



25th November 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

It's been another busy few weeks for us here at Bishops Down, and the preparations for Winter holiday performances are well on their way. It's always a pleasure to hear sound of children singing ringing in the corridors, so this time of year feels extra special.

Thank you to everyone who attended the parent consultations at the start of term. The hybrid approach of offering both in person and virtual consultations seems to have gone down well. If you have any feedback on how we can improve again next time, please pop the office an email.

We are now able to share the news and extend our congratulations to Mrs Jennings who is a baby in the summer term. We are all very pleased for the family.

Mrs Bettles

The School Immunisation Team would like to invite parents to book an appointment at one of their Community Clinics if your child recently missed their Childhood Flu Immunisation on their visit to school.

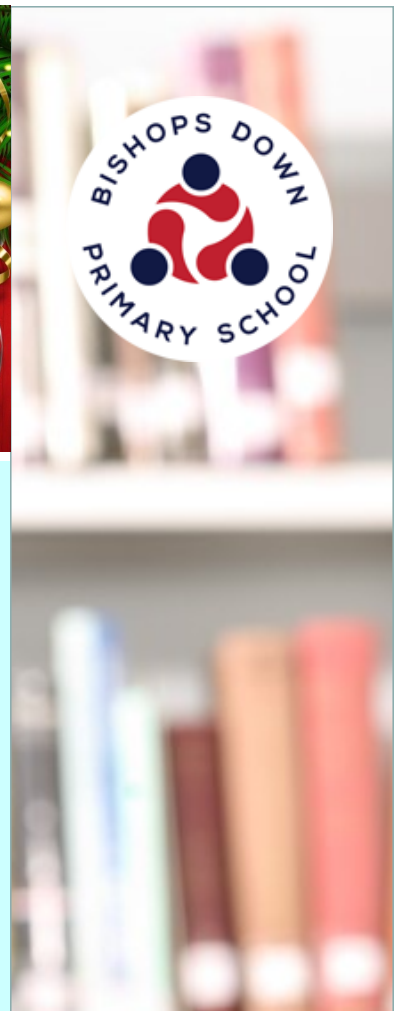
Parents can book an appointment via their website on the link below:

<https://www.kentcht.nhs.uk/imms>

This link also provides other useful information regarding vaccinations and the School Aged Immunisation Service.

If your child was vaccinated on their recent visit, you are invited to complete the following surveys <https://www.oc-meridian.com/KCHT/survey/>

[ParentGuardianCarerExperienceSurvey](https://www.oc-meridian.com/KCHT/survey/ParentGuardianCarerExperienceSurvey) or <https://www.oc-meridian.com/KCHT/survey/ChildrensExperienceSurveyAges4to10>



DATES FOR THE DIARY

Saturday 26th November

Christmas Fair

**Tuesday 6th, Wednesday 7th
December**

Nursery and Reception Nativity

**Monday 12th, Tuesday 13th
December**

Year 1 and 2 Nativity

Wednesday 14th December

Key stage 2 concert for Year 3 and 4 parents

Thursday 15th December

Key Stage 2 concert for Year 5 and 6 parents

Wednesday 14th December

Christmas Lunch

Christmas Jumper Day

PARKING AND ROAD SAFETY

I'd like to stress the importance of parking considerably when dropping or collecting children from school. We have recently had a number of upset neighbours who have reported parents parking across white lines, blocking driveways and littering on their gardens.

Last week, we took part in Road Safety Week and inconsiderate road use can put children in unnecessary danger when it comes to crossing roads.

Please continue to remind your children about the Green Cross

**Road
Safety
Week** 

Prospective Parent Tours – Reception 2023

Last week we held 4 successful tours and talks with prospective parents looking at schools, across town, for Reception Class 2023.

Our thanks to all the year 6 children who helped myself and Mrs Sheldon – they did the actual tours themselves and showed real maturity and enthusiasm for our school, and made us all very proud. Well done Yr 6!

BOOK FAIR

We are really happy that the Travelling Book Fair will be returning to Bishops Down between the 24th November and the 30th November. This gives the children an opportunity to come and browse, enjoy and buy books after school, and hopefully continues to nurture their love of reading! The Fair will be open each day between 3:15pm and 3:45pm and you are welcome to come in with your child to look at the books. You can pay for the books using cash, or scan the QR code on the attached poster for more information about pre-payment and card payment on the day options.

Parent Governor Election Results

We are pleased to inform you of the result of the recent election for parent governors.

Elected: Matthew Holden and Peter Holyhead

We would like to thank those who put their names forward and took the time to complete candidate statements and we are sorry that there were insufficient places for all those interested this time. We would also like to thank those of you who voted and to Jo Sheldon for her assistance with the election process.

Bishops Down Governors

Applying for a Reception Place – September 2023

The application process is now open with KCC to apply for a Reception place in 2023. If your child is in YN or if you are applying for a sibling place this must be done by Monday, 16th January. Remember you must still apply for sibling places. If English is not your first language, or you need help with the online process, please do make contact with Jo Sheldon in the school office. The link for the right page on KCC's website is: [Primary school places - Kent County Council](#) - attached also is a leaflet explaining the process in more detail.

Netball Match 22nd November

We would like to extend our apologies for the late cancellation of this match. This was due to an unforeseen personal emergency. We will reschedule this match. Thank you for your continued support.

Team Building Festival

A team of children represented Bishops Down at the first Team Building Festival. We worked as a team to solve a variety of problems. The children developed resilience, communication and leadership skills. Mrs Tizzard is very proud of the team. Well done - Abby, Frannie, Arthur, Olly, William, Rosie, Sophie, Clara, Elijah and Erik!