



NEWSLETTER

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Bishops Down Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

Safer Internet Day 2015 - Safer Internet Day (SID) is organised in the UK by the UK Safer Internet Centre in February of each year to promote the safe and responsible use of online technology for children and young people. At Bishops Down we have been learning about e-Safety through a range of activities. A fact sheet is available on our school website via the parent tab/e-safety.

Coming into school - A gentle reminder that we encourage pupils to become independent when coming into school in the morning and discourage parents of pupils in Year 1 and above from coming past the metal gate at the end of the pathway. If you have any problems staff are very happy to assist in taking messages or children from you.

'Run... Bishops Down... Run' - Anna, Maya, Olly and Ellie (Y3/4), threw themselves into the Cross-Country League on Thursday 29th January 15.



They faced stiff competition as they raced against local schools, but they raced with determination and positive attitudes, setting a fantastic example of Bishops Down! They all did an amazing run and

should feel extremely proud of their achievements, especially after having to run knee-high in mud! These children hope to inspire other children at Bishops Down, especially those who come to the Cross-Country club on a Tuesday morning at 8am (Y 4-6), to take part in these competitions. All abilities welcome!

A special thank you to Sarah Barker for organising these opportunities for the children with so much enthusiasm and to Graham and Jessie, who volunteer on Tuesday mornings to run with the children. Your support is SO appreciated!

Miss Perolls

Photographs - As some of the photograph proofs were late in being sent home from school, the photographers are happy to extend the deadline for orders to be back at school until **Wednesday 25th February**. If you feel you may forget, or lose the proof during the half term holiday, then you are welcome to hand your order into the office next week. This new deadline should still ensure that orders are printed and returned to school to go home before the Easter holidays.

Nursery Gate – There are a number of parents of children using this gate at the start and end of the day. Please note that only Nursery Parents should be using this gate, and all other parents should be using the playground gate by the Ball Court. Nursery parents - please remember to close the gate after you have passed through it, to prevent children being able to get into the car park.

Library Drop-in Sessions - The school library will be holding a regular drop in session for children to come and exchange their library books or to browse the shelves to see what we have to offer. These will take place on a Monday (starting after half term) and will run from 3.20 to 4pm. Please feel free to come along and see what you can find.

Swimming Gala – Several children took part in the Primary Schools Gala on Wednesday 4th February at St John’s pool. Congratulations to Lili, Ben, Laurie, Euan, Elle, and Betty who won the Mixed Medley Relay, and also to Jack for stepping in at the last minute to swim back stroke for the team.



Sainsbury’s vouchers – This scheme is running again and our collection box is in the entrance hall for any vouchers you can collect and donate to school, thank you.

KS2 Choir Club – Please note that all the children who applied for a space in this club starting after half term have been successful in obtaining a place. The first session is on Tuesday 24th February 3.15-4pm.

Reminder - Issues after school on the playground and rear field - We are having a number of issues with parents and children staying on the school site after school for a long time. Our expectation is that most parents and children will have left the site by 3.30pm and those collecting children from Nursery by 3.40pm. Our priority must be the safety of children involved in after school hours activities. Staff leading these activities are struggling to monitor pupils and deliver their clubs effectively as there are so many other children still in school.

In addition we are having issues with children being allowed to use the castle, outdoor classroom and play equipment unsupervised after school. To clarify the position, children are not allowed to play on the equipment behind Reception classrooms after school hours. I have asked staff to be vigilant about this for the sake of all our children and they will ask children to leave the area.

Nut allergies – Please can parents remember that we have a number of children and staff with a severe nut allergy so we aim to keep a nut free environment at break and lunch times. We ask that parents do not send in snacks or any other food into school which may contain nuts.

PSA Dinner Dance - The PSA are still looking for donations for our auction at the Dinner Dance on the 21st March. If anyone has anything they would be able to donate then please do let us know. We will be announcing all prizes beforehand and will be able to advertise any companies who have donated.
Thank you The PSA

Lunch Menus – These are now available on the school website for next term.

Walk on Wednesday – There seems to be some confusion amongst the children as to whether they should be putting their hands up for inclusion each week in the Walk on Wednesday count for those children who walked to school. If your child walks or scoots on a Wednesday all the way to school, or further than they normally do the rest of the week, i.e *at least the length of Rydal Drive and Coniston Avenue*, then they should put their hand up to be included. These figures are sent to the scheme organisers each week, and are what we base the Golden Boot award on each Friday in Celebration Assembly.

All that remains is to wish you all a lovely half term holiday and to remind you that Monday 23rd February is an INSET day.

Kind regards

Daniel T Tunay

FUTURE EVENTS/NOTICES

Parent Consultations will be held on:
Tuesday 3rd March 3.15-6pm and
Thursday 5th March 5-7.45pm

World Book Day Thursday 5th March – come dressed as your favourite book character!