

# Bishops Down Primary School News



14<sup>th</sup> June 2013

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to Year 6 who return from their travels later today after a week away. They have spent an exciting week enjoying a wide range of activities at the Belchamps centre. I am not sure that staff and pupils have particularly enjoyed sleeping under canvas in the wind and rain, but I know that they have all enjoyed the tasks, games and activities each day. Please view the photographs on the school website within the Year 6 gallery.

**Year 5 Assembly** - Well done to Year 5 who led a fantastic assembly on Wednesday all about life in World War 2. Last week they visited the Lincolnsfield centre and spent 2 days in role as evacuees. They presented a range of short descriptions of how life was during the war based on their experiences last week and learning during the term. Congratulations to all of Year 5 for the assembly and for being such role models on the residential trip. Photographs can be viewed on the Year 5 page of the gallery on the website.

**Intake September 2013** - As you will be aware a planning application has been submitted for two parking spaces and a one story temporary classroom to accommodate an extra 30 pupils in the school in September 2013. You can view the application using the link below. In the event that the planning application is approved and we have 60 pupils there are a number of logistical issues for us to overcome. We have already put plans in place to minimise any negative impact and to try and reduce some of the anxiety for parents offered a conditional place subject to further expansion, including the appointment of an extra teacher. The decision will be made by the planning committee on 17<sup>th</sup> July. Of course we will inform you of that decision once it has been made.

The link is <http://pa.tunbridgewells.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=documents&keyVal=MN536DBWODY00> .

**Eco Cards** - Thank you to all those parents who ordered packs of cards. The school received £144.00 of National Garden vouchers to spend, and the Eco-Warriors will be speaking to the School Council to ask classes what they think the vouchers could be spent on. The winning design belonged to Harry Lynch from Bonsai Class and the school have purchased packs of his card to use. The class which placed the most orders was Nursery Acorn.

**Photograph Order Deadline** - The photographers will be collecting orders first thing on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> June, so please return your completed order envelope to school by **Monday afternoon** so they can be boxed up ready.

**Collection from the playground after school on Thursdays** - We would be grateful if parents would leave the school playground after having collected their children as soon as possible at 3.15pm. We want to be able to start our Netball club promptly after school and are being prohibited from doing so as there are so many parents and children still on the netball courts. In addition, could parents waiting to collect children from Art Club please supervise any younger siblings and stand well away from the netball courts to prevent any accidents from occurring. We appreciate your help.

## Class led assemblies to the whole school

Date	Class or teacher
Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 - Olive - Michelle Reader
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 - Apple - Sinead Roberts
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 - Beech - Emma Akers
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 1 - Bonsai - Helen Runalls

**Vouchers** - Sainsbury's vouchers have come to an end and so if you have any lying around the house please can you bring them into school and put them into the box by the office. Any volunteers to start counting them would be greatly appreciated, maybe while you wait to collect your child from a club? They are being bundled into 100's, and elastic bands are available from the office. Thank you.

**Parent Lunches** - The deadline for booking a parent lunch by returning the form is end of school today. The timings of the sittings are approximately as follows:

Monday 24 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Lunch Club	11.45am
	Reception Chestnut	11.55am
	Year 5 Redwood	12.40pm
Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 2 Olive	12.20pm
	Year 2 Apple	12.25pm
Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> June	Reception Willow	12.00pm
	Year 6 Oak	12.45pm
Thursday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Beech	12.10pm
	Year 3 Maple	12.35pm
Friday 28 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Bonsai	12.15pm
	Year 4 Sycamore	12.40pm

If your Nursery child does not normally eat at Nursery Lunch Club on Mondays, but has been booked in for this day you will have spoken to the Nursery staff to choose a meal to be ordered for them. You will be invoiced at the end of the term for the full Nursery Lunch Club fee of £4.60. Please pay for the parent lunch on ParentPay under the 'Parent Lunches' option. If any Nursery parent is not yet registered with ParentPay, please ask the office for your registration details.

**Wrap Around Care in September** - Current regular bookings for Breakfast Club and After School Club will continue in September. Please complete a new regular booking form for September *ONLY* if you wish to make any changes to your current arrangements, i.e. reduce, add or stop bookings. Please hand in any forms to the office.

**Staff news** - Sadly, today we have said goodbye to Matt Bennett one of our teaching assistants who is leaving to take up a role at St Johns Primary School. We wish him all the very best and thank him for having such a positive impact here at Bishops Down.

I am aware that parents are keen to know who will be teaching their children in September. We will let pupils and parents know on the same day as soon as we are able to confirm arrangements ourselves. I hope that this will be within the next week.

#### Dates for your Diaries

15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> June	School Camp Out
28 <sup>th</sup> June	Nursery Cake Sale 3pm
3 <sup>rd</sup> July	Sports Day
4 <sup>th</sup> July	New Entrants Parents Meeting 7pm
9 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultations for Y1-Y6 (3.30pm-6pm)
10 <sup>th</sup> July	Parent Consultations for Y1-Y6 (5.30pm - 8pm)
17 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 6 performance 6pm
18 <sup>th</sup> July	Prospective Parents visit at 2.15pm
	Year 6 performance 6pm
22 <sup>nd</sup> July	Wrap Around Care Disco Night - <b>Please note the change of date</b>
23 <sup>rd</sup> July	<b>End of Term 6</b>

4<sup>th</sup> September **Term 1 starts for children in Reception to Y6**

5<sup>th</sup> September Term 1 starts for Nursery children

Regards,

*Daniel T Tunay*