



# Bishops Down Primary School

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## Dear Parents and Guardians

In the past week we have had the pleasure of welcoming back **Gerald Dickens** to Bishops Down. Gerald was a pupil here in the 70s and is the great, great grandson of Charles Dickens. Years 5 & 6 enjoyed listening to Gerald's stories of Charles Dickens as a child and extracts of Dickens' classics. All the children (and staff!) were mesmerised, it was a great morning.



**Sports day** arrangements will be sent on a separate email at the end of this week with a running order and map of the field attached. We will be holding a whole school picnic during Sports Day, details of which will be on the covering email so please look out for this later in the week.

Your child should come to school dressed in their PE kit with a house coloured T-shirt on. If you do not have a green or yellow t-shirt your child should come to school in a white t-shirt and will be given a green or yellow bib to wear. KS2 are in the morning and Nursery, Reception and KS1 in the afternoon. Year 6 parents will be selling strawberries and cream for £1 a pot on the day. Please look out for the Sports Day flyer for more information.

It has been a pleasure to meet with year 5 parents over the course of the past week to discuss secondary school options. If you weren't able to meet with us and would like to make an appointment please call the school office. The deadline for registering for the **11+ (Kent Test)** is 1st July 2018 via the KCC website:

<https://www.kent.gov.uk/education-and-children/schools/school-places/kent-test#tab-1>

It is the parents responsibility to register, not the school, as this is an external test. The deadline for choosing secondary schools is 31st October 2018 so you can wait for the results of the Kent Test before applying online. I will be holding drop in sessions after results day to discuss school options.

*Clare*

## EAL Afternoon Tea

4th July  
Drama Room  
2-3pm

Parents of children with  
EAL please look out for  
your invites.

## Violin Lessons at Bishops Down

There will be space for new pupils wanting to learn the violin in school from September 2018. Miss Wort is particularly keen to start a small group of children (around 4 in the group given the size of the room) from Years 1 and 2. Older beginners could also be accommodated in a group if there are enough requests. Lessons are generally half an hour long, although for a group, a longer lesson can be beneficial. Alternatively, individual or paired lessons can be arranged if suitable pairings can be made.



Please contact Miss. Wort as soon as possible by e-mail at [rwteach.in@gmail.com](mailto:rwteach.in@gmail.com) to register your interest and to obtain more details.

## From the PSA

We would like to send a huge thank you to the many volunteers who helped at this year's summer fair. It was a fantastic day, we raised approx. £3000 towards our new fencing and we couldn't have done it without everyone's help. From setting up to clearing up, from collecting supplies to running stalls.... you all made it the great success that it was.



If you'd like to be involved in more events like this, please get on our PSA Facebook page to ask for details. We'd love to have a new chair/vice chair and secretary for September.





Year 6 recreate the Battle of Bosworth Field

**Next Headteacher drop in surgery  
Friday 29th June  
2pm to 3pm**

### Water proof clothing donations

Thank you for all of the donations so far. However we are still short of some water proof trousers and coats. If anyone has any 'out grown' waterproofs we would be delighted to receive them. The collection box is under the parent shelter.



### This Is Us Dance Company Update

What an exciting term This Is Us have had so far...and we've only just begun!

We have made some wonderful new friends over the last few months and welcomed some very special visitors to Bishops Down.

On the 7th June we were joined by Laura from the national and international charity Danceaid, and a film crew. Danceaid have kindly become involved with us and are funding a special piece of equipment for one of our senior dancers, Devon. This equipment will widen Devon's range of movement and provide a different quality to his dance moves. The film crew were here to document Devon's trials of some sports wheelchairs, see our wonderful company of dancers in action, and will be putting together a short film to showcase their work. Watch this space for an update!

Another special guest to our class on the 11th June, was the Creative Learning Producer of professional dance company the Balletboyz. Kate runs the inclusive programme at the Balletboyz studios in Surrey and joined us to see our company in action. " It was a pleasure to come and see the session with This Is Us, the class was fantastic and the students were brilliant!"

We have some exciting opportunities coming in the next few terms with both of these projects, it was wonderful to share our company of dedicated dancers and support team with them.

We may have some places available in September, if you have a child/ren who are interested in joining our completely inclusive company, please contact Mrs Cockburn via the office for more information. Everyone is welcome from Y2 upwards, no dance experience necessary, come and join us!

