

Bishops Down Primary School News

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14th March 2014

Dear Parents and Guardians

On Monday children took part in activities as part of our Maths day. We had a wonderful time in the hall as KS2 pupils were supported in Maths challenges by boys from the Skinners School. Thank you all for providing ties, hats and t-shirts that had a Maths theme, the day started with a delightful parade of these to parents. Thank you to Mrs Affleck for all her hard work in planning the day. Special thanks to the brave parents who took part in assembly and talked about how they use Maths in their jobs.

French Club - congratulations to French Club who led our assembly last week. We had a wonderful time listening to them and taking part in a French game. Well done to all of the pupils who took part and Mrs Baker for leading the club and preparing the assembly.

Reports - You should all have received a school report for your child if they are in Years 1 to 6. Please send back your comments if you can. In July we hold parent consultations in order to update you on your child's progress. Many thanks to all the teaching staff for the time that they spent during half term, evenings and weekends writing the reports. Reception will be holding parent consultations later this term and will provide written reports in July.

Bring Your Dad to School Day – We really need to know numbers very soon, so if you can come, please return the attached form to the school office by Monday 17th March. We have been asked if mums can attend and the answer is no, this is a men only event. The idea of this day is to encourage men to become involved in their children's learning. Don't worry if no men are able to attend, we have an 'adopt a dad' system to ensure that all children have someone with them. There will be further opportunities for grandparents and mums to come into school over the next 2 years.

Nursery Gate – There are a number of parents of children from YR-6 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. **Please remember to close the gate after you have passed through it, to prevent children being able to get into the car park.**

School Nurse - School Nurse Bridget Stewart will be holding a clinic at Bishops Down Primary School on Tuesday 25th March from 2:00pm - 3:30pm for parents and carers who wish to discuss any aspect of their child's health or general wellbeing. The School Nurse can offer advice on most health related issues including healthy eating, hearing tests for Year 2 and above, common childhood illnesses, treating head lice, bedwetting, bedtime and sleeping routines and managing behaviour. You can make an appointment for the clinic by phoning or texting her on her mobile **07818 510329**.

E-cigarettes – It has come to my attention that some parents are using e-cigarettes on the school premises. Though it is commendable that these are being used as a substitute for the real thing, I would ask that parents do not use them on the premises. To children these cigarettes do look like the real thing and are used in the same way, which can send the wrong message to children. We do operate a no smoking policy on the premises and I would ask you to treat e-cigarettes as if they were the real thing.

Dogs – We are aware of a couple of incidents recently involving dogs tied up on the fence opposite the bottom of the school drive. In the first incident a dog jumped up and barked at a child as she walked past which scared her. In the same week there were 2 small dogs tied to the fence by their leads but the leads were fully extended and so the dogs were able to reach right across the path and children were too

frightened to walk past them. If you bring a dog to school, please can you ensure it is tied up where it is not going to cause an obstruction or cause children worry if they do not like dogs. Thank you.

PSA Quiz Night - The PSA's next event is the Amazing Spring Quiz Night which will take place at school on Saturday 22nd March, starting at 7.00pm. Save the date, and get together with friends now to create a team. Maximum 8 people per team, but if you don't have a team, come anyway and we'll find one for you on the night! Entry forms are available in the School Office if you are not able to print one. If you have never done a quiz before, or are one of the regulars, you are very welcome!

Regards

Daniel T Tunay

Dates for your Diaries

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| Wed 19 th March | Year 2 Olive Class Assembly |
| Thurs 20 th March | Prospective Parents visit at 2.15pm |
| Sat 22 nd March | PSA Quiz Night Doors/Bar open at 7.00pm, Quiz starts at 7.30pm |
| Mon 24 th to 31 st March | Y6 Bikeability |
| Wed 26 th March | Year 3 Maple Class Assembly |
| Thurs 27 th March | Bring your Dad to School Day – morning or afternoon 9.00am – 11.30am or 1.20pm – 3.15pm |
| March 28 th | Kent Schools Cultural Celebration entry deadline PSA Cake Sale (Y1 parents to donate cakes please), and Second Hand Uniform Sale, both at 3pm |
| Mon 31 st March | Starsnappers photographic workshop in school for Y1-6 |
| Tues 1 st April | Starsnappers photographic workshop in school for Y1-6 |
| Fri 4 th April | PSA Easter Egg Hunt 1-3pm |
| | Term 4 ends |
| Tues 22 nd April | Inset Day – no children in school |
| Wed 23 rd April | Term 5 starts for all children EXCEPT Nursery |
| Thurs 24 th April | Term starts for Nursery children |
| Fri 25 th April | Y6 Safety in Action morning |
| 28 th April to 2 nd May | Parent lunches in school (further details to follow) |
| 30 th April | Deadline for full payment for Y5 residential trip |
| 1 st May | Deadline for full payment for Y6 residential Trip Parent Reps meeting 9am |
| 9 th May | PSA Cake Sale (Reception parents to donate cakes please) |
| 19 th May | Whole Class Photographs Year 5 Secondary Transition Meeting 7-8pm |

I will be attending **Bring your Dad to School** Day on Thursday 27th March 2014.

In the morning / in the afternoon

My name is: _____ (Please print)

I am coming to school with _____ (child/rens names)

He/she is my child /nephew / niece / other

Signed: _____