



Bishops Down Primary School

Newsletter

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DATES:

Kent test for year 6	12th Sept
Parent Consultations	16th, 17th and 18th
Year 6 Residential Parent Meeting	17th Sept
Yr 1 and 2 Trip to TW Museum	26th Sept
Food & Fashion Festival	9th Oct
Year 6 Residential	Week of 14th Oct
Larch Forest School	Tuesdays
Oak Swimming	Weds

Dear Parents and Guardians,

A warm welcome back to the Autumn Term 2019-20.

We have many new members of staff across the school: Teachers; Miss P Greenwood, Mr S George. TAs; Mr J Brennan, Mrs L Barnbrook, Mrs T Hussain, Mrs K Kumari, Mr G. Saunders, Mrs C Richardson. Kitchen Staff: Miss A Dale And Mrs B Hatcher. I know you will all make them feel very welcome.

Mr Beaton had a very busy summer around the school site. You will have noticed the beautiful gardens at the front of the school and the pond area has been improved. Those of you that have been in the building would have noticed the new hall cupboards which have made a huge difference. Thank you Mr Beaton!

During this year we are expecting more improvements to the building. The old 'Hazel Class' by the main playground door will become a Care Suite and Therapy Room and we will also have a large section of the flat roof replaced. We will keep you updated on progress.

Parent consultations have been brought forward this term giving you the opportunity to bring any key information to your child's new class teacher. The staff find these meetings really beneficial, we hope you do too. Mrs Woods (SENDCo) will also be available to speak with parents at these events. You do not need to make an appointment to see her, but please bear in mind that she may not be immediately available as it is a drop-in facility.

Alison Gebbie would like say a huge thank you to all the old Redwood parents and children for their generous gifts, cards and kind words. Also thank you to the individual parents and children for their lovely presents and wonderful cards. She was overwhelmed and can't thank you all enough.

World Food and Fashion Festival

Wednesday 9th October 2019, 3.30pm -4.30pm

We are really looking forward to our annual Food and Fashion Festival

A day to celebrate the diversity of cultures at Bishops Down. Don't forget to email the office with details of your culinary contributions by Friday 27th September 2019.



Thank you
Juliet Silburn



Bishops Down won GOLD in South East in Bloom!

The project involved children in Eco Club, Beehive and Forest School.

Congratulations to everyone Involved!



ROYAL TUNBRIDGE WELLS IN BLOOM

Parent Reps

The parent rep group meets 6 times a year with Mrs Owen to discuss school improvements and any pressing issues relating to the school community.

Parent Reps for Reception, Y2, Y4 and Y6 Larch please confirm to Karen in the office if you would like to remain in post.

PE Kit

If you have any spare sets of PE kit that have been outgrown please could you consider donating them to the school.

So often we have children that have forgotten kit that we would like to make one spare set per class for them to borrow. Please pass to Karen Miller.

Bishops Down's completely inclusive dance company **This Is Us**, has another exciting year ahead and we have a few spaces available! We are open to children aged 7-14, all are welcome, no previous dance experience necessary. Class is 4-5.30 on Monday, we meet at 3.15 to snack and change before starting at 4, £7 per class payable termly. If your child would like to come for a free trial session, or if you have any questions, please contact Mrs Cockburn through the office to arrange a date. Our company Facebook page will give you an idea of what we get up to, or have a look at our TEDx talk we gave at the beginning of the year.



Come and dance with us!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FhqZs14IJaE>

Mrs Parks has been lucky enough to secure a place for the London Marathon 2020 and will be running for **The British Heart Foundation**, a charity that is particularly close to her heart. In February this year, Mrs Parks' mother had a heart attack and was rushed to Ashford hospital. Whilst there she had 2 stents fitted before being transferred to St George's hospital in London where she had a quadruple heart bypass. Thankfully she has made a fantastic recovery and is back teaching at The Judd! Whilst very excited about running for this amazing charity she is now faced with the huge task of raising £2500 by April 2020! If you are able to make a donation, no matter how large or small she would be very grateful. A JustGiving page has been set up (see below) but if you wish to make a donation beforehand please pop it in an envelope and hand in to reception. On behalf of Mrs Parks and her mum we thank you in advance!



https://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/EleanorParks/1?utm_source=messenger&utm_medium=organic&utm_campaign=fundraiser&utm_term=socialshare&utm_content=fundraisingpage



Could you be a Governor at Bishops Down?



We are currently looking for new co-opted governors to join our friendly governing body. Our governors come from a range of different backgrounds, skills and experience but all share a common interest of wanting the best possible education for the children in our school. We would be delighted to hear from anyone who:

- Is interested in children's education and the performance of the school
- Is community spirited and would like to represent the community
- Has spare time and the energy for the role
- Has a background in finance
- Is able to work well as part of a team
- Has an enquiring mind and the confidence to ask questions and debate issues that affect the school
- Can consider matters objectively and make informed judgements

These volunteer positions are open to parents/guardians or other people from our community, so please ask friends and work colleagues if they would be interested. Co-opted governors are not elected by a parent election but are instead appointed directly by the governing body. Please email the school office if you would like more information.