



Newsletter



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Dear Parents and Guardians,

We have the following events taking place at school this Autumn:

Friday, 15th November – 3.00pm to 5.00pm – PSA Christmas Fair – Whole School Event

Tuesday, 10th December – 5.00pm to 6.30pm pick up – PSA Movie night

Thursday, 12th December – 9.30am to 10.00am – EYFS Nativity

Friday, 13th December – 2.30pm to 3.15pm – KS1 Nativity

Tuesday, 17th December – Bee Hive Disco– times to follow

The library is going to be running a week long second hand book sale week beginning 4th November. We are looking for parent volunteers to help set the sale up in the parent shelter. The book sale is a great opportunity to raise money for the school library to replace lost and ruined books. If you feel you are able to help please can you let the office know for the attention of Mrs Kyte Many thanks.

There are two **clubs changing days** in term 2 due to Mrs Tizzard having to swap her sports day in school; she will no longer be in school on Mondays. Therefore, **Winter Athletics** for Y3 & 4 children currently on a Monday before school at 8am in term 1, will now be at the same time for these children, but on a Friday starting 1st November until 13th December.

The second of Mrs Tizzard's club changing in term 2 is **Basketball** for Y5 & 6 children which is currently on a Monday after school in term 1. This will continue in term 2 on a Wednesday after school, starting 30th October until 11th December.

All children who were booked onto the sessions for either of these clubs for term 2 have been moved onto the new days by the office.

If your child is now unable or unwilling to attend the clubs on their new days in term 2, please can you let the school office know so the spaces can be offered to other children, thank you.

The following clubs are **starting** in term 2:

Creative Writing Club for Y4-Y6 – currently fully booked

Book Club for Y5 & Y6 – spaces available, book on Gateway

Netball Club for Y5 & Y6 – spaces available, book on Gateway

Winter Athletics for Y5 & Y6 – This will run with the Y3 & Y4 Winter Athletics club on a Friday before school, book on Gateway.



We have missed year 6 this week! They have had a great time in Wales, in lovely surroundings with good weather. Thank you to all of the staff for making this possible. More photos are on the website.





This Is Us at the Love Where We Live Awards 2019

On Wednesday 9th October our resident inclusive dance company This Is Us, were invited to perform at the Love Where We Live Awards at the Assembly Hall Theatre. The awards were given to lots of people who do amazing things for the Tunbridge Wells community and we were the special guest performance of the evening.

We had time to rehearse before the 150 guests were allowed into the theatre and it was so fun to perform our piece "Us" again, and we met some incredibly inspiring people.

Our Bishops Down dancers were Lakishia, Edward, Riley, Ruben and Anniemay, together with the fantastic support of our TA team Mrs Cockburn, Mrs Gardener, Miss Goodfellow and Mrs Williams.

Please see page three for two more important notices. **Easy fundraising** and **Pupil Premium for Service Children**.

Easy Fundraising is a very simple way to raise funds for the school without it costing you anything apart from remembering to shop online via easyfundraising.org.uk.

Service Personnel Pupil Premium. Please have a read of the information and let Nia Lucas, School Bursar, know if you think your family is eligible.

Football News

Our Team had the chance to play on a full size 11 a side pitch on Tuesday 8/10 against Rosehill.



They played exceptionally well and were leading 4-0 at one point but eased off in the second half and eventually ran out winners 4-2.

Our thanks go out to Rosehill for hosting the match.

Food and Fashion Festival

Thank you for all of the generous food donations for our Food and Fashion Festival. It was a great event enjoyed by all.

Thank you to Mrs Silburn for organising.



Sadly Burswood in Groombridge closed down last term. This was where some of our children were accessing their hydrotherapy.

Thankfully though, we now have an agreement with Grove Park School, allowing us to use their hydrotherapy facilities, which are amazing. You can see some of us here enjoying swimming alongside some tropical fish!

In preparation for the **Bishops Down PSA Winter Fair** on Friday 15th November, there will be 2 own clothes days.

On **Friday 8th November**, your children are invited to wear their own clothes in exchange for bringing in **sweets** for the sweet tombola and **chocolate** for the chocolate tombola.

On the day of the Winter Fair itself, the PSA will be asking children to bring in **bottles** and **cakes** while wearing their own clothes.

The PSA would also like help in the run up to the fair with dividing up the sweets and stickering the raffle labels on the sweets and chocolate.

Also, if anyone is free on the day of the fair, the PSA will need people to hour after drop off, to come and help set up the school from 1.30pm, then to help clear up once it's finished.

All help is gratefully received as without it, the PSA wouldn't be able to raise vital funds for school projects.

Please email psa@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk if you can help in anyway.



Bishops Down PSA

Directorate Children & Young People

2020 Service Pupil Premium

Extra Funding for State Schools, Free Schools
and Academies attended by Service Children in England

Service parents with children in State maintained schools, Free schools and Academies in England are encouraged to ensure that the Head Teacher of their child(ren)'s school is made aware of their Service status ahead of the Spring school census deadline of 16 January 2020

The Service Pupil Premium is provided by the Department for Education, to State maintained schools, Free schools and Academies in England who have children of Regular Armed Forces personnel among their pupil population to provide additional (mainly pastoral) support. Pupils with a parent on full commitment as part of Full Time Reserve Service (FTRS FC) are also eligible.

Service Pupil Premium is currently £300.00 per Service pupil and is paid directly to schools.

Schools with Service children in Reception to Year 11 classes are eligible to receive the funding, but only if the child(ren)'s name appears on the school's roll as being a Service child.

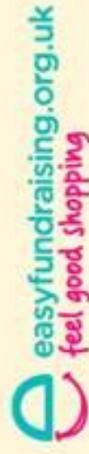
The information recorded by schools regarding Service status is protected and data regarding individual children is not shared outside the school.

For more information on eligibility, please visit:

www.gov.uk/service-premium-information-for-schools

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