you want your child to opt out of a school picnic.

Children who normally have a packed lunch should bring their own as usual. We would encourage you to bring rugs and chairs in order to make the most of the day. The day will be organised into sections:

Early morning 9.15am

Infant field events

Junior house competition matches

Late morning 10.45am

Infant track events

Lunchtime 12.00

Picnic

Afternoon 1.30pm

Junior track and field events

PSA Camp Out

Pitches and tickets are selling fast for the Camp Out next Saturday 18th June. If you would like to join the fun, please complete and return your booking form with payment to the office.

PSA Summer Fair

The PSA are holding their Summer Fair on **Sunday 10th July between 2pm and 4.30pm**. Separate information will be sent out with details shortly, but please make a note of the date.

Don't forget, next Friday 17th June is an own clothes day for the children. In exchange the PSA are asking for donations of bottles for the Bottle Tombola at the Summer Fair.

Lost property

The lost property box has filled up again. Please take the chance to check lost property which will be under the shelter next week.

Regards,

Dan Turvey