



Bishops Down Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back! I can't believe I have been at Bishops Down for a year now; it has flown by. Staff news— what a lot to say.....

Angela Alkureishi—Deputy Head will be leaving us at the end of the year as her family is relocating. She will continue to support Bishops Down on Thursdays and Fridays in the mean time. A new Deputy Head has been appointed and I will reveal who it is in the next couple of weeks as some formalities need to take place before I do.

Bethany Styles— Yr2 Olive teacher will be leaving us at May half term to take on new challenges. **Emma Akers** who is returning from Maternity leave will be taking Olive Class for term 6.

Jenny Williams— Yr1 Beech teacher will be leaving at the end of the school year to follow an exciting and different career path.

Karen Woodcock- YrR— Chestnut teacher will be temporarily leaving us early in the Autumn term to begin her maternity leave as will **Christie Ritman-Meer** Yr2 Apple. It is an exciting time for both of them – Many congratulations!

Sophie Stock will be joining the teaching staff in September and will continue to support Miss Hepden in Hazel Class until the end of the this academic year.

With all of this happening you can see it will take me a while to recruit and get plans in place for staffing next year so please don't expect to find out who will be teaching your child/ren until mid to late June.

Parent survey

One of the outcomes from the parent survey was that reporting arrangements need to be improved. With this in mind at the parent reps meeting last week parents shared with me the key points they would like raised on reports. I now am putting their ideas into a format and will be introducing it to staff shortly.

The Bishops Down rugby team were very excited to be coached by Paul Wheeler a rugby coach and Fred who is a current first team player. The children really enjoyed the session and we look forward to having them coach the team again next week.

Tunbridge Wells rugby club are playing at Twickenham on 7th May. This is an amazing opportunity to watch rugby at the home of rugby. Tickets are being sold online for £5 per adult and £2 per child. Get your ticket, support Tunbridge Wells and experience a great family day watching rugby. I will be there! Mrs Tizzard

Learning Legends 15th April

Beech	Eva	Hazel	Tarun
Apple	Charlotte	Sycamore	Eloise
Olive	Max M	Pine	Charlotte P
Maple	Mia	Redwood	Isabella
Mulberry	Edward	Oak	Livvy, Holly





Rugby coaching



Stopgap fully inclusive dance classes are back for their second term at Bishops Down! We still have some spaces available... Classes 4-5.30pm Monday, in the hall. Dancers are supervised from the end of the school day to the start of the class by TA's. £7 per class. Children from other schools are most welcome too, spread the word to family and friends. Open to school years 4-7. Please contact Mrs Cockburn through the school office to book your place.

We are collecting Sainsbury's active kids vouchers. Please post them in the box by the office.



Dogs outside school gates

Dog owners please be mindful that some of our children are scared of dogs so please can I ask that they are tied up away from the school gates. There is one particular dog that howls when left and this is causing distress to children and other dogs. Thank you for your cooperation.

PSA - Save the Dates

Saturday 14th May - Spring Fair, to be held in the school field.
Saturday 11th June - Dinner Dance to be held at The High Rocks
 More details will follow shortly. Thank you. **The PSA**

Please ensure that from next week your child **does not** bring into school fancy, expensive erasers and pencils (Smiggle seems to be the most popular) as children are swapping them with friends at school. It is creating problems between classmates and creating additional work for staff. Please ensure pencils and erasers are **plain and functional** so they are not a distraction.



	21.3.16 attendance	11.4.16 attendance
Beech	90%	100%
Apple	70.1%	95.4%
Olive	87.9%	97.3%
Maple	98.8%	92.1%
Mulberry	95.8%	96.0%
Hazel	82.5%	97.9%
Sycamore	92.5%	100%
Redwood	91.7%	99.1%
Pine	91.8%	99.1%
Oak	92.1%	88.8%