



# Bishops Down Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Guardians

Thank you to those parents who attended the Headteacher drop in surgery this week. It was a great opportunity for me to hear directly from parents about personal concerns they have. I am delighted to say that all comments received at the drop in have now been raised with the relevant staff, so actions should be swift.

We sadly say goodbye to Kate Smith, WAC manager and TA, this week. Kate has been with us for 15 years so this is a huge loss to the school. She has made a significant impact on our WAC provision in recent years and we are very grateful she is leaving it in such good shape for her successor to build on. We wish her well in her new post.

We give a warm welcome to Joanne Green who will be taking over as manager of our WAC provision. She has a wealth of experience in child care and in business management. She will be in the club this week getting to know children and staff and starting officially next Tuesday.

Next week you will be receiving a mid year progress report for you child if they are in years 1-6. It is a brief report that shows progress in Reading, Writing and Maths from the end of the last academic year, current attendance, recent successes and targets. These reports are generated from our computer tracking system so do appear depersonalised, however please be assured that every report is unique. Teachers spend time on a weekly basis checking off attainment statements that your child has achieved and is confident in. Through thorough marking and assessment the teacher knows your child's attainment very well and this mid year snapshot will enable you as parents to have a clear picture of successes and future targets. The consultations on 6th and 7th March will allow a much more personal conversation covering all aspects of your child's personal, social and academic development.

Larch parents please bear in mind that Mrs Lomas is very new to the class and the data produced has been collated by Mrs Wilson before she left. She is keen to meet you all but may need follow up meetings if she doesn't have the information you require to hand. I will also be available to see Larch parents during the two evenings if I can be of any help.

*Clara*

Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> February saw a fantastic signing day at Bishops Down as we celebrated sign2sing 2018. Our year 6 Makaton Masters made sure everybody in the school was involved through the day with competitions, selling badges, signing for their lunch, and an informative assembly to finish the day as we all joined to sing the song for this year Friends Forever.

We had some fantastic entries to our badge design competition, it was a very hard choice, the winners are: Amelia-Rose - Early Years, William - KS 1, Ollie - KS 2. Their designs will become the Signer of the Week badges for the next year - well done!

As a school we raised **£113.55** for the charity Signhealth - thank you!

The Makaton Masters should be very proud of their achievements in pulling this special day together and making Bishops Down aware of how important signing is in our community, and the difference it can make to people's lives. The Makaton Masters are Anna, Zoe, William F, Ollie, Olivia, Georgina, Isobel, Millie, Jaime, William T, Louis. *Mrs Cockburn and Mrs Gripper*



Thank you to all who sponsored Lily's hair cut for the Little Princess Trust on 13th February. Lily had 9 inches of her hair cut off and is loving her new do!

She has raised £1,000! Which is double the target meaning she has raised enough for two wigs plus the donation of hair towards another.

Well done Lily- what an achievement.



**Apology:** last term I omitted to include the amount raised by year 5 boys for the sale of pom poms at the Christmas Fair. They raised £169- well done boys!