



12th June 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 32/33/34 Newsletter

Class and Team Photographs - The Van Cols photographer will be in school on Tuesday 23rd June to take class and team photographs. Please ensure that your child is wearing correct school uniform on this day. If your child attends Nursery and does not normally attend on Tuesday morning, you are welcome to bring them into school at 9.00am on Tuesday 23rd June in order that a whole Nursery class photograph may be taken.

Ofsted - It already seems like a long time ago but it was only last week that Ofsted were in school. The outcomes of the inspection will be sent home to you as soon as we have them. We hope that will be within the next two weeks.

Summer Fair - Thank you so much to all of you who helped to make this such a fantastic event. Special thanks to all of the PSA committee, their spouses, staff, governors and parents who gave up their time before and on the day. Profit from the event amounts to £2800 making the hard work very worthwhile.

Isle of Wight - Next week Year 6 are off on their travels to the Isle of Wight. We wish the children and Mr. Tutt a fabulous week away.

Book Fair - The Book Fair arrives on the afternoon of Friday 19th June, and will be with us for a week. It will be open every day from 8.40am, and after school from 3.15pm until 3.45pm. Please come along and browse. Miss Powell urgently needs volunteers to assist in running the Book Fair either before or after school. If you are able to help sell books, please let the office or Miss Powell know.

Parent Consultations - Parent Consultations take place in the week beginning the 22nd June for children in Years 1-6. Sign up sheets will be going home next week.

Registration to Sit the Kent Test – Autumn 2009

If your child is currently in Year 5 and you want your child to sit the Kent grammar school test you must register your child's details between Monday 1st June and Wednesday 10th July 2009. The forms to complete manually are available from the school office or apply online at www.kent.gov.uk/ola

“Moving On” Thursday 25th June 3.30-5.00pm at the Camden Centre

For those of you whose children are starting in Reception next year or going on to secondary school, this Tunbridge Wells event may help you. A number of agencies and schools will be attending to answer questions and give guidance as appropriate. You do not have to tell them you are coming, just turn up!

School Car Park

There has been an increase in the number of parents/carers driving into the school car park to drop off and collect children. The school car park should only be used by parents/carers of disabled children who have a parking badge issued by the school, or those using a Blue Badge.

Building Works - We are pleased to tell you that KCC have prioritised and provided funding for replacing the majority of the school roof. This will be replaced with a better-insulated new surface, with improved external drainage. Preliminary work starts this weekend. All the high level grey cladding is being removed during the next three weekends. A specialist company will be doing this work when the school is empty, as this cladding contains low-level non-friable white asbestos.

Next Monday, builders will start removing the red clay tile low-level cladding. The school is funding new cladding at both low and high levels, which will be safer, smarter and better insulated.

The replacement roof will start being installed at the end of June. We ask parents and children to be tolerant of the inevitable disruption while this work proceeds. Re-roofing classrooms used by yrs 3 – 6 will take place during the summer holiday, causing minimum disruption to teaching.

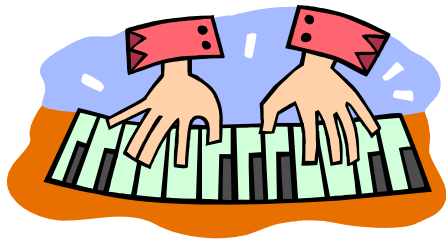
These plans are weather dependant; if we have another wet summer, the work may be slowed down. However, the benefits of both the cladding and re-roofing will be worthwhile – the children should be a lot warmer next winter.

Head Teacher Awards

Year 6	Ollie	Sophia
Year 5	Joe	Amber
Year 4	Whole Class!	
Year 3	Louisa	Katie
Year 2	Luke	Marie
Year 1	Patrick	Olivia
Reception	Samuel	Beau

Regards,

Dan Turvey



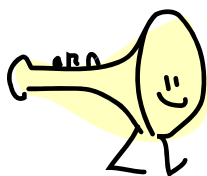
Would you like to learn the piano or clarinet at school?

I currently teach several children at Bishops Down School during the school day (year 2 upwards for piano and years 5 & 6 for clarinet) and am now recruiting for September 2009.

Playing a musical instrument is proven to improve co-ordination, concentration, language and memory skills and above all is fun and can provide a great sense of achievement!

The cost is £12 per 30 minute lesson (a third cheaper than Kent Music!), payable termly.

If you are interested please call Sarah Camburn on 01892 543914.



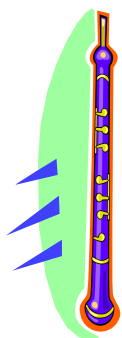
EVER WANTED TO TRY OUT LOADS OF DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS TO DISCOVER WHICH ONE YOU MIGHT LIKE TO LEARN TO PLAY?

Then come along to the Tonbridge Music Centre's instrument tryout morning!:

**Sunday 28th June
10am-1pm**

**Tonbridge Music Centre
Weald of Kent Grammar School
Tudeley Lane
TONBRIDGE**

IT'S ALL FREE AND A GREAT PLACE TO HAVE A GO AT PLAYING LOADS OF DIFFERENT INSTRUMENTS FROM SAXOPHONES AND OBOES TO TRUMPETS, CELLOS AND DRUMS - WITH LOADS OF FREE ADVICE AS TO HOW TO GET STARTED BUT ZERO PRESSURE TO SIGN UP.



NO NEED TO BOOK - JUST TURN UP