

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

Newsletter No. 2

Harvest Collection This year we will be collecting produce for the "Soup Bowl". The Soup Bowl is open every afternoon, including weekends, from 4.30-5.30 in order to provide soup and sandwiches to the hungry and homeless in our town. This is a fabulous charity which relies on donations of food from local people for its success. We will be having a Harvest Assembly on the 4th October for the children and it would be fabulous to be able to collect as much produce as we can by this date. The charity would appreciate any tins of food, packs of cheese and sugar, jars of coffee, and other items which can be used in the 'Soup Bowl', or taken round to people's homes. Particularly welcome are tins of corned beef (easily opened by the homeless), tuna, cooked meats and cheese (for 'Soup Bowl' sandwiches), soup (especially thick vegetable soup), tinned vegetables and fruit, and coffee and sugar. It is reckoned that through the donations local schools make the food stocks will last for a year. So please bring in any donations, from next week, to the school hall where you can leave them on the tables by the front. Please do not bring in anything that may have an out of date use by date!

Remembrance Sunday – 14th November 2010 We have been invited by the Mayor of Tunbridge Wells to send two representatives from the school to attend the Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial in Tunbridge Wells, followed by refreshments in the Council Chamber after the service. If any parents are interested in taking their children, please contact the school office.

PSA Thank you to everyone who took part and helped with the recent Dragon Boat Race. Yet again we won best dressed pitch (three years in a row). It was a good day out and everyone enjoyed it. The PSA raised £222.00 excluding sponsorship money. The next event for the PSA is Zumba Fitness Night on Friday 15th October. Please book up fast as this was very popular last year. If anyone wants to become involved in the work of the PSA committee, we are always looking for energetic helpers who are willing to give up time to organise and participate in PSA events. This can be a really rewarding way to volunteer and make a difference to your child's education as well as having a good time.

Library Last year the PSA raised significant funds to pay for a new library. We are now in the final process of having books bar coded and scanned so that the children can begin taking books out to borrow. Once the library is fully functional we will let you know.

School Lunches Next week the school is celebrating Kentish Food Week and the recipes for some of the meals that will be served at school are available at the office on recipe cards. There is only a limited supply, so if you would like a set please collect one from the office. Thank you to all those who returned school lunch menus promptly this week. We appreciate that some parents may be facing difficulties due to the national economic recession. Your children may be eligible for free school meals if you are in receipt of **one** of the following benefits:

- Income Support.
- Income Based Job Seeker's Allowance.
- Child Tax Credit, with an annual income not exceeding £16190.
- Guaranteed Element of State Pension Credit.

Please see Carol Eglise in the school office, to discuss this confidentially, if you would like advice concerning free school meals.

Walking Buses If you have any walking bus reflective jackets at home that your children no longer use, please can you return them to the office so they may be redistributed to the new children who have joined the buses.

Regards,

Dan Turvey



Bring Your Dad to School Day

Friday 8th October

9.00am - 11.30am

Or

1.30 - 3.15pm

Calling all dads or close male relatives!

You are cordially invited to come in and spend the morning or the afternoon with your children. First and foremost, we want the children to be proud of welcoming you to school and to enjoy being with you. We want you to get a taste of what school is like, as well as wetting your appetite to come into school again. We believe that the involvement of fathers in school makes a real difference to your child's education.

The timetable for the day will include opportunities to spend time in the classroom, come to assembly and have coffee and eat cake! (No, we aren't trying to appeal to the male stomach!) Some of you mums may be worried because your child's father is not available to come. If this is the case, please feel free to ask an uncle, grandpa or close friend to accompany them. I would encourage those who are coming to adopt another child for the morning.

If you can come, please return the attached form to school by Friday 1st October.

We look forward to welcoming you.

I will be attending **Bring Your Dad to School Day** on 8th October 2010.

In the morning / In the afternoon

My name is: _____

I am coming to school with _____

He/she is my child or stepchild / nephew or niece / grandchild / other _____

Signed: _____

Date: _____