



12th September 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 2 Newsletter

This week the children have been sharing their reading experiences from the summer holidays and taking part in activities to enhance reading in the classroom. Below is a selection of some of the things that they have been doing.

Reception

In Reception we have been looking at the book 'Down the Back of the Chair', by Margaret Mahy and Polly Dunbar. There are lots of rhyming words in the story and we have played lots of different rhyming games. In the story Dad loses his car keys, we used different trucks and cars dipped in paint to make 'painty' track pictures.

Year 1

In Year 1 we have been thinking where we like to read at home and how we can turn our reading corner into a special place to read in.

Year 2

Thank you for the photographs of the children. We are making a display of all the amazing places in which the children read. The children have also looked at maps to see where they were reading and have enjoyed following Barnaby as he went on holiday, in the book 'Barnaby Bear goes to the Seaside'

Inspired by 'Jump and Bump', the children have produced pictures of aliens and planets, written about them and danced about them.

Year 3

We did homework to see who could do the most reading activities

Miriam

We drew posters to advertise our favourite book

Lily

We did the summer reading challenge over the holiday

Alex

We chose our favourite book characters and then created patterns inside them

Callum

Year 4

Over the past two weeks we have been working on reading activities in Year 4. We made book marks in the style of a country we visited over the summer! We designed story plates based on a story we enjoyed reading. We have had a lot of fun turning our book corner into a Victorian library. We wrote how we feel when we are reading in thought bubbles. We had a great time during our reading weeks.

Year 5

In Year 5 we have been reading in the most unusual places. These included on a plane, upside down, in hospital, up a tree and even in a cave!

In class we have designed a new library with an Egyptian theme. We have also been studying Dick King-Smith and Roald Dahl. Look out for the snozzcumbers!

Year 6

In Year 6 we have made a story about a boy or girl who finds a packet of magic seeds which reads 'Grow your own....' We also made seed packets to put the story in.

Bethany

Dates for your diaries

15th September 9am Class reps meeting

22nd September Year 6 Consultations

23rd September Year 6 Consultations

9th October am Harvest Festival

21st October 9am Reading Workshop for Reception parents (other parents who may wish to attend please see Miss Powell)

24th October Term 1 ends

3rd November Term 2 starts

15th November PSA Christmas Market

17th November INSET day school closed to children

18th November Parent Consultations Reception –Year 5

20th November Parent Consultations Reception- Year 5

6th December PSA Christmas Dance

19th December Term 2 ends

Year 2 Meet the Teacher will be on Monday 22nd September at 3.30pm

Phonic and Maths parent workshops- due to popular demand we will be holding these in the coming terms. Details to follow soon.

Drop in times

These are the days when teachers will be available immediately after school to see you should you have any concerns.

Reception Thursday

Year 1 Monday

Year 2 Thursday (Mrs Tizzard)

Year 3 Wednesday

Year 4 Thursday

Year 5 Wednesday

Year 6 Thursday

Turning circle

Some parents have expressed concern that people are parking in the turning circle again and causing a danger to our children. Please can I remind everyone, for the safety of the children, **PLEASE DO NOT PARK IN THE TURNING CIRCLE AT ANYTIME OF THE DAY**

Dogs on School Grounds

Please can I remind everyone that dogs are not allowed on school premises. Some of the children are very wary of dogs so we would appreciate it if you could leave them outside of the main gate.

School Eco Status

The school will be setting up an eco team in order to gain eco status this year. I was wondering if any parents or governors would be interested in forming part of the team. The team will meet one lunchtime every two weeks and be responsible for maintaining the school grounds, recycling, gardening and creating awareness and enthusiasm from the rest of the school. Please inform me if you are interested.

Michelle Reader

Dragon Boat Race at Bewl

Don't forget to come and cheer on 'The Bishops Beauties' at the Dragon Boat Race on Saturday. The races start at 10am and they can be easily spotted by their black and pink dresses. Whilst we are not expecting as many medals as the GB Olympic team we do wish them all the best. The PSA will also be running a beauty stall, so please come along and support, it promises to be a great day out.

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Ellison	Michael
Year 2	Arthur	Marcus
Year 3	Jake	Lily
Year 4	Tom	Yasmine
Year 5	Max	Joshua
Year 6	Daniel	Tanya

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Powell