

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Newsletter No. 5

Phew! What a week that was. Thank you to all of you who managed to attend the "Sharing Learning" sessions earlier this week. I apologise that this was not publicised properly beforehand. Further sessions will take place in the Spring and in the meantime teachers will be happy to discuss learning during their weekly drop-in sessions. Parents who attended the "e-safety" talk on Wednesday were left in no doubt about the implications of safe internet use by children, adults and teenagers. If you missed the talk by Murray Letham and would like us to organise another session or provide more information, please let Jane Clement in Year 5 know. Congratulations must go to our "Cyber Agents" in Year 5 for representing the school at the Tunbridge Wells e-safety celebration day. Also to Danielle Fleming who won the competition for KS1 pupils and also won a digital camera for the school.

Please note the updated diary dates attached to this letter, particularly those in bold which are new.

Diary Dates 2009-10 – Term 2

Monday	2.11.09		Term 2 Starts for all children
Wednesday	4.11.09		7.30pm PSA meeting
Friday	6.11.09		Closing date for secondary admissions
Monday	9.11.09		Y5 British Museum
Thursday	12.11.09	9.10am	Y5 Assembly for parents
Friday	13.11.09	9.00am	Parent Reps Forum
Monday	16.11.09		Anti-bullying Week
Thursday	19.11.09	9.10am	Y4 Assembly for parents
Friday	20.11.09		"Children in Need" day – details to be revealed
Monday–Friday	23.11.09		Bring toys, books and choccies for PSA fair
Monday	23.11.09	6.30pm	Full Governors Meeting
Thursday	26.11.09	9.10am	Reception Assembly for parents
Friday	27.11.09		Own clothes day - Bring bottles for PSA fair
Wednesday	2.12.09		Y6 Imperial War Museum
Friday	4.12.09		Bring cakes for PSA fair
Saturday	5.12.09		PSA Christmas Fair
Thursday	10.12.09	9.10am	Y6 Assembly for parents
Monday	14.12.09	2.00pm	KS1 Christmas Production
Tuesday	15.12.09	9.30am	KS1 Christmas Production
Wednesday	16.12.09	9.30am	KS2 Christmas Production
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Thursday	17.12.09		Christmas Lunch
Friday	18.12.09		Term 2 Ends
Monday	4.1.10		<i>Inset Day – no children</i>
Tuesday	5.1.10		Term 3 starts for children

Wednesday	6.1.10	Nursery closed for consultations
Friday	12.2.10	Nursery starts
		Term 3 Ends
Monday	22.2.10	Term 4 starts for all children
Thursday	1.4.10	Term 4 Ends
Monday	19.4.10	<i>Inset Day – no children</i>
Tuesday	20.4.10	Term 5 starts
		Nursery closed for consultations
Wednesday	21.4.10	Nursery starts
Monday	3.5.10	Bank Holiday Monday
Friday	28.5.10	Term 5 Ends
Monday	7.6.10	<i>Inset Day – no children</i>
Tuesday	8.6.10	Term 6 starts for all children
Friday	23.7.10	Term 6 Ends

E-Safety – Wonderful News!

Yesterday the Bishops Down Cyber Agents and myself attended the e-safety celebration afternoon, held at St John's School. After all the 'agents' from each school scored the e-safety competition entries, winners were announced. We are extremely pleased to announce that



Danielle in Year 2 won 1st prize. Not only did Danielle receive a £15 voucher, but the school were also given a camera! Thank you all for your fabulous entries, it was a difficult choice. Remember the SMART rules, and stay safe!
Mrs. Clement, Ollie, Kerensa, Milly and James in Year 5

Christmas Shoeboxes – Advance Notice

Christmas is rapidly approaching and this year we are keen to support 'Operation Christmas Child' (Shoebox Appeal) again. The shoeboxes will be collected in the 3rd week of November and more details will be sent out after the autumn break.

Christmas Lunch

Our Christmas lunch is on Thursday 17th December. If your child does not normally have a school lunch but would like one, please ask for a form from the office. The cost of a meal is £1.95. Payment and the form should be returned by Friday 27th November.

Netball Match

On Wednesday, the netball team went to Skinners Academy to play netball. We played two schools, Speldhurst and St Marks. They were both very challenging. We won one and lost one, but our team players played very well, especially Nathaniel Garwood and Lucy Morgan. Mrs Tizzard and Mrs Solomon decided that Nathaniel was the best team player.

Joseph and Isobel

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Fair Play Award

This week’s winner of the Fair Play Award is Lucy Morgan.

Songs Around the World

Mrs Smith is running a club during Term 2 for children to learn songs from around the world in foreign languages. The club is open to children from Y1 to Y6 and will be held on Wednesdays after school starting Wednesday 4th November. It will run from 3.15 to 4pm and will be limited to 30 places. Names will be drawn out of a hat on Tuesday morning, 3rd November so all application forms need to be in the office by Tuesday at 9.30.

No expertise in languages or singing is required! Singing with gesture, mime and movement encouraged. (Even the more “wordy songs” have catchy choruses)

A good club to improve memory and confidence as well as a way to have lots of fun!

Football Clubs Years 1-4

Could parents please check their children’s kit before they come to a football club. Please ensure your children are equipped with shin pads (as all are now wearing sturdy boots), and that the football boot laces are undone. Some are left in muddy knots which can take a long time to untangle before the children can put them on. If any parents are able to help the children with putting their boots on this would give the children more time to play football and be much appreciated by the adults that run the club. Many thanks.

John Tutt

Harvest

Thank you to all those who brought in tins for Harvest. These have been passed onto the Soup Bowl in Tunbridge Wells and we have had a letter of thanks from them for your generous contributions.

Please enjoy half term. At this time of the term it is important to remind you to carry out the dreaded Nit checks and to regularly comb your children’s’ hair in order that we can return to school Nit free.

Kind regards,

Dan Turvey

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Songs Around the World

- I would like my child to attend the Songs Around the World club on Wednesdays after school.
- I will collect my child at 4pm
- I have made other arrangements

Parent Consent

I agree to my son/daughter receiving medication as instructed and any emergency dental, medical or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered necessary by the medical authorities present.

Signed Date Class