



Bishops Down Primary School

Autumn Term 1
21st September 2018
Newsletter no 2

Newsletter

Dear Parents,

We shall be holding the following open sessions for prospective parents who would like to consider Bishops Down for a Reception place in September 2019:-

Tuesday, 30th October 2018 - 2.00 to 3.00pm

Thursday, 1st November 2018 - 9.30 to 10.30am

Tuesday, 6th November 2018 - 2.00 to 3.00pm

Thursday, 8th November 2018 - 9.30 to 10.30am

There are limited spaces on each of the above and they are for adults only, please kindly make alternative arrangements for any babies or toddlers. I, along with the Admissions Secretary, Jo Sheldon, will talk you through the admissions process and answer any questions relating to previous year's admissions at Bishops Down. Please telephone the school office on 01892 520114 or email the Admissions Secretary (Jo Sheldon) on jsheldon@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk to book onto one of the above sessions, leaving your mobile number too, just in case we need to make contact or cancel the session for unforeseen reasons. Please let friends and neighbours know if you are aware that they maybe looking at school places for next year.

Sorry to bring this up again but I am still noticing children without PE kits. Please can they be at school all week – it is not fair that your child is unable to participate fully in this statutory activity. If for any reason you have financial difficulties with regards to uniform please make contact with me so we can discuss and resolve this situation.

Due to strict safeguarding policies may I please ask that parents do not access the school building via the back door at morning drop off or afternoon pick up time and walk into school, be it to talk to a member of staff or find their child's lost items etc. If you wish to convey a message, need assistance, or need to use the lavatory you must come via the front office so you can be signed in, receive a visitor badge and for us to know you are on site. The children who attend the school have a right to privacy and we must ensure that we safeguard them at all times. We also have to ensure we are abiding by set fire regulations by having a visitor list of who is on site should our alarms go off.

On a similar note please be aware that when clubs are in session in the hall and playground then you must avoid walking through as it disrupts the class. Beehive (afterschool club) need to use the playground from 3.25pm onwards so please leave the playground as soon as you have collected your child.

Thursday 27th September is the closing date for Parent Governors nominations, please consider standing as it is an important role in the leadership of the school. Please pass any nominations to the school office.

Thank you so much for your support. C Owen

Please could you and your child/children have a look at home for any library books, there are a huge amount of books that are missing from the library. There are many children that are unable to take any books out as they currently have too many books taken out on their account. Thank you for your support with this. K Kyte



World Food and Fashion Festival

Tuesday 9th October 2018, 3.30pm - 4.30pm

We are really looking forward to our forthcoming Food and Fashion Festival - a day to celebrate the diversity of cultures at Bishops Down. Don't forget to email the office with details of your culinary contributions by

Friday 28th September 2018.

Thank you Mrs Silburn & Mrs Akers



There appears to be a wasp nest on the verge of the bank on Rydal Close, where Rosehill delivery vans go, right next to the house that has just had the large drive put in. Please avoid the area.



Date for the diary Christmas KS2

Performances will be held at school this year at 7pm on the following dates:

Tues 11th Dec Yrs 3 & 5
Wed 12th Dec Yrs 4 & 6
More details to follow



If you are new to the school please note that you should not park in the turning circle at the bottom of our drive whilst you bring your child into school or when picking them up in the afternoon. This also includes leaving a driver waiting in the car for you and your child. There are clear yellow lines in the turning circle and it needs to be kept clear for residents and for emergency vehicles to access the school in an emergency. Please park along Rydal Drive or Coniston Avenue and walk up to the school.
Thank you.

Volunteers!

Year 6 need volunteers for Forest School on either a Thursday am or Thursday pm up until half-term. Parents/grandparents of children in Year 6 are welcome to help. We are short of volunteers generally. Any help would be appreciated. Call the office to volunteer.

Eva, Dylan, Tommy and Barnaby really enjoyed the ski race last week at Chatham Ski Centre.

We all tried our best, skied really well and all enjoyed it very much. Well done Bishops Down Ski team and hope to do it again soon.

Written by Eva.



It's Mr Nourish's birthday on Thurs 4th Oct. Please join us for his birthday lunch. The food options for this day are on the school website under 'Information - Catering/School Lunches'.



St Gregory's Catholic School

OPEN EVENINGS

Thur 27th Sept 4.30pm to 7.30pm. Talk by Principal at 4.30pm & 6pm

OPEN MORNINGS

Wed & Thur 26th & 27th Sept. Wed & Thur 17th & 18th Oct

Day of Remembrance

In November, the country will reflect on 100 years since the end of World War 1. This is an important piece of History and the school is commemorating this with a week of reflective activities commencing the 5th November, culminating in an Act of Remembrance on Friday 9th November.

We will be inviting children to wear an item of black clothing on this day with their red school poloshirts. During the week, they will have the opportunity to buy (and make) poppies as one of many activities. Other activities include learning WW1 songs, learning appropriate poetry, and learning about life on the home front.

Another activity will be to create a Bishops Down War Memorial for the week. We would like to remember the fallen family members of families, staff and governors of Bishops Down. If you have a family member that has died in any war (not just WW1), and would like them remembered on our memorial, please email the school office with names and photos if possible, who will pass this information on to me.

Similarly, if you have any artefacts (medals, photographs, uniform) that will be of interest to the children and you don't mind children looking at (but not touching), please get in touch via the office.

We hope that our week of events will be a sombre, respectful and reflective experience that will have a deep impact on the children for years to come, and in that sense, we are planning the week with special care.

Mrs Debs Holliday

