



15th May 2009

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 30/31 Newsletter

Phew! SATs (national tests) week for Year 6 is over. Well done to all the children who behaved so responsibly and considerately towards each other. Special thanks to all the staff who helped in the smooth running of this stressful week for Mr Tutt!

Lorraine Smith - Lorraine is still unfit to return to work. We have been informed that her expected return will be after half term. Any queries or enquiries should go via the class teacher in the first instance.

4th June Elections - Please remember that although the school will be used as a polling station, this does not affect the children. This is a normal school day. The general public will only have access to the drama room and no other parts of the school.

Half term - Please note that half term begins on Monday 25th May. Children return to school on Monday 1st June.

PSA own clothes day - Friday 5th June - Please don't forget that in return for wearing their own clothes, children should bring cakes to school ready for the summer fair which is on **Saturday 6th June**.

Car Parking around the school - A gentle reminder to be considerate to local residents in Rydal Drive and Coniston Avenue when parking. Better still, why not be persuaded to join a walking bus or car share! This week I have heard about a vehicle which had parked so close to the car in front that on one occasion it was actually touching the bumper. On another occasion a parent couldn't access her boot because a car had parked so close. In addition cars had parked over residents driveways.

Walk to School Week: 18th -22nd May 2009 - Next week is Walk to School Week and as a school we are doing lots of things to encourage our pupils to walk to school safely.

*ROAD SAFETY: Teachers will be planning and organising some activities during the week based around the theme of road safety. Your child will also be bringing home a leaflet about road safety so that you can support them with this valuable life skill when you are out and about. If your child already uses one of the walking buses then they will be taking part in some extra road safety activities. For this week only you will be able to join one of the walking buses without having to fill in all the forms, and if you try it out your child(ren) will be able to take part in the special road safety activities. Posters will be up around the school to let you know how you can join the buses.

*POSTER COMPETITION: To design a poster to promote and encourage road safety. This is open to all classes and should be done on A4 paper or card. The winning entry from each class will receive a prize. Posters should be handed into the office with your child's name and class written clearly on the back by Thursday 21st May. Prizes will be awarded in assembly on Friday. Winning posters will be laminated and displayed around school.

*FUNKY SHOES: As part of Walk to school week we will be running a "Design a funky pair of shoes" design project and competition in school. **All children will need to bring in an old pair of shoes for this project.** The children will be designing changes that can be made to their pair of shoes and will then carry these out, resulting in some very funky shoes. Children will be able to bring home their funky shoes on Thursday so that they can wear them when they walk to school on Friday. Prizes will be awarded for the best pair of funky shoes in each class. We have ordered some resources to help

the children decorate their shoes but children can bring in other resources from home that they want to use. **If anyone has any spare old shoes then do please bring in these as well in case some children don't have a pair.**

*ASSEMBLY: On Friday 22nd May there will be a special assembly at 9.15. Katrina Burton from Tunbridge Wells Museum will be our special guest and she will be bringing in some historic shoes to share with the children, presenting prizes to the winners of the competition and shoe designs.

Summer Fair

Thank you to all those parents and children who bought in bottles today for the tombola stall. It is still not too late to donate bottles next week. Any more contributions of bottles will be gratefully received.

The PSA would also like help with the following for the Summer Fair. If you can help, please e-mail Nicky Wheeler on n.awheeler@btinternet.com or speak to a PSA member.

1. We are in desperate need of people who are experienced at BBQ cooking to help man the BBQ at the fair.

2. Old crockery & china. We are having a crockery smashing stall and need crockery to smash so if you have any crockery which is cracked or chipped or you simply don't like anymore, then the PSA would be very grateful to receive it.

Thank you to all of you who have already responded to the PSA appeals for help.

Music Festival CD - Some members of the school choir took part in the Tunbridge Wells Music Festival a few weeks ago. There is now a CD recording available to purchase. Request forms are available from the office. Forms and £5 cash for each copy need to be returned to the office in a sealed envelope clearly marked 'Music Festival CD order'. Unfortunately, payment can only be made in cash.

Book Fair - The Book Fair will be in school from Friday 19th June until Thursday 25th June.

Book Fair – Volunteers Required - Miss Powell urgently needs volunteers to assist in running the Book Fair either before or after school from Friday 19th June until Thursday 25th June. If you can help please let Miss Powell know.

Head Teacher Awards

Reception	Izzie	Mattie
Year 1	Whole Class	
Year 2	Ben	Gabrielle
Year 3	Elena	Miriam
Year 4	Oliver	James
Year 5	Lara	Georgie
Year 6	Whole Class	

Regards,

Dan Turvey