



Bishops Down Primary School

Summer Term 6 Newsletter No 19
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Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome to the final newsletter of the year and what a year it has been! We can't believe it has been a year since the launch of our wonderful school video for the school's 50th Birthday. The number of views exceeds 379,000! amazing for a small school in Tunbridge Wells! In this newsletter I will aim to round up the school news of the last term .

Firstly, I would like to take the opportunity to say good bye to the staff who are leaving us for new adventures. Mr Wyke, Mrs Richardson, Mrs Magee, Mrs Bekesi, Mrs Chapple, Mrs Gaved, Miss Reynolds, Mrs Naismith, Mrs Fahey and Mrs Clarke, we wish them all well and thank them for their service to the school. In September we welcome Miss Brooks as our new year 6 teacher and Mrs Williams in Reception in September. Mrs Wilmshurst will not be starting the Autumn term with us but is hopeful to return at half term after an operation due to take place this Summer. Mrs Katy Weatheritt will be covering Mrs Wilmshurst's days in the Autumn term. She has spent time with the class already and has had a handover from the year 2 teachers.

The school disco took place last night, many thanks to Jo Green, Wrap Around Care manager for organising the event. Worryingly we had many parents who missed the deadline for buying tickets this year. Jo Green very kindly has tried to accommodate these late requests but it has had a huge impact on the administration of the event. It appears that a significant number of parents had gone onto the 'Payments' side of Gateway and paid for the disco. However, they needed to go into the 'Booking WAC' side to book first, which then would have taken them automatically to the payment site. WAC set a deadline of the Friday before the disco in order to ensure the correct number of staff were available, and to order enough crisps and treats for all children. We have allowed the late requests for this disco but must insist, going forward, that deadlines must be met or children will be sadly disappointed.

We try really hard to marry up items of lost property to their rightful owner but alas there are many unnamed clothing and items under the Parent Shelter. Everything will be recycled or thrown away during the first week of the summer holidays so please do take a look if you are missing something. Let's start off term 1 with everything named so we can give back to your child. Thank you.

Admin staff work on and off during the holidays to get us ready for Term 1. The office email (office@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk) and the admissions email (jsheldon@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk) will be managed periodically during the summer break so please do get in touch if you any have questions.

It has been a great year in so many ways. Many thanks to all of our parent volunteers who have supported us throughout the year. Best wishes to year 6 in the next step of their journey. May I wish you all a happy and relaxing summer, see you on September 4th.

C. Green

French café report

On Wednesday, 11th July 2018, French club held a café and to order you had to speak French. Our parents and staff came and we served them cakes with drinks. We gave them menus that we made in French club with the translations underneath. Some of the year 6's sang 'Be Our Guest' from our play. It was a big success as quite a number of adults came and enjoyed our food. French club consists of: Mia, Bella, Lila, Niamh, Elliot, Charlotte, Harry, Anna, Joseph & Matilda.

Thank you to Mrs Baker for teaching French club and organising the French café J. By Harry and Charlotte.



Club sign up for 2018/19

Please look out for the club letter informing you of our extra curricular provision next academic year. All clubs will be available on the school gateway to book during the school holidays. Please make a note of the date and time the club booking opens on gateway. All will be explained on the letter.

All payments (including those to Nourish) will be made via School Gateway from September. Please don't forget to download the App.



Hillview Primary Arts Festival

On Friday the 6th July 2018 This Is Us Dance Company went to Tonbridge Castle to dance on a big stage at Hillfest. See photos above.

Lakishia, Edward, James, Devon, Anniemay, Roxy, Joshua, Anja, Ruben, Riley, Emily, Hannah, Mrs Cockburn, Miss Goodfellow, Mrs Gardner, Mrs Gebbie, Mrs Williams, Mrs Ahmed and Mrs Gripper went and did our 'rock paper scissors' dance.

It was a fantastic show and everybody was great. After we were on stage we learnt about combat in dance and how to do it safely. We played a game where someone said a letter and we had to act out something beginning with the letter.

We ate lunch inside in the castle because it was really hot outside. Some people went home after lunch and Edward, James, Emily, Anniemay and Roxy made flags and they blew in wind.

We all felt happy and proud after we danced and everybody said we were amazing!

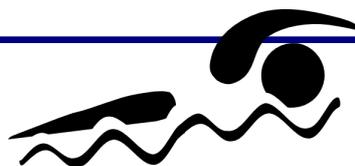
By Edward This Is Us Company Dancer

Swimming at Rose Hill next year

We are incredibly fortunate that Rose Hill are allowing us use of their swimming pool next year for our swimming lessons. This is a very generous offer for which we are very grateful.

School swimming lessons will now be on a Wednesday either side of lunchtime; half the class at 12.00-12.30 and the other half at 1.00-1.30. (the pool can only take a maximum of 18 so we are splitting the classes into boy/girl groups.)

The only cost to the school is instructors and life guards, so we should be able to meet the costs as a school without the need for asking for parent contributions.



Burswood Swimming. This year, the children have been working on increasing their strength, stamina and style. Anja, Joshua and Oliver leave us this term for their next exciting adventure. We look forward to welcoming Ruben, Riley and Lakishia next year for more fun and games!

Sports Workshop – Skinners School leaders

We are Skinners School sports leaders and we will be running a sports camp at Bishops Down School in the summer to raise money for our school rugby tour to South America. We will be coaching rugby and football skills plus children will play a variety of different sports. We are very experienced in Rugby and Football playing to a high level in these sports. We also have a good knowledge of cricket, basketball and hockey. We aim to teach the children skills in a variety of sports in a fun learning environment.

When: Wednesday 25th July
Time: Morning 9-12am Afternoon 12.30-3.30pm All day 9am-3.30pm
Cost: £9 per session or £15 for full day.
Who: Boys and girls aged 5-11yrs. Experienced and beginners welcome.
Register: to register your place contact dtizzard@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk
What to bring: A snack, drink, suitable sports clothing, sun cream and a hat. Those staying all day will need a packed lunch.

Skinners School Sports Leaders and children will be supervised throughout by a Bishops Down teacher.

Dear Parents/Guardians

DATE FOR THE DIARY - Please make a note in your diaries for our first PSA meeting of the new academic year - **Wednesday, 17 October at 7.30pm.**

We have a new Chair, Secretary and Treasurer to vote in and we'd like to welcome lots of new members and outline our events for the year.

Absolutely everyone is welcome, we would love to see as many people there as possible! many thanks.

The PSA

This week year 6 presented their production of Beauty and the Beast to their parents. It was a great success. All the parents and teachers loved it but we could not have put it together without all our Year 6 teachers. Big thanks to all the volunteers.

By Madison

