

Bishops Down Primary School News



24th May 2013

Dear Parents,

We have come to the end of yet another busy term. Congratulations to all the children in Years 2 and 6 who have coped really well with the disruption of assessments and tests during the last two weeks. I want to say a special thank you to Mrs. Roberts for returning to work full time in Apple class in order to cover Mrs. Affleck who in turn has covered Mrs. Spoor during her absence from Year 6. I know that the children have really appreciated the continuity in both of the classes affected. We look forward to Mrs. Spoor returning after half term, part time for a few days and then full time by the end of the first week.

I am delighted to inform you that Kelly Gurr has been re-appointed as the Wrap Around Care Manager starting in September. In the meantime interim arrangements are in place, but Kelly will be the main contact for queries.

I am sad to say that Matthew Bennett, who has been working as a Teaching Assistant, will be leaving us to work at St John's Primary School in mid-June. We wish him luck.

Striking and Fielding clubs

Striking and Fielding clubs were due to start on Monday 3rd June for Y1 and Y2, and Wednesday 5th June for Years 3-6. **These clubs will now start the week after** as Mrs. Tizzard has agreed to accompany Year 5 on their residential trip. All children who applied for these clubs do have a space.

PSA Fair

Following the huge success of the Spring Fair last week, the PSA raised a fantastic £2,715.74 for the School. Once expenses relating to the event have been deducted, the fair made an overall profit in excess of £2000.00. I'm sure you will all agree the day was organised and run fantastically by Helen and Anita - thank you both.

Parent Lunches

Please make sure you have completed and returned your parent lunch form by Friday 14th June if you wish to eat a school lunch with your child. Due to space restrictions in the hall, please do not bring pre-school children with you. We will let you know what time to arrive to eat after the holiday.

Play Equipment behind Reception classrooms

Children are not allowed to play on the climbing equipment behind Reception classrooms after the end of the school day. A number of children have been seen using the equipment and we should be grateful if parents ensure their children do not play on it at this time.

Class led assemblies to the whole school

Date	Class or teacher
Wednesday 5 th June	Year 4 - Cathy Spoor
Wednesday 12 th June	Year 5 - Sarah Pain
Wednesday 19 th June	Year 2 - Olive - Michelle Reader
Wednesday 26 th June	Year 2 - Apple - Sinead Roberts
Tuesday 9 th July	Year 1 - Beech - Emma Akers
Wednesday 10 th July	Year 1 - Bonsai - Helen Runalls

Swimming Report

Bishops Down entered a team into the Tunbridge Wells Primary Schools Swimming Gala on the 1st May. The team showed great team spirit and had a fantastic evening at St Johns Swimming Pool. The highlights of the evening were Evie Ayton reaching the diving finals for the girls, and Josh Streetley, Dan Solomon, Toby Dray and Felix Brookes winning the boys Freestyle relay by a whole length. Also, Saara Hanso, Danielle Fleming, Evie Ayton, Toby Dray, Felix Brooks and Dan Solomon winning the mixed medley relay.

Toby Dray and Dan Solomon reached the speed open freestyle finals. Dan Solomon came 2nd by the narrowest of margins.

The efforts of the whole team meant that Bishops Down won the Shield for Small Schools. Finally, a special mention must be made for Tilly Simmons who was awarded the Fletcher Cup for personal determination and team spirit whilst overcoming a number of personal challenges. We are extremely proud of our team.

Netball Report

Since October our netball team has played a series of league matches. We won our pool and had to play St Peters in the finals who had also won their pool. Bishops Down fought very hard and held their own against very strong opposition. Unfortunately, Bishops Down lost with a very respectable score. The team will officially receive runner-up awards at the end of season tournament scheduled for June 22nd at Skinners Kent Academy.

We are continuing to practice with friendly matches against other schools. We took two teams to Speldhurst on Wednesday of this week. Our very successful first team won 12-4. Our 2nd team, many of whom had not yet played a match and are in Y4, lost 4-0, nevertheless we were pleased with their performance. We are looking forward to Abigail Brooks coming to help us with our coaching in July.

Harp Lessons

If anyone is interested in learning to play the harp, please speak to the office to obtain the telephone number of a local teacher.

Vouchers

Sainsbury's vouchers are coming to an end and so if you have any lying around the house please can you bring them into school and put them into the box by the office. Thank you.

Dates for your Diaries

24 th May	End of Term 5
3 rd June	Term 6 starts - This is not an INSET Day
	Y5 Residential trip until 5 th June
4 th June	Y3 visit Hargate Forest
7 th June	Y4 visit Hargate Forest
10 th June	Y6 Residential trip all week
15 th /16 th June	School Camp Out
28 th June	Nursery Cake Sale 3pm
3 rd July	Sports Day
4 th July	New Entrants Parents Meeting 7pm
9 th July	Parent Consultations for Y1-Y6 (3.30pm-6pm)
10 th July	Parent Consultations for Y1-Y6 (5.30pm - 8pm)
17 th July	Year 6 performance 6pm
18 th July	Prospective Parents visit at 2.15pm
	Year 6 performance 6pm
22 nd July	Wrap Around Care Disco Night - Please note the change of date
23 rd July	End of Term 6
4 th September	Term 1 starts for children in Reception to Y6
5 th September	Term 1 starts for Nursery children

Regards,

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