

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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18<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Dear Parents,

## **Children in Need**

Here is what Redwood have been doing:  
In Redwood we have made up lots of different activities for everyone to have a go at to raise lots of money for Children in Need. Activities have included Hunt the Pudsey, Decorate a Biscuit, Colouring, face painting, Marble Cram and Tin Can Alley as well as a competition to see who has the biggest cuddly toy! Everyone came to school dressed as an S! We have even washed staff cars for £5 donations! There have been lots of prizes throughout the day and a cake sale at break time! We hope to raise lots of money and will be counting this up on Monday so we can let you know how much we raised in the next newsletter.

Year 5

## **Christmas Lunch Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December**

If you wish your child to eat a Christmas lunch please complete the form below and return it to the office by 1<sup>st</sup> December. If you have already completed a school lunch calendar form indicating that your child will be eating on this day, please **also** complete the form below as the kitchen need to know if your child requires a vegetarian meal. To enable the kitchen to prepare enough food please ensure that the form is returned and the meal paid for by 1<sup>st</sup> December.

## **Class Assembly for Willow 14<sup>th</sup> December**

The class assembly for Willow class has been postponed as this is on the same day as the Foundation Stage Christmas performance. A new date will be organised in the New Year.

## **PSA Meetings**

29th Nov 2011	7:30pm
11th Jan 2012	AGM 7:30pm
6th March 2012	7:30pm
1st May 2012	7:30pm
27th June 2012	7:30pm
12th Sept 2012	7:30pm

## **PSA Christmas Fair**

The PSA Christmas Fair is being held on **Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> December between 12noon and 2pm**. Food will be available. Please note the dates and donation requests below and come and support the fair.

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> November** - The PSA will provide every child with a small bag to take home and it would be appreciated if it could be filled with sweets for the Children's Tombola. Please can filled bags be returned to the school office by the 2nd Dec 2011.

**Monday 5-9<sup>th</sup> December Christmas Fair Donations** - Any toy donations for the Toy Stall at the Christmas Fair would be gratefully received.

Every year we have a Secret Santa Stall for the children to purchase and wrap up presents for their parents - this stall is VERY popular.

Any nearly new or unwanted gifts other than toys that could go on the Secret Santa stall i.e. unwanted DVD's, perfumes/aftershaves, bubble bath, etc. would really make this stall as much of a success as it has been in the past.

**Non Uniform Day 9<sup>th</sup> Dec 2011** - In return for children wearing their own clothes the PSA are asking for the following donations:

**Nursery to Year 2** - Please bring in cakes for the cake stall at the Christmas Fair

**Year 3-6** - Please bring in a bottle for the tombola stall at the Christmas Fair

Please support the PSA to make the fair a great success and raise money for the school.

Many thanks - Melissa Joyce

## **Industrial Action**

This is to inform you that on Wednesday 30<sup>th</sup> November industrial action called by a number of trade unions will have an impact on some parts of the school. It is always a difficult decision to take strike action especially for all staff as their first commitment is to the education of your children. At this stage I cannot tell you how much of the school will remain open, members of a number of unions will be taking strike action on the advice of their union. We know that this is going to cause great inconvenience to you with regards to child care

arrangements and will be disruptive for the children. We will be contacting you again as soon as we have a clearer picture of which classes will be affected.

### **Car Park**

Please remember that permission must be granted in advance if you wish to drop or collect children in the school car park.

### **Severe Weather Guidance for Parents**

It is that time of year again! In previous years we have managed to keep the school open during the snow. Decisions about closure of the school will be made taking into account the health and safety of pupils, parents and staff and conditions on the school site such as ice and temperature. Should we have to close, messages will be posted on the school website

[www.bishopsdownprimary.org](http://www.bishopsdownprimary.org) by 7.45am or you can check:

KMFM on 96.2/101.6fm, and at [www.kentschoolclosures.co.uk](http://www.kentschoolclosures.co.uk)

[www.kent.gov.uk/winter](http://www.kent.gov.uk/winter)

BBC Radio Kent on 96.7/104.2fm, and at [www.bbc.co.uk/kent](http://www.bbc.co.uk/kent)

Heart FM on 103.1/102.8fm, and at [www.heart.co.uk/heart](http://www.heart.co.uk/heart)

Information will be both on the radio and on the websites. We will also aim to text message any urgent information.

### **Christmas Shoeboxes**

Many thanks for the response so far to our shoebox appeal. We have managed to collect 67 boxes so far. We still have until the end of Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November so it is not too late. If you need more stickers please collect them from the office. It is great to be able to focus on giving at what can be a difficult time of year for many around the world.

### **Christmas Discos**

Please see the attached letter for the Christmas Disco/After School Club information.

### **Christmas Performances**

Separate letters will be coming out soon regarding tickets for the KS1 and KS2 Christmas performances.

### **Reception and Nursery Christmas Production**

This year we will be enjoying a performance of 'The Nativity' by children in our Nursery and Reception classes. It will be performed on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm and Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. Seats are restricted to a maximum of 3 per family in total. However, should you wish to have extra tickets if they become available, please indicate on the order form below and you will be placed on a waiting list. We cannot accommodate pushchairs in the hall.

### **Key Dates**

Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> Nov Class Assembly Y1 Bonsai 9.10am

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> Nov PSA cake sale (Y5) at 3.15pm

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Industrial Action expected

Wed 30<sup>th</sup> Nov Class Assembly Y1 Beech 9.10am

Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> Dec Class Reps meeting at 9am

Wed 7<sup>th</sup> Dec Class Assembly Chestnut 9.10am

Thurs 8<sup>th</sup> Dec Y5/6 Christmas performance 5pm-6.30pm

Mon 12<sup>th</sup> Dec KS1 Christmas performance 2.15pm-3pm

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> KS1 Christmas performance 9.30am-10.15am

Tues 13<sup>th</sup> Dec Y3/4 Christmas performance 6pm-7pm

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Foundation Stage Christmas performance 2.30pm-3pm

Wed 14<sup>th</sup> Dec Y3/4 Christmas performance 6pm-7pm

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Foundation Stage Christmas performance 9.30am-10am

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Reception and Infant Christmas Disco 4.30-5.30pm

Thurs 15<sup>th</sup> Dec Junior Christmas Disco 5.45-7.15pm

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec Christmas lunch

Friday 16<sup>th</sup> Dec PSA cake sale (Y4) at 3.15pm

Mon 19<sup>th</sup> Dec to Tues 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan Holiday

Wed 4<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 INSET day

Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> Jan 2012 Term 3 starts for all children except Nursery.

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> Jan Term 3 starts for Nursery children

Regards,

Dan Turvey



CHRISTMAS



LUNCH



<p>Christmas Lunch Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011</p>	<p>Roast Turkey, Chipolata wrapped in Bacon, Roast Potatoes &amp; Vegetables, Stuffing Balls, Cranberry Sauce</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Roasted Vegetable &amp; Cranberry Tart, Brie &amp; Stuffing stick, Roast Potatoes &amp; Vegetables, Stuffing Balls, Cranberry Sauce</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><input type="checkbox"/></p>	<p>Chocolate Yule Log,</p>
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Child's Name..... Class.....

- My child would like to have Christmas Lunch on Friday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2011 (please tick choice).
- I have enclosed £1.95 cash for the meal or:
- The cost of this meal has already been received by the school as part of the payment for this term's school lunches.

***Ticket Request for the Nursery and Reception Performances of 'The Nativity'***

Please complete the form to indicate how many tickets you would like at which performance (Max 3 per family in total), together with any extra tickets you would like if they become available

- I would like ..... tickets for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm
- I would like ..... tickets for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am
- I would like ..... extra tickets for Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 2.30pm if available
- I would like..... extra tickets for Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am if available

Child's Name..... Class name .....

Signed.....



18<sup>th</sup> November 2011

Dear Parents,

**School Discos**

This term's Discos will be held on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011. There will be a Reception/Infant Disco from 4.30pm to 5.30pm, followed by a Junior Disco from 5.45pm to 7.15pm. The price of the Reception/Infant Disco is £3.00, and £3.50 for the Junior disco. Drinks and a snack will be included in the price for all children. A register of all children purchasing tickets and attending will be kept. Please note that children from outside the school cannot be invited.

Our After School Club will be running its popular pre-disco sessions to include tea. Reception/Infant children can attend from 3.15pm to 4.30pm at a cost of £9.00 including disco entrance. Junior children can attend from 3.15pm to 5.45pm at a cost of £10.50 including disco entrance.

**Numbers are limited so are on a first come first served basis.**

For regular ASC members who also attend the disco there will be **no invoices** for this day. Please fill in the slip below to indicate your requirements. **We would like you to pay using the ParentPay online payment system, for which you all have log in details.**

If you wish your child to attend ASC only, please book their place with the office, and you will be invoiced. Please return the slip below to the office by Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December 2011.

Yours sincerely,

Miss K Gurr

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**Reception/Infant Disco**

- I would like ..... places for the Reception/Infant Disco only, at £3.00 each.
- I would like .....places for the Club and Reception/Infant Disco at £9.00 each.
- I have paid £..... using ParentPay.

Name of child(ren) ..... Class.....

..... Class .....

**Junior Disco**

- I would like ..... places for the Junior Disco only, at £3.50 each.
- I would like .....places for the Club and Junior Disco at £10.50 each.
- I have paid £..... using ParentPay.

Name of child(ren) ..... Class.....

..... Class .....

**Signed** .....