

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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**Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November**

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

**Newsletter No. 7**

## **Severe weather forecast**

Once again the weather has got worse and we may have to face the prospect of snow and ice. Earlier in the year we made every effort to keep the school open and only closed for one day prior to Christmas. We will aim to keep the school open again. Decisions about closure will be made taking into account the health and safety of pupils, parents and staff and conditions on the school site such as ice and temperature. Should we have to close, messages will be posted on the school website [www.bishopsdownprimary.org](http://www.bishopsdownprimary.org) by 7.45am or you can check Radio Kent, Heart and KMFM both on the radio and on their website. We will also aim to text message any urgent information.

## **Infant and Nursery Christmas Production**

This year we will be enjoying a performance of 'Christmas with the Aliens' by children in our Nursery, Reception, Year 1 and Year 2. It will be performed on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2.00pm and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. Due to the number of children involved and the limited capacity in the hall, seats are restricted to 2 per family in total. However, should you wish to have extra tickets if they become available, please indicate on the order form below and you will be placed on a waiting list. We cannot accommodate pushchairs in the hall. We intend to have a crèche available at both performances for pre-school children. If you are able to assist by supervising one of these please let the office know.

## **Christmas Fair, Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> December 12-3pm**

Thank you for all the donations already received for the fair. Raffle tickets are coming home in book bags today. Please return any stubs and money, together with unsold tickets, to the office during next week in a sealed envelope and mark this for the PSA. Cheques should be payable to 'Bishops Down PSA'.

Tomorrow, Friday 26<sup>th</sup> November, is own clothes day for children who bring in a donation for the bottle tombola stall. Many thanks for your support.

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## **Christmas Shoeboxes**

Many thanks for the fantastic response to our shoebox appeal. We have managed to collect 76 boxes this year. We still have one week to go so it is not too late. It is great to be able to focus on giving at what can be a difficult time of year for many around the world.

## **Christmas Cards and Great Ormond Street Hospital**

The festive season is a very special time for children. Instead of sending each other cards this year, we have decided to make a donation to Great Ormond Street Hospital Children's Charity. The charity aims to raise £50 million pounds every year to fund life-saving equipment, pioneering research, accommodation for parents and to help rebuild and refurbish the hospital. We hope to help them make their Christmas campaign a success.

Each class will be issued with two snowman posters, and each child in the class will be given one self adhesive sticker on which they can write their festive message to their class/friends. In return, the money that would have been spent on Christmas cards can then be given as a donation to the charity through a collection tin here in school. The posters will go up in the classrooms on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> December.

## **Children in Need**

On Friday 19<sup>th</sup> of November Year 5 raised money for Children in Need, a charity for children who need help for many different reasons. We ran lots of fun stalls in our classroom and each Year came to play for half

an hour. We had a yummy cake sale at the end of the day; we had a multitude of delicious, tasty cakes to sell. Everyone wore spots or pyjamas, including Mr Turvey!! ☺  
It was a spotty, smiley, happy day and we all had so much fun.  
We were amazed when we counted up all the money and found that we had the grand total of £681.47!!!  
This is a record making amount, we are so grateful for everyone's help.  
Thank you from year 5!  
*Hannah Lawton and Jasmine Ahmed*

### **Christmas Discos**

Christmas discos have again been organised for both Key Stages on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> December. Please don't forget to return a slip if you wish your child to attend. Copies are available from the school office.

### **Wardrobes wanted!**

Year 1 and Year 2 are looking for 2 old wardrobes big enough to fit a child in! If you have such an item please speak to either Mrs Roberts or Miss Runalls. *This is not intended for punishment!*

### **Photographs**

Individual and family photographs of the children have been booked to take place on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January. Further details will follow after Christmas.

### **Staff Development**

At Bishops Down we encourage all members of staff to take courses and training which improve their skills. At the moment we have staff doing NVQs, degrees, OU courses and post graduate courses. This will sometimes require staff to carry out activities with children in school as part of their studies which will be recorded for research purposes. For example, they might talk to children about what they are learning, or observe them in a lesson to find out how they can support them in the best way. Any records which are made are anonymous and the study activities will all be within the children's normal routines and the school curriculum. We will assume that you consent to this, however if you wish your child to be excluded from any in school research, please put this in writing to the school office. Thanks you.

Kind regards

Dan Turvey

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***Ticket Request for the Infant and Nursery Performances of 'Christmas with the Aliens'***

Please complete the form to indicate how many tickets you would like at which performance (Max 2 per family total), together with any extra tickets you would like if they become available

- I would like ..... tickets for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm
- I would like ..... tickets for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am
- I would like ..... extra tickets for Monday 13<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm if available
- I would like..... extra tickets for Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am if available

I can / cannot help at the crèche on .....

Child's Name..... Class.....

Signed.....