

19th December 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down

Week 15 Newsletter

Flamenco frenzy in the Nursery!!!

We were really lucky last week to have Nicky Wheeler and her sister Louise, come in to show us their special talents!

They came in wearing beautiful flamenco dresses all pink and red and spotty! They danced to some Spanish music and stamped their feet on the floor in different patterns!

Nicky and Louise showed us how to clap loudly and quietly and use the castanets and fans! We also learnt some Spanish words and really enjoyed shouting 'Ole!' as they danced!

Thank you Nicky and Louise please come back again we loved it!!

Felice Navidad!!

Emma Bonwick

Headlice

I have been approached by a number of parents recently, concerned about head louse infections in school. Some have asked me if I am able to do head inspections, others whether children should be excluded from school if they are infected, others have been asking for advice regarding treatments. The responsibility for head louse detection and treatment appropriately lies with parents and carers as it has been demonstrated that the traditional "nit nurse" approach does little to reduce the incidence of infection. There is no logical reason for children with head lice to be sent home as lice are not a public health threat; however they can be a great inconvenience for many if treatment advice is not followed. As we are coming up to the Christmas holidays may we request that every family carries out the Bug Busting advice that has been sent out.

Wet combing, with a nit comb, freshly washed hair covered in lots of conditioner is the best way to detect headlice and to eliminate an infection. Details of how to carry this out are included in the leaflet or are given in detail on the www.killnits.com website. Wet combing needs to be carried out by the whole family once a week, every week, to detect headlice, and should be repeated every 3-4 days for at least 16 days if any live lice or eggs are found. I do not personally advocate the use of treatment shampoos but the Fullmark's website www.headlice.com is a source of comprehensive information about headlice in general. If you do choose to use an insecticide shampoo your pharmacist will be able to advise you of the product most suitable for your family.

Helen Lawton (School Nurse)

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	Olivia	William
Year 2	Whole Class	
Year 3	Katie	Cameron
Year 4	John	Sarah
Year 5	Beth	Isobel
Year 6	Sam	Amy

Finally we would like to wish all parents and children a very merry Christmas. Term starts on Tuesday 6th January when Mr Turvey takes up his post as Headteacher and I will be back teaching in Year 2.

Merry Christmas.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Powell