



20<sup>th</sup> June 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

***Week 34 Newsletter***

Following our wonderful flying day at the beginning of June, our hall boards have now been transformed to reflect the activities the classes were involved in. Please do pop in and see them.

***Kentwell***

We had to get to school at 7.30 in the morning, because it takes 3 hours to get to Kentwell. When we arrived we had lunch in a field full of sheep droppings. Next we went to the toilet and exchanged our money for pennies, tuppences and grotes. We don't want to spoil it for Year 4's (as they're going next year) so we won't tell you how much. After we had walked around Kentwell, Ray our coach driver drove us to the Youth Hostel in Saffron Walden. At the Youth Hostel we had some lovely dinner made by the chef. After dinner we went to the park and played around a maze. After we had got back to the Youth Hostel the boys played 'Truth or Dare', brushed our teeth, ate sweets (don't tell Mrs Clement), and talked. The next day we went back to Kentwell to look around the manor. It was the best school trip EVER!!!

*Tom and Freddy*

On the 16<sup>th</sup> -17<sup>th</sup> July Year 5 went to Kentwell Manor for the last class trip of our year. It was a fantastic trip. We saw re-enactments of Tudor life from the common folk to the rich. On the first day we visited the common folk in the grounds of Kentwell Manor. We saw cooks, woodcutters, and potters, and their small homes. We then went to the place we were sleeping. This was called a youth hostel. After dinner we went to the park and played stuck-in-the-mud. We also went in a maze. The next day we got up at 6.50. We were all tired but excited for the day ahead at Kentwell Manor. On that day we visited the manor itself. It was very big and old. We saw the lady of the house. Her name was Anne Clopton (she was the lady who was engaged to the owner of the house).

*Phoebe and Maizee*

On the 16<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 went to Kentwell for 2 days. Kentwell is in Suffolk. Year 5 enjoyed Kentwell very much. We had lots of fun outside in the beautiful grounds and on day two we visited the enormous house. We saw cooks, potters, sewers, gardeners, dairy makers, the ale house and pedlars, and many more!

We also saw the lady of the house, Ann Clopton (she was very posh). Her husband, the man of the house, William Clopton was away so unfortunately we didn't get to see him. We had a great time and we all want to go again!

*Tanya and Anna*

At Kentwell it was really sunny, but the best part was sleeping over because we played 'Truth or Dare' and ate lots of sweets. Kentwell was really pretty and there were lots of activities. There are lots of animals like peacocks.

*Freddie and Daniel*

On 16<sup>th</sup> June Year 5 went to Kentwell. The year is 1588 and the queen is Elizabeth I. As a class, Year 5 had a brilliant time. On day one we went to the grounds and had chances to act, make pellets and see Miss Hunt and Mrs Stock nearly get their heads chopped off. On day two we went around the manor and got a chance to feed carp fish in the moat and did much more. We stayed at a youth hostel in Saffron Walden and had fun keeping the teachers awake.

*Bethany and Amy*

Year 5 went to Kentwell Manor and we met lots of amazing people like bowmen, gate keepers, felt makers, potters and many more!

*Ollie, Alastair and Rebecca*

At Kentwell we saw Tudor people who were very posh and didn't know what a camera was. They said the Spaniards smelt like sewage and they had rat's eyes that one could move without the other.

*Alex and Daniel*

We wore Tudor clothing like we were in a Tudor lifetime.

*Lauren*

## SHINE WEEK!!

National Schools Festival - June 30<sup>th</sup> – July 4<sup>th</sup>

*Celebrating the talent in everyone!*

SHINE week at Bishops Down will include the following events:

- The opportunity to show off TALENT in FRENCH!
- The opportunity to take part in BISHOPS DOWN's GOT TALENT!!
- The opportunity to reflect on personal talents and share them with others!

### FRENCH:

Parents are invited to a 'show & share' where pupils will give you a sample of the songs and activities they have learned this year.

Years 1 & 2 – Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June at 2:45 – 3:15 pm

Years 3 & 4 – Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> July at 2:45 – 3:15 pm

Year 5 - Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 9:00 – 9:30 am

## TALENT CONTEST:

*Pupils with an entertaining talent, Bishop's Down needs you!*

Please practice at home to be ready for class contest during SHINE week! Winners will be entered into the whole school FINAL on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> July!  
(No preparation needed for YR who will rehearse within class!)

### Extra Activities within the curriculum:

Nursery & YR :           What can I do? What can I do well?  
Years 1 & 2:            My talents and skills? Talents and skills of others?  
                                  What talents have I learned this year?

*Y1 & 2 TALENT activity day will take place on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> June.*

Years 3 & 4:            What makes me different to others?  
                                  What talents do I have?  
                                  *Classes will look at identity and nationality.*  
Year 5:                What makes me, me?

*Pupils will explore the idea of culture.*

*(Year 6 will prepare for the talent contest on the Isle of Wight trip!)*

### Our chance to SHINE nationally!

Talent: *An ability to be good at something, a passion or aptitude that stands out from the crowd.*

In order to share the TALENT we have at Bishops Down, we will be uploading information about events onto a School Shine Webpage along with other participating schools!

A link to this will be made available on the school website.

We know that all children have 'the ability to be good at something, a passion or aptitude that stands out from the crowd'.

It is wonderful to have the opportunity to celebrate the full range of talents within our school!

Certificates and stickers will be awarded to participating pupils!

*Lorraine Smith, Assistant Head Teacher*

### ***School Profile***

The School Profile has been updated and loaded onto the DCSF website. This can be accessed via <http://schoolsfinder.direct.gov.uk/> and following the links. For those parents who are unable to access the web, a paper copy is available from the school office.

*Nick Powell, Chair of Governors*

### ***Book Fair***

Just a reminder that the Book Fair arrives today. It will be open before and after school every day for the next week. Please come and buy, for every £1 spent the school gets 60p of books free. Miss Powell still needs some help selling books before school. If you are able to help, please see her.

### ***Second-Hand Uniform Sale***

Make a date for next Tuesday 8.45-9.30am when the PSA will be selling second-hand uniform in the school hall – plenty of good condition uniform available.

### ***Head Teacher's Awards***

Reception	Whole Class	
Year 1	Louis	Owen
Year 2	Jemima	Celine
Year 3	Tom	Milly
Year 4	Sam	Bethany
Year 5	Whole Class	
Year 6	Breeze	Joshua

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Savage