

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

It seems like only yesterday that we welcomed the children back to school and now we are beginning to make plans for Christmas. Please read on for some important dates.

Parent drop in with Sally Knight.

Sally, our School Community Staff Nurse will be available at Bishops Down on the morning of Wednesday 9th November 2011 to offer advice for health issues your child may be experiencing. These may include hearing difficulties, bedwetting, promoting a healthy diet among others. If you would like an appointment with her please contact her directly by email:

sallyknight2@nhs.net or telephone 01892 539144. If you would prefer to speak to me for advice or you are unable to make this date please feel free to contact me via the school office or email: hlawton@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk . From Helen Lawton

PSA Quiz Night

Thank you to everyone who supported the Quiz on Saturday night, we hope you all had a great time? It was a successful night with a fantastic turnout. We have raised a healthy amount for the school and with this in mind can those people who are still to pay please take their ticket money to the school office so we can balance our accounts and publish the final profit. As a reminder, the cost of the quiz was £8 per person. The PSA.

Tri-Golf Club for Years 3 and 4

Tri-golf will now be on Wednesday lunchtimes at 12.30pm due to space requirements. If your child has signed up for Thursday they will automatically be transferred to Wednesdays. Please let me know if you do not want your child to attend on Wednesday lunchtimes. We are sorry this will now clash with Glee Club. The club will run from 2nd November to 7th December. We still have spaces for Tri-Golf if your child would like to join, please see the office for a form. From Diane Tizzard

Kelly Gurr

It is with great sadness that Kelly Gurr will be stepping down at Christmas as our Wrap Around Care Manager. She is taking some time to focus on her studies, but will continue to work as a teaching assistant in school. We will give you further information once a replacement has been appointed.

Congratulations to Sinead Roberts

I am delighted to announce that Sinead Roberts, our Year 2 teacher, is expecting a baby in March. Sinead will be going on maternity leave during the Spring term. We wish her all the best when the time comes and a comfortable next few weeks.



Chickens

We are delighted that our chickens have begun laying eggs (sheer coincidence that this comes after mentioning Mrs

Robert's news!). We hope that we will be able to use some of the eggs with our school dinners eventually. Eggs, not chickens.

Girls' Football

On Monday 10th October two special teams went head to head in a staggering match. The first kick-off was Bidborough's, Elena, Lola, Freya S, and Freya B waited patiently to intercept the ball from the green team (Bidborough). Unfortunately, the ball was heading for the blue team's defenders. As the ball came to Louisa's feet she booted it across the field to the other end. Sadly, the game ended with a win for the green team after a rough goal from Bidborough. Woman of the match was awarded to Lola Briggs as she was planned to be a substitute and excelled in the game. Our team members went home a happy, satisfied football team. We are determined to win our next match. *Girls' Football team*

Reception Children

We would like Reception children to start lining up on the playground in the mornings with the rest of the school after half term, rather than being taken into the classrooms. Thank you.

ICT suite

We are looking forward to the creation of a new ICT suite in the half term holidays after a previous delay. This will be situated outside the current Year 5 and Year 6 classes. Walls and doors are being moved to make the suite much bigger than the current one with enough computers for each child.

I wish you all a very enjoyable half term and hope that the weather continues to be bright and sunny, even if the temperature is a little more Autumnal!

Kind regards,

Dan Turvey

Key dates

Monday 14th Nov Year 5/6 to British Museum
Friday 18th Nov Children in Need day
Friday 25th Nov PSA cake sale (Y5) at 3.15pm
Friday 2nd Dec Class Reps meeting at 9am
Thurs 8th Dec Y5/6 performance 5pm-6.30pm
Mon 12th Dec KS1 performance 2.15pm-3pm
Tues 13th Dec KS1 performance 9.30am-10.15am
Tues 13th Dec Y3/4 performance 6pm-7pm
Wed 14th Dec Foundation Stage performance 2.30pm-3pm
Wed 14th Dec Y3/4 performance 6pm-7pm
Thurs 15th Dec Foundation Stage performance 9.30am-10am
Thurs 15th Dec Christmas Discos
Friday 16th Dec PSA cake sale (Y4) at 3.15pm