

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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19<sup>th</sup> September 2014

Dear Parents

**Clubs** – The application forms for clubs which were completed by parents are being sent back out today in book bags to inform you in which clubs your child has got a place. The sheets are marked either with a red tick on the right-hand side, or 'on waiting list'. Some of the clubs have T1-2, T3-4, or T5-6 written next to the tick to indicate your child has a place in that club, but only for the terms specified. In order to give as many children as possible a chance to join, Infant Football has been split into two groups, and both Art Clubs have been split into three groups. Reference to any of the external clubs which are being run by private individuals have been ignored as they are dealing with their own administration, so should you have any queries regarding these, please contact them directly. If your child no longer wishes to take their place in a club please let the office know as soon as possible so the space can be offered on. The payment services on ParentPay for those children in Art Clubs and Book Club will be available on the system from Monday and prompt payment would be appreciated next week in order to arrange resources.

**PSA QUIZ NIGHT - SATURDAY 18th October** – There are still plenty of spaces available for this fun evening. Please leave your application forms with payment at the office. Following the success of last Friday's ice pops, we will be selling them again this Friday, 20p each. We will also be having a **second hand uniform sale today**. All items will be £1. *From The PSA*

**Christmas Cards!** - The PSA are again organising the sale of Christmas cards that have been designed by the pupils. For years 2 to 6, the templates are being given to the children to complete at home: Nursery, Reception and Year 1 will complete theirs in class. Templates will shortly be sent home with the children - drawings need to be within the black border and the children can use felt tip pens, pencils, paint or crayons – please do not use glitter or stick anything to the template. If you would like your child to take part, please can they complete their drawings and return to their class teacher by **Friday 3 October**. Please check that their first name, surname and class name is included before the drawings are returned. The sale of the Christmas cards, gift tags and mugs all featuring the children's' designs have proved to be very popular every year, and this is a great way of raising funds for the school – thank you for your continued support.

**Class Assemblies** - Parents are invited to come and watch their child's class assembly at 9.10am, and then go into their classroom to look at their work until 10am. The dates are as follows:

Y2 Olive	24 <sup>th</sup> September
Y1 Beech	1 <sup>st</sup> October
Y3 Mulberry	8 <sup>th</sup> October
Y2 Apple	15 <sup>th</sup> October
Y1 Bonsai	22 <sup>nd</sup> October
Y4 Sycamore	5 <sup>th</sup> November
Y3 Maple	12 <sup>th</sup> November
Y6 Oak	19 <sup>th</sup> November
Y4 Hazel	26 <sup>th</sup> November
Y5 Redwood	3 <sup>rd</sup> December

**Siblings** - It would be extremely helpful to the school and prospective parents to know how many existing parents will be applying for reception places in the academic year 2015-16. Please fill in the attached reply slip if you can, and return to the office **by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> September** FAO Mr. Turvey.

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**Steel Pans** - Mike Hayes, who ran the Steel Pans Band, has moved to Devon during the holidays, and is therefore no longer available for lessons. We will miss the wonderful sound of steel pans. We wish him well.

**Reception Class Photograph** – the Courier Newspaper is sending a photographer to school on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September to take its annual Reception Class photograph for their special 'Starting School' feature which will be out in the next few weeks.

**Volunteers** – If you are interested in volunteering in school in any way, please visit our website under the section 'Parent, Parent Volunteer' and print off, complete and return the Volunteer Letter to Sue Solomon via the school office.

**Morrisons 'Lets Grow' Campaign** – The school is again taking part in collecting these vouchers issued by Morrisons. The vouchers are only being issued until 26<sup>th</sup> October, but we are hoping to collect enough to purchase some more children's gardening tools, thank you.

**Parent Reps** – Thank you to all those parents who have volunteered to become Parent Reps this year. The only class who do not currently have reps is Nursery Acorn class. The dates for meetings are below.

Kind Regards,

*Daniel T Turvey*

#### **Dates for your Diaries**

Thurs 25 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9.30am Prospective Parents Visit
Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> Sept	9-10.30am Reception Parents coffee morning in Kitchenette
Thurs 2 <sup>nd</sup> Oct	Parent Reps meeting at 9am
Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	PSA Cake Sale – donations from Y5/6 please
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Oct	World Maths Day
	9.30am Prospective Parents Visit
Sat 18 <sup>th</sup> October	PSA Quiz 7pm to 11pm
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> October	Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm for KS1 & KS2
Thurs 23 <sup>rd</sup> Oct	Parent Consultations 5-8pm for KS1 & KS2
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Y5 visit to Greenwich
Thurs 6 <sup>th</sup> Nov	9.30am Prospective Parents Visit
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup> Nov	Children in need Day
Mon 24 <sup>th</sup> Nov	2pm Prospective Parents Visit
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup> Nov	Parent reps meeting at 9am
	PSA Cake Sale – donations from Year 4 classes please
Wed 3 <sup>rd</sup> Dec	Reception consultations
Fri 16 <sup>th</sup> Jan	PSA Cake Sale – donations from Year 3 classes please
Thurs 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	Parent Reps meeting at 9am

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**Admissions into Reception Class at Bishops Down 2015** Please return to the office FAO Mr. Turvey

I am likely to apply for a reception place for my child \_\_\_\_\_ in September 2015. He / she has older sibling(s) in \_\_\_\_\_ class(es).

Print Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_