



# Bishops Down Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

It has been great to see so many of you at consultations this week. If you haven't been able to make it please remember you can use the drop in sessions or call the office to make an individual appointment.

I am delighted to announce that **Ellen Stock** is our new **Family Support Worker**. Mrs Stock can support you with any issues that could be putting pressure on your child or family. She can signpost you to outside agencies, help with free school meals applications, put you in touch with the school nurse, to name just a few! If you have any general wellbeing concerns regarding your child, or if your family is going through a period of stress please contact Mrs Stock who will be happy to support you and offer advice. She will be on the gate on Monday and Wednesday mornings and will hold a drop in surgery from 2.45– 3.15 on Tuesdays.

This week all class web pages will have up to date curriculum information on and you will find the presentations from the **Meet the Teacher** evening.

On the front page of the school website there is a link to our school data. We are really pleased with our results for the Early Years and KS1 as we have exceeded Kent and National attainment averages. At KS2 there is a more mixed picture as we would expect with the change in curriculum expectations (year 6 had to cover almost two years of curriculum content in one year!), however the number of our children achieving Age Related Expectations in Reading, Writing and Maths combined is **higher** than the National average. If you look at the percentage of children achieving the highest scores, Bishops Down is **significantly higher** than Kent and National averages. We are incredibly proud of our leavers *and year 6 staff*, they managed so well with the new tests and expectations. We are predicting even higher results for this year's KS2— *as long as the tests don't change!*

If you have any queries regarding the published data please contact me through the school office and I'll be happy to answer.

*Clare*



Reception and  
Nursery children  
staying for lunch



## Autumn Open Mornings and Afternoon for Reception and Nursery

The following open times are for prospective parents who wish to view Bishops Down Primary School for their child entering Reception Year in September 2017. Parents who are also interested in our Nursery Provision for intake in 2017 and early 2018 are also invited to join these meetings

**Thursday, 13th October - 9.30am**  
**Wednesday, 19th October - 2.30pm**  
**Thursday, 20th October - 9.30am**

Please can you let the school office know which of the above meetings you would like to attend so we are aware of numbers. These meetings are designed for adults only - thank you. The office number is: 01892 520114. We look forward to meeting you.



This week is the last chance for you to vote in The Courier newspaper's Heart of the Community scheme, and get our Stoppgap Dance Company class a step closer to being awarded some money to help keep our group going.

If you have a Courier from the last 3 weeks in your recycling box, there will be a coupon to fill out and drop into the school office, or just text as detailed below

Many thanks in advance for all your support!

Mrs Cockburn and the Stoppgap team

## CALLING ALL PARENTS!

Wednesday 28th September, 7.30pm in school, is the very first PSA meeting for the year. Please come along and see what we've got planned for the year!

*(80s night invite on page three of this newsletter)*

### **DATE FOR THE DIARY:**

This year we are holding our **Book Week** during the 7th to the 11th November. There will be many activities taking place, one of which being dress as a Roald Dahl character— so you have time to start planning the outfit!



### The 30th September is

#### Wear Grey Day

If you would like to support the **Brainstrust** charity by wearing grey to school for the day, please bring in a £1.

It can be 'head to toe' grey or just 1 item— all donations gratefully received.

You can find more information about the charity at

<http://www.brainstrust.org.uk/>



### Ski Club

Well done to Teddy, Alex Lila and Georgina who took part in the qualifying ski at Brentwood. If you are interested in joining the Bishops Down Ski team please speak to the school office or Mrs Ayton.



Please can shoulder length hair or longer be put up every day apart from it looking tidy and presentable it is a deterrent against nits which we have had in **3 classes** so far this term!



### Lunch boxes

We promote healthy eating at Bishops down so may I remind everyone that KS2 are only permitted to bring fruit and vegetables for a mid morning snack (this is in line with the free KS 1 provision). We do not permit chocolate bars and Fruit Shoot drinks in packed lunches. Our packed lunch guide can be found on the website for more details.

We also have a strict **NO NUTS** policy. This is because a few of our children are highly allergic and therefore coming into contact with nuts, of *any* description could be life threatening.

Please check that cereal bars do not contain nuts.



BISHOPS DOWN PSA INVITES YOU TO

TOTALLY

80's



WHEN: 8TH OCTOBER



WHERE: SCHOOL HALL



TIME: 8 - 12PM



COST: £7.50



**PROVIDED:** NIBBLES  
GLOW STICKS  
FIRST DRINK  
ENTERTAINMENT (D.J. - SOUND & LIGHTS)

CHEQUE TO: BISHOPS DOWN P.S.A.

## REPLY SLIP

NAME:

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CLASS & YOUR CHILD'S NAME:

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NUMBER OF TICKETS:

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**Please return the reply slip to the school office ASAP**