

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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Newsletter No. 7



Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,



Friday 20 November

**Children in Need**

On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> November, we will be doing our bit for children in need. The events are being organised by Year 5 and we hope that all the children and staff will support us by wearing 'Spots'. In return we ask for a donation of £1. In addition to this there will be a cake sale at break time. Year 5 is also busy organising other ways to raise money. These include; quizzes and competitions, a sponsored car wash, a treasure hunt and lots more. Please help us to make this day a big success by ensuring your children have plenty of money to take part in all the events they want to. We look forward to this being an enjoyable day and us being able to help many children who are less fortunate than ourselves.

**Shoebox appeal** - Thank you to everyone who has already made up a shoe box for the Christmas Shoebox Appeal. Please ask in the office if you would like to do one but have not got an explanation leaflet. The last date for boxes is the 25<sup>th</sup> November.



Bishops Down Primary School remains affiliated to the British Heart Foundation's Heartstart UK. This enables children from Years 2-6 to receive emergency life support training (ELS) from myself and Katrina

Sigston (also a nurse) as part of the PSHE curriculum. This training will continue on Tuesday afternoons and continue until the end of the summer term. ELS is the set of actions needed to keep a person alive until professional help arrives and can be used in a range of situations from choking and serious bleeding to cardiac arrest. The programme is flexible, building from one session to the next, with each session designed to be appropriate for the child's age group, for example children in year 1 will learn how to identify that someone needs help and how to call for the emergency services, children in year 6 will be able to complete the whole programme and learn how to perform resuscitation. Each session lasts for 40-60 minutes.

The British Heart Foundation raises money for research into heart and circulatory disease and has provided all the teaching materials and resuscitation training manikins (worth over £1000) to the school in return for a little publicity and perhaps some fundraising.

If you would like to learn more about the Heartstart UK schools' programme please follow this link [British Heart Foundation - Heartstart UK Training.mht](http://British Heart Foundation - Heartstart UK Training.mht)

Any other queries please do not hesitate to contact me via the school office. Helen Lawton

**Picking up reminder** - Please remember to inform your child's teacher or the school office if your child will be collected by a family friend or another adult. This can be done by telephone or in the morning by speaking to a teaching assistant or teacher. This will remove any confusion. Staff will keep the children in class if in any doubt. Many thanks.

**Aprons** - Parent representatives have mentioned that some children are coming home gummed up with glue or covered in paint. Though we do our best to ensure this does not happen, it would help if all children are provided with an apron. An old shirt will do, but please ensure that it is named and the previous owner knows of its disappearance!

Regards,

Dan Turvey