

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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11<sup>th</sup> May 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

## **School Lunches**

The menu choices for the last week of term are now available on the school website. They have been sent home separately to Reception parents for completion of choices and return to school. There were some parents who only paid for 6 weeks of lunches as they were waiting for the last week's menu, so please make any additional payments on Parentmail if necessary, thank you. Reception parents please ignore the choices for Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June as it has changed, see below.

## **Diamond Jubilee**

We have decided to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee weekend by having a Royal picnic on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June. All children are invited to dress up in Royal regalia or to dress as a Royal character. Prizes will be given for the best costumes. The kitchen will provide a picnic for those children who usually have school dinners. 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.

## **Photographer**

The school photographer will be in school on the morning of Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May to take class photographs. *Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform.* Girls should ideally be dressed in summer dresses. The photographer will be ready to take the first class photographs at 8.45am, which will be the Nursery class. *If your child is NOT normally in Nursery on Monday mornings and you would like him/her to be in the photograph, please bring them to the Nursery classroom at 8.30am on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> May.* At 8.45am the children will be taken over to the hall whilst parents are asked to wait in the Nursery classroom. Once the Nursery photograph has been taken, those children who came in for this will be ready to go home.

## **Festival of Writing**

We are holding a Festival of Writing in July this year around the theme of the Olympics. The whole school will be involved and we are hoping to end the week with a collection of every child's and adult's writing in the school! We really hope to get these pieces of writing bound/published and for each child to have a copy as a memento. I am writing today to ask if anyone has a contact or knows a publisher who could do this for us at a reasonable rate! If you have any contacts, or work in publishing yourself, please contact Miss Runalls Year 1 teacher in Bonsai class, as soon as possible! Many thanks.

## **Year 5 Consultations**

There has been some confusion about Year 5 parent consultations. Please accept my apologies if this affects you. To clarify, there will not be separate consultations for Year 5 in July. The dates notified to you in May replace these meetings. If you do need to see Miss Grimsey on an alternative date, please make these arrangements directly with her or use the parent drop in slot.

## **School Discos Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

Wrap Around Care Club and Disco night has been booked for Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> July. There will be a separate letter coming out about this nearer half term. Please remember that all regular booking for After School club are suspended on this day and if you still need your child to attend you need to complete the return and return the slip on the disco letter when it is sent home.

## **Class Assemblies**

Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 3
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Bonsai
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Beech
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5

### **Vouchers**

Please can you bring in any Sainsbury's or Tesco vouchers you still have at home. If you are able to come into school and help count vouchers, please speak to the office. Any help would be gratefully received.

Regards,

*Daniel T Turvey*

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As you will be aware, the Olympic Torch will be following a route from East Grinstead to Crowborough via Tunbridge Wells during the day of Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012. The torch will pass through the streets of Tunbridge Wells starting on Mount Ephraim from 11.24am. We think this is an exciting event and believe that many of our pupils would like to see the Olympic Torch pass through our area.

However, having discussed this at length, it will be impossible for us to take all of our pupils to see the procession as a whole school outing. We have been informed that no spaces on the route can be allocated to organisations and schools. We are confident that we will be able to supervise Junior classes (Y3-6) and so we will walk them to Mount Ephraim leaving school at approximately 10.20am. We would welcome anyone who wishes to walk with us.

We have decided not to take children in the infant classes, reception or nursery, due to the risks to very young children posed by crowds and traffic and the waiting time once we arrive.

We do not wish the children to miss out on such a once-in-a-lifetime event. Therefore, we have decided that the school will allow parents to take their own children to see the procession. Parents/carers are responsible for their own children whilst attending. School will remain open for the day, but parents wishing to take their children of any age may collect their children from 10.15am. The next leg of the relay starts in Crowborough at 12.06pm, so children should have time to be back at school for afternoon registration which is 1pm for KS1 and Reception children, and 1.30pm for KS2 children.

In order for us to authorise the absence, please can you let the school know before the event, using the attached reply slip or a letter. We will not authorise any absence for children who have not brought in a letter prior to the event. All KS2 pupils will be returned to school in time for lunch. It is very important that we have an accurate idea of numbers for school dinners and so please tick the box on the form if you are taking your child, but would like your child/children to have school dinner.

I hope by offering this opportunity as many children as possible will be able to experience this very special event. I look forward to seeing the photographs from the children that attend.

Yours sincerely,

*Daniel T Turvey*

Dan Turvey  
Headteacher

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**Olympic Torch Relay - Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July 2012**

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I would like to take my child out of school on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> July to view the Olympic Torch relay.

My child will be returning to school for a school dinner.

My child will not need a school dinner.