

Bishops Down Primary School News

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16th November 2012

Dear Parents,

Children in Need Congratulations to all of Year 5 and to Mrs Pain for all their hard work in making today so successful. The children have run activities across the school as well as selling cakes. The children looked fabulous in their outfits, many thanks to all of you for helping them!

Own clothes day Don't forget that next Friday (23rd November) is an own clothes day in exchange for bottles for the PSA Christmas Bazaar.

Admissions KCC Admissions and Transport would like to remind parents that the LA's Consultation Scheme document AND Consultation Admissions Arrangements for 2013 will be available to view on Kent.gov.uk from Thursday 15 November 2012. The consultation period will be open from 15 November 2012 until 15 January 2013. Responses can be submitted through the online feedback forms provided on the site.

Dogs on the premises and by the gate I have had requests from a number of parents who are concerned about dogs being tied up by the school gate. Please give consideration to all pupils who are scared of dogs and tie them up away from the entrance to the school, bearing in mind that some of our younger children are at face height for some larger dogs. For clarification, **under no circumstances** are dogs allowed on school premises, that includes the field, playground and pathways.

Nursery Consultations Please note that we will be holding 'Settling in' consultations for children that started Nursery in September 2012 over the next couple of weeks. Please sign up for a slot on the sheet on the Nursery door. Alison and Claire

Entrance criteria for the nursery If you have a child under three you may wish to know that Bishops Down Nursery now has 6 entry points during the year immediately after each school holiday in September, October, January, February, April and May. We admit children who are already 3 years old on the first day of each of the 6 school terms. This is a change from having only three starting points.

Walking Buses and WOW There will be a WOW Challenge Day on Wednesday 28th November where we would like as many children as possible to walk to school. This is where the class with the highest number of children walking from Bishops Down is entered into a draw against other schools in the council area to win prizes, including a Scooterpod for children to use to park their scooters at school. This date is also in the middle of our Walking Buses special competition for Reception and Year 1 children, and existing walking bus members, to walk to school every day from Monday for three weeks and win a prize.

We have been asked to notify you of the following opportunity if you have been through a divorce or separation. "Recovery from Divorce and Separation Course - January 2013".

The course is both practical and supportive, giving any separated or divorced person the opportunity to discuss the challenges they are facing and the tools to deal with these effectively. The six week course begins on Tuesday evenings at 7.00pm, starting 22nd January 2013. It will be held at St John's Church Centre. Attendees make a contribution of only £20 towards the cost of food and materials. Although based on Christian principles, the course is helpful for any person with or without a church background. If you wish to learn more about this course and whether it is suitable for you, then please contact the course administrator - Tony Nelson - on tony.nelson@talktalk.net or 07780 330200

School Lunches

This is a reminder for all parents with children in Reception to Year 6. If your child is presently having school lunches, or has packed lunches but wishes to have a school Christmas lunch, please ensure that meals have been paid for in advance and that the green lunch form has been filled in and returned to the office. Please also ensure your child's order for Christmas lunch is received by us before 30th November.

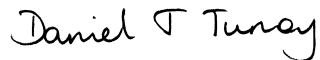
WAC Disco

The letter about the WAC Christmas Discos will be sent home on Monday in book bags. Please read the information carefully, especially if your child is a regular WAC user.

Christmas Performances

Separate letters will be coming out soon regarding tickets for the Reception/Nursery, and KS1 Christmas performances.

Regards,



Dan Turvey

Dates for your Diaries

19 th November		Road Safety Week
27 th November	9.30am	Prospective Parents visit
1 st December	2pm-4.30pm	PSA Christmas Fair
3 rd December	6.30pm	Full Governors Meeting
4 th December	2pm	Prospective Parents visit
12 th December	9.30am 4.30-5.30pm 5.45-7.15pm 7.30pm	KS1 Production Reception/Infant Disco Junior Disco PSA Committee meeting
13 th December	9.30am	KS1 Production
14 th December	2.30pm 3pm	KS1 Production Sycamore Class Cake Sale
18 th December	2.30pm	Nursery & Reception Christmas celebration
19 th December	9.30am	Nursery & Reception Christmas celebration
20 th December		Christmas Lunch
21 st December		End of Term 2
7 th January		INSET day
8 th January		Start of Term 3 for all children except Nursery
9 th January		Nursery children start
11 th January	9am	Parent Reps meeting