



# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter No 7

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## Dear Parents & Guardians,

This is the last newsletter of term 2 before the long awaited Christmas break. I am delighted to say that Mrs Bell will be returning to school in the New Year but only in her capacity as Forest School Leader on Thursdays. Her Mulberry Class teaching responsibility will be taken by Eriene Naismith (one of our regular supply teachers) for Mondays and Tuesdays for the rest of the year. Mrs Roberts will teach Mulberry on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays.

It is with sadness that I inform you that Lizzie Godden is leaving us at Christmas. We wish her well in her new post. We are aiming to appoint a TA this week to cover Mrs Godden's teaching assistant duties and Margaret Williams will be taking over her Time to Talk responsibilities.

Miss Karen Woodcock will be joining us as Reception Class Teacher and Mr Richard Harvey as Redwood's new teacher.

The KS1 and Nursery/Reception Nativity plays have been fantastic over the last week and I'm looking forward to the KS2 year group Carols around the Christmas tree throughout this final week. Well done to all the children and staff involved.

Remember Monday the 4th January is a staff training day and children to return to school on Tuesday 5th January 2016. It has been a very busy term so I do hope you all have a restful Christmas break!

*Clare*



## PSA Update

A huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Christmas Fair, whether it was helping on a stall, planning or spending your money! We raised an amazing £2374, of which we are donating £200 to Great Ormond Street Hospital.

Another thank you to everyone who has bought Christmas Cards, mugs, and gift tags this year, we have raised a fantastic £638. We would like to say a special thank you to Helen Ralph who has worked so hard organising the Christmas Cards over the past few years.

Look out at the beginning of 2016 for news on the next PSA Dinner Dance!

### We need your help

We are looking for volunteers to help with the following events in 2016. We would like to have committees for each event, which will help share the workload out. I am afraid that if we do not get some more help then some events may not be able to go ahead.

Dinner Dance – March 2016

Spring Fair – May 2016

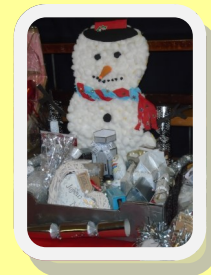
Camp Out - July 2016

Christmas Card coordinators – September 2016

Christmas Fair – Nov/Dec 2016

If you would like to help or find out more then please leave your details with Mrs Miller in the office or grab Helen Jones, Nicola Wither, Graham Naismith, or Kate Rigby at drop off or pick up.

Thank you - *The PSA*



### Lost Property—the bin is overflowing!

All parents are invited to come and rummage through the lost property on **Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December** in the school Hall.

All items in lost property are not named so we cannot return them to their owners. After the 16th any items not claimed will be either given to charity or binned depending on their condition. Lunch boxes, drinks bottles and wellies will also all be thrown if they are unnamed and unclaimed.

### Sports clubs

The sports clubs have a maximum number we can take resulting in there being a waiting list. It is therefore very disappointing when children do not turn up for clubs as someone on the waiting list could have their place. I understand there may be times when your child is unable to take part. If your child is unable to take part they must come and tell Mrs Tizzard in person or by parent phone call or email so that I am aware of this on the day.

If you are interested in helping at a sports club please contact Mrs Tizzard. Having parent helpers means we are able to develop the children further and maybe open the club to more children. We have clubs that run before school, lunchtime and after school

Finally we are in the process of updating all the sports kits and replacing some of the missing kit. Please could you search around at home for any school team kit. If you are interested in sponsoring a kit please contact Mrs Tizzard before the Christmas break.

Thank you for your support

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After Christmas we are changing the timing of assembly to be mid morning with break times either side. (before assembly for KS1 and after assembly for KS2)

The first lesson of the day will start promptly at 9.00 so we do need children in school by 8.55 when the bell rings. Children that would like a calmer start to the day may go into class at 8.45 to settle themselves down.

	7.12.15 attendance	lates
Beech	99.3%	1
Apple	96.2%	3
Olive	98.3%	1
Maple	99.0%	3
Mulberry	95.3%	0
Hazel	97.6%	0
Sycamore	97.6%	1
Redwood	100%	7
Pine	94.3%	5
Oak	93.3%	1

### WAC

Please be reminded that there will be **no Afterschool Club** on Friday 18th December.

**KS2 Choir** has raised almost £100 at Asda and £250 at the Christmas Market on the Pantiles last Saturday for our school charity -Hospices of Hope. This now means over the Christmas period, medication can be provided for 17 children.

Well done Mrs Wilson and the choir!



### Makaton Masters -

For the last two weeks of term Betty and Bryn are the Makaton Masters for any signing questions you might have!

