



24th October 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 8 Newsletter

Firstly I would like to remind you that today is the last day of term 1. The children and staff have been working extremely hard this term and are looking forward to the break. Term 2 will begin on Monday 3rd November.

Monday 17th November is a staff training day and school will therefore be closed to children.

Share a Skills Week

This will take place during the week beginning 3rd November. The aim is to encourage our children to share their skills and talents with their peers. Teachers will be arranging opportunities throughout the week for the children in their class to teach other children their skills, whether it is playing an instrument, knitting, sport etc. Your child may have a skill that they would like to practise during the break to share with the other children.

Phonic Workshop

Don't forget there will be a phonic workshop on Thursday 6th November at 6.30pm for all parents of children in Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. Details have been sent home in a separate letter.

Show and Share

After discussion with the class reps we have decided to move show and share to the end of the day. Show and share is an opportunity for you to visit your child's classroom to find out more about what they have been learning. Parents, grandparents and other friends of the school are therefore invited to come into school on Wednesday 26th November from 3.15pm to 3.45pm to look around your child's classroom and also visit the other classrooms.

Vacancy for Community Governor

There is currently a vacancy on the Governing body for a Community Governor. A Community Governor does not have to be a parent or be previously associated with the school but can be any member of the local community. The governors would like to appoint a governor who has particular skills or links with the medical profession either a doctor, nurse or other. They may be retired or still practising. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this vacancy and would like further information please contact the school office on 01892 520114.

Donation

The children, staff and governors would like to thank Paul Wheeler and his company MAP Contracts Ltd for a generous donation towards sponsoring our school website and school team football kit. We have had much positive feedback about our website and it is with this support that we are able to provide a good quality service. I am sure that our football team will continue to do well in their new kit.

If you know of an individual or company that would like to provide sponsorship in any way please contact myself or the school office.

Football Report

On Friday 17th October the football team entered a tournament in Hawkenbury. Here's how we did. In the 1st game we played St James's and won 1-0, Josh scoring the goal. Our next match was against Southborough. We beat them 1-0 and Tom scored this one. Our third match was against St Augustines who won the tournament last year but we beat them 2-1, Tom and Max scoring the goals. Our 4th match was against Langton Green where we drew 0-0. It was very even as we were both great sides. Our last match was against Claremont. This was our most important match so far as we were 2nd and Claremont was 1st. We needed to win to go to the top. Unfortunately we lost 2-0, but overall we had a great time and came 2nd in our group.

Daniel and Thomas

Year 1 Visit to Church

On Monday Year 1 visited St Johns Church to go and see what a church looked like inside. We had to keep a really good look out for lots of things. In the church we found a font, the altar, the bible and an organ. The stained glass windows were so pretty we decided to draw pictures of them to take back to our classroom for our display. "The best bit about the visit was when the music was playing", says Danielle. We then braved it out into the cold and wind to draw the outside of the church looking at all the different shapes there were on one building. We would like to thank Mrs Clarke for organising the day and all the helpers that came along for the long walk home.

Poppies

Poppies will be available in school from the 3rd November for any child wishing to make a donation. A member of the Royal British Legion came to speak to the children in assembly about the importance of Remembrance Day.

Flora Cooking With Schools Campaign

Flora is currently running a promotion where tokens can be found on specially marked packs of Flora. A 250g tub contains a code that is worth 20p, a 500g tub contains a code that is worth 40p and a 1kg tub contains a code that is worth £1. These tokens can be redeemed on line and pledged to your chosen school. Parents will have to register and then they will be able to enter the token codes. The school will then receive the total value of all pledged tokens to buy cooking equipment for children to use in the classroom. Please support us if you can.

Head Teacher Awards

Year 1	The Whole Class	
Year 2	Rachel	Charlie
Year 3	Ruby	Alex
Year 4	Felix	Rosemary
Year 5	Niamh	Amber
Year 6	Thomas	Freddie

Have a good break and we will look forward to seeing the children back on 3rd November.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Powell