

# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



October 22nd week 8, Term 1

Dear Parents,

Today we say goodbye to Tess Gale, Reception Class Teacher who is starting her maternity leave. We wish the Gale family all the best with their new arrival. Carolyn Price will be covering Mrs Gale's maternity leave. The children have met Mrs Price this week and Mrs Gale has handed over key knowledge of the class.

After half term we will be selling Poppies in the parent shelter. Details will follow.



Individual school photos will take place on Friday the 12th November. We are pleased to announce that they will be taking sibling photos too on this occasion.

## Collecting arrangements

Year 3 and 4 can be collected from the playground after half term, if you so wish. Please inform your child of where you would like to meet them before the start of term 2. If you would rather wait at the bottom of the drive then the class teacher will bring them down to you. There is no change to other year groups.

## Uniform

All children should return to school in their winter uniform please. Navy long trousers, skirts or pinafores as per the attached Uniform List.

The school has changed their PE uniform policy with regards to PE footwear. Plimsolls will no longer be required and children from all year groups can wear trainers for all their PE needs. Indoor gym is usually done in bare feet: however, if your child has a verruca please ensure it is covered with a plaster or if you are worried about cross contamination then your child can wear plimsolls, if they have them, or non slip gym socks – trainers are too bulky for gym. Plimsolls have now been removed as compulsory from the uniform list. New list is attached.



May we wish you a happy and healthy half term everyone. We'll see you on Monday 1st November

*Clare Owen and Staff at Bishops Down*

## Tag Rugby

Thank you to Mr George, Mr Nelson and Mrs Williams for accompanying the children

Remember you can view all Recent Letters Sent Home on the School Website  
<https://www.bishopsdownprimary.org/recent-letters-sent-home>

## PSA News

### Christmas Fair

This year's Christmas Fair is taking place on **Saturday, 27th November from 2.00 to 4.00 pm**. The PSA is already planning a wonderful event. As we are aiming to be more sustainable this year and to keep costs low we do need some extra help. Could you help us with any of the following?

**Catering.** We are looking for someone who specialises in catering and who would be willing to provide food for the fair. If you are interested then please get in touch.

**Stalls.** We would like to rent out stalls to small businesses. If you would like to rent a stall then this will cost £20.00 and we will also ask for a donation to our raffle.

**Gazebos.** We need gazebos and event shelters (plus their weights) for the fair. Do you have a gazebo or event shelter that you wouldn't mind us using?

**Battery-operated or solar-powered outdoor Christmas/ fairy lights.** We are hoping to light up the fair as much as possible so are looking for lots of lights. Do you have some battery-operated or solar-powered outdoor lights that you could lend to us?

**Santa Claus and Elves.** Unfortunately, our Santa Claus costume has seen better days and the elf costumes have gone missing. If anyone has an adult-sized Santa Claus costume or elf costume (we are looking for two costumes suitable for our lovely Year 5 elves who are 9/10 years old) then we would love to borrow these.

**Christmas Trees.** We have sourced a fabulous real 6ft+ Christmas tree to be the centre-piece of the fair and for the school to keep into December. However, we do need a stand for the tree. If you have a spare stand for a real Christmas tree then please get in touch. We would love to surround this Christmas tree with smaller Christmas trees. If you would like to donate a small Christmas tree to the fair then please do let us know. We will also be looking for decorations to put on these trees. So if you have any spare decorations then we would be very grateful for them.

**Tinsel.** We wish to decorate the stalls with unwanted tinsel. If you have any unwanted tinsel then we would love to take this off your hands.

**Music.** The Christmas fair needs to be filled with the sound of Christmas music. If you or anyone you know can sing or play Christmas carols on an instrument then we would love to hear from you.

**Volunteers.** We desperately need volunteers to help us set up and tidy up the fair. Could you spare a few hours on Saturday, 27th November to help us with this?

If you can help with any of the above then please email us at [psa@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk](mailto:psa@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk). We really appreciate all your help. Our events could not take place without your generosity so thank you for your continued support.

### Class Christmas Hampers

The collection for the Christmas hampers is underway and we are very grateful for all your donations. The final date for handing in items is **Friday, 12th November**. Donations can be given directly to your class representatives or can be placed in a box in the classrooms. The theme for this year is *colours*.

Nursery - Red  
Reception - Gold  
Year 1 - Silver  
Year 2 - White  
Year 3 - Green  
Year 4 - Purple  
Year 5 - Pink  
Year 6 - Blue.

Thank you for your continued support.

We hope that you have a wonderful weekend.

Warmest wishes

Bishops Down PSA



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# Reception Class 2021

There will be a new Nourish menu on the school website after half term.



**PHONICS**

Mrs Holliday has created a video for parents about the phonics scheme we use in school: Read, Write, Inc Please have a look!

<https://youtu.be/2U3siQPtaUM>

## Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October 2021 Cross Country

On Monday 11<sup>th</sup> October we took teams of runners from KS2 to the local inter-schools cross country event at Somerhill. This was the first time many of our children had entered a school cross country event and they all did fantastically.

We had 8 runners in total representing our school. Not only did they perform brilliantly on the course, they were also a credit to our school with their impeccable manners and sportsmanship and everyone had lots of fun. Well done to all of you who took part.



## Support for parents

Free, online courses are available for parents from In Our Place.

- Understanding pregnancy, labour, birth and your baby - for anyone who is expecting a baby including friends and family.
- Understanding your baby - for anyone caring for a baby from birth to 12-months-old.
- Understanding your child - for anyone caring for a child from birth to 18.
- Understanding your teenager's brain - for anyone caring for a teenager in Kent and one for teenagers themselves.
- Understanding your child with additional needs - for anyone caring for a child with special needs.

Families can visit the [In Our Place website](#) and register for a free account with the access code 'Invicta'. Courses can be completed at an individual's own pace. More support is available for families and is detailed in the [leaflet \(PDF, 423.4 KB\)](#).



**Save the date!**

# BISHOPS DOWN CHRISTMAS FAIR

