

Bishops Down Primary School News

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13th July 2012
Dear Parents,

This is the final newsletter of the term. Thank you to everyone who has helped to make this year memorable. Special thanks to all of you who have volunteered in some way in the school in classes, reading, walking buses, on the PSA, governors and in the many other activities too numerous to mention. We really appreciate it.

Congratulations to everyone involved in all of the end of term events, notably the festival of writing, Sports Day, music concerts and of course the Year 6 production of 'Bugsy Malone'. This was a real treat and performances of the pupils were truly exceptional.

New Classroom and Quad Infill

We are looking forward to the creation of a new classroom and staffroom in the summer holidays. The current staffroom will become a classroom once again and the staff room will be located in what is now the courtyard.

Staff Changes

Sadly we will be saying goodbye to Ellie Wood who has taught part time in Year 2 and the Nursery this year. We also say goodbye to Sue Peters as she retires. We wish them both well.

School Lunches for September

The green School Meal Calendar form has been sent home today with invoices attached. Please read the information on the form, and pay on ParentPay during the summer holidays, and before 6th September. If your child is leaving Bishops Down then please ensure all outstanding monies owed to the school have been paid; if you are unsure of the amount outstanding, please speak to Mrs. Norman in the Finance office. Current Reception parents are asked to complete the form and return it to the office. Children moving from Reception to Year 1 in September will order meals in the same way as the rest of the school by telling their teacher at morning registration what they would like to eat each day. Parents can find a copy of the menu on the school website so the choices can be discussed with your child in advance.

Festival of Writing

This week the whole school has immersed itself in the enjoyment of writing! The week began with a whole school assembly and a visit from our literacy Governor, Jim Watson who was the inspiration behind the festival. Children wrote spontaneously by using several inspirations for their writing - including Mrs. Spoor running into the hall and screaming and then making a quick exit - children then had to write what they thought had just happened!

Chestnut shared their writing with Year 5 and they had written about Mrs. Cleveland turning into a frog. Redwood had written play scripts about staff members who were competing in the Summer Olympics and then acted them out.

"I have written much more than I normally do and have enjoyed all the fun activities when writing"- Lewis Y5.

"We used lots of small activities to inspire our writing such as news paper headlines and we had to develop a story around that" - Saara Y5.

The playground has had lots of different activities for children to write freely on and around the school there have been writing prompt sheets with unusual story starters for anyone to build on.

Staff have also written alongside their class such as the 'Big Write' in Year 4 where they all wrote about a mystery object found in the middle of an important Olympic event. Let's hope the GB Olympic team do not pass a banana in the 4 x 4 men's relay, as Mrs. Clement suggested in her story!

A wonderful week with so many special moments shared by all.

Swimming

Year 3 and 2 have had their last swimming sessions this week.

After School Activities

All after school clubs have now finished for the term so will not be running next week.

After School Club

Please note that there will be **no After School Club** on the last day of term, Friday 20th July.

Lost and Found Property

We still have masses of unnamed lost property some of which is nearly new. Unless this is claimed next week we will offer the uniform to the PSA and take the rest to a charity shop.

TWBC Summer Activities for Young Children

Kent Cricket Board, Tunbridge Wells District will be running its annual Summer Activities for Young Children cricket courses at Castle Hill CC, Brenchley, August 6th-10th and Southborough CC, Southborough, August 13th-17th.

The sessions will run daily from 10am-12pm and will cost £40 for the week or £10 per day and will be suitable for 7-10 year olds. If you would like to participate, please download the registration forms from the District website: <http://kcbtdw.play-cricket.com> or contact District Development Officer, Nick Fairrie on (01892) 723314. Many thanks,

Nick Fairrie
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Do4Kidz Danceworks Summer Workshop

Flyers for this summer workshop have been sent out earlier this week. Please return booking forms to Chloe or via the office.

PSA 200 Club Winners

The winners for the 200 Club are:

May Michelle Rule
June Duncan Corp
July Nicola Withers

Congratulations to them all. They will all receive a cheque for £30 shortly. Anybody wishing to join the club please speak to the office for details, only £1.00 a month to join. The more people are in it, the bigger the prize money! You can join from September to March for £7.00.

After School Club on Friday 20th July

After School Club will be closed on the last day of term so that staff are able to prepare for the Summer Playscheme, which starts on the following Monday.

Olympics

The children have taken part in a variety of Olympic projects this year including:

- Notcutts flower bed design.
- Paralympic and Olympic sports week.
- Olympic sports day.
- Design Tunbridge wells schools Olympic logo.
- Primary schools torch relay.
- Watching the official Olympic torch relay.
- Creating our own bishops down torch and passing it between the classes.
- Olympic legends.
- The pride awards.
- The Big Dance project
- Sports leadership projects
- As a school we have learnt more about the values during assemblies.
- All years have also learnt about the Olympics as their topic in terms 3 and 4.

This Olympic year has also given us the opportunity to enter a variety of different festivals including: Hockey, Tri-golf, New Age Curling, Speed Stacking, Cross country, Athletics, Indoor athletics, Tag Rugby, Football, Basketball, Netball, Dance and swimming.

We hope that this will inspire the children to watch the Olympics. **We have 3 free tickets for the Paralympic Athletics at the Olympic Stadium for 31st August.** Please speak to the school office if you are interested in these. First come basis and you must use all three.

Olympic Torch Relay

Parents who are taking their own children to see the Olympic Torch Relay on Tuesday can collect their children from 10.15am. ***Please go directly to your child's classroom where you will need to sign them out.*** Pupils in Years 3 to 6 who are not being taken by their parents will be leaving school with their class teacher at 10.30am. Parents are welcome to walk with their child's class if they wish. Any children who do not come into school for morning registration will be marked as having an unauthorised absence unless they are ill, or have a medical appointment which we are already aware of. If your child is being taken out of school by another parent, this should have been clearly written on the permission form and therefore the teacher will know. If we have not been told that another parent is taking them, that child will not be allowed out of school. Children will need to be back in school for afternoon registration which is 1pm for Years 1, 2 and Reception, and is 1.30pm for Junior children.

Finally, we hope that when it does come you all have a wonderful summer break. Don't forget that the first day of the Autumn term for Reception to Year 6 is Thursday 6th September.

Regards,

Daniel T Turvey

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Dates for you diary - 2012/2013 Year

INSET DAYS TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012, WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER, MONDAY 7TH JANUARY 2013, MONDAY 25TH FEBRUARY, MONDAY 3RD JUNE

TERM 1

INSET DAYS TUESDAY 4TH SEPTEMBER 2012 AND WEDNESDAY 5TH SEPTEMBER

Start: Thursday 6th September 2012
Friday 7th September 2012 for Nursery children
Finish: Friday 26th October 2012
Holiday: Monday 29th October – Friday 2nd November 2012

TERM 2

Start: Monday 5th November 2012
Finish: Friday 21st December 2012
Holiday: Monday 24th December – Friday 4th January 2013