

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

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Many thanks to those of you who came last week for the PSA AGM and, of course, to the outgoing committee. The turnout was low, which is a shame as we were able to celebrate the efforts that you have all put in towards improving our library. Our special thanks go to Nicky Wheeler and Michelle Rule who both stepped down from the committee. Both of these ladies have put so much into the PSA over the last few years and their contribution has been invaluable. Unfortunately, that leaves us with no chair or vice chair as no-one on the committee was able to offer their time to these roles. Please contact me or anyone else on the committee if you wish to nominate someone to these roles or could do it yourself. There is more than a hint of the financial famine ahead and the support of the PSA will be more needed than ever – your role as parents isn't desirable, it's essential. Our thanks go to those staying on the committee and those who have newly joined, offering their services.



Walk to School Awards – a message from the organisers

Congratulations to our Culverden walking bus which won an award at the recent Walk to School Awards. Special thanks to all of you who help by walking with the bus and who attended the awards. The photos of the morning are available to see on www.kmwalktoschool.co.uk.

Lost and Found

There is now a lost and found section on the school website. If you would like any item mentioned, please see Carol in the office.

Library Art Competition

Congratulations to the winners of the competition, in which children were asked to design a picture of a book character for the Library. Their art work is going to be reproduced as canvas prints by www.smilecanvasprints.co.uk and will go on display in the new Library. The lucky winners were:

Y6 Rory Wilson
Y3 Leya Wells
Y4 Charlie Evans
Y6 Hebe Allworthy
Y1 Finlay Beasley
Reception Luree Lento

Safety in the Turning Circle

For your child's safety please remember the turning circle is for this purpose only and not for parents to drop children off at the start of the day. We encourage you to park well away from the school, ideally in Coniston or further away and to walk the remainder of the way.

Vomiting and Diarrhoea

We have a number of children and adults off with tummy bugs. The guidance from the Health Protection Agency is that children suffering from diarrhoea and vomiting should not attend school for 48 hours after the last episode of this illness.

ICT Club

There are now spaces in ICT club on a Thursday after school. The club runs from 3.15 to 4.10. ICT club members have many important responsibilities to the school. These include publishing the school magazine, organising e safety week, making leaflets, programmes for shows and much more! Please let the office know if your child in Year 4, 5 or 6 and is interested in joining.

Sports Clothing During the Colder Weather

Class Reps raised the issue of what children should wear when doing PE outside in the cold. Mrs. Tizzard has confirmed that they should wear extra layers either over or under their PE kit to keep warm. School jumpers in winter are not always appropriate as they get dirty and wet (especially in rugby and drizzly weather). A plain dark blue/black jumper, and joggers if it is really cold can be brought to school and kept with the PE kit. The children in Y3 and Y4 have been told they were allowed to bring in football boots or trainers for the games on the field during the winter months. However, trainers/boots are optional as feet do grow quickly. Children were also told to bring in a plastic bag for dirty footwear. They should also have a pair of socks in their PE bag as lots of children are getting wet dirty socks when wearing plimsolls. Trainers are allowed throughout games for Y5 and Y6.

A message from School Council

The school council (pupil representatives) have been discussing how we can improve our school toilets at the exit to the junior corridor.

School council have now decided on the themes for the Y3/4 toilet murals.

Girl – Ocean/sea life/mermaids/beach

Boys – Space/planets/solar system/aliens

If you would like to submit ideas/designs can the School Council Reps please have these by Friday 4th March? Your ideas will be taken into consideration when designing the murals. Thank you.

Abigail Colletta (School Council Secretary)

Reminder – INSET day

Please do not forget that half term begins on Monday 21st February and that Monday 28th February is an INSET day. Children return on Tuesday 1st March.

Kind regards

Dan Turvey