



NEWSLETTER

16 JANUARY 2015

Bishops Down Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

I am delighted that governors have been able to appoint my successor Clare Owen. I know Clare well and she is very keen to start work at the school. She already knows the school reasonably well through visits and because Bidborough and Bishops Down schools belong to a small cluster of local schools and the Tunbridge Wells Primary Schools Collaboration Trust. Clare and I will be meeting regularly throughout the term to ensure a smooth transition.

Election of Parent Governors

I wrote to you on the 5th January to ask if you would consider standing for election as a parent governor for this school or to nominate another parent to do so. If you would like to stand for election, or to nominate someone else, please complete the attached form and return it to me by Monday **19th January**. Governors are involved in deciding school policies, monitoring pupil progress, allocating the school's budget and appointing staff. No special qualifications are needed so please consider giving it a go if you have some spare time and want to volunteer for this worthwhile role.

Parent Consultations

You will be receiving a letter next week regarding changes to assessment and reporting arrangements, but I wanted to flag up two additional dates of interest for you. There will be two parent consultation meetings on Tuesday 3rd March 3.45-6pm and Thursday 5th March 5-7.45pm for Reception to Year 6 pupils. Further details about the arrangements will follow in February.

Clubs on the school website

Please note that rather than list each club on the website calendar each week, there is a summary of the clubs and when they run under the Parent tab.

Donations for 'Free the Children'

Two children from Year 6 will be collecting money for Free the Children on Monday 19th January. Free the Children is a charity that gives clean sanitation, mobile hospitals, and education to children in poor countries like Sierra Leone. Please bring any loose change on Monday to put in the collection box, thank you.

Oliver Lynch Year 6



Reminder - Assembly dates

Date	Class or teacher
Wednesday 21 st January	Y5 – Redwood
Wednesday 28 th January	Y2 – Olive
Wednesday 4 th February	Y3 – Mulberry
Wednesday 11 th February	Y2 – Apple
Wednesday 25 th February	Y4 – Sycamore
Wednesday 11 th March	Y3 – Maple
Wednesday 18 th March	Reception Chestnut
Wednesday 25 th March	Y4 – Hazel

Lost Property

The Lost Property bin is full again. Please check there if you have lost any item. Those named will be returned to the classroom, but many items do not have a name in and unless they are claimed from the bin they will be given to the PSA for resale after a few weeks.

Car Park

Please can I remind you not to allow your children to play and run around in the school car park at the end of the day. The car park is full at this time with a lot of movement – we do not want an accident.

Stargazing Live and Quiz 2015

The BBC would normally be running Stargazing Live in January, but this year they are going to run it in March to coincide with the partial eclipse. Edenbridge and District Astronomers will be running



their Stargazing Live Event at The Kent & Surrey Golf & Country Club, Edenbridge, on Friday 30th Jan from 7pm and Saturday 31st Jan from 3pm and have forwarded a link for parents to find out more. On Saturday they will be looking at the Sun (with solar telescopes) and on both Friday and Saturday evenings they will have the moon and Jupiter as well as deep sky nebular to look at. All subject to weather conditions on the day. Please see the attached poster. If you would like to take part in the quiz, please see the front page of the school website to download a copy.

Kind regards

Daniel T Tunay

FUTURE EVENTS/NOTICES

School Individual/Sibling Photographs are being taken on Monday 19th January so please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform.

Coats, hats and gloves – it is starting to get cold on the playground, please ensure your child/ren bring in coats (clearly named) so they can enjoy outdoor play.