



26<sup>th</sup> September 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

#### ***Week 4 Newsletter***

Another week has passed and I can safely say that the children are now well settled into their new classes and their new routines. We welcome the oldest Reception children who stayed for their first full day on Monday.

#### ***Year 6 visit to French Theatre at Rose Hill School***

On the 16<sup>th</sup> September we went to Rose Hill School to watch a play by a french man called Dan Roro in Rose Hill's brand new theatre. We had lots of fun watching Dan do tricks using magic.

*George*

The theatre was really sophisticated.

*Alex*

New words I learned: Château, Bistro, beau, Monsieur, Maintenant, Menu

*Amy*

Dan Roro was: Funny, exciting, clever, good at tricks, good at acting.

I learnt that: French isn't boring and you can learn a lot from French.

*Oliver*

One of the cleverest bits was when he spoke to the puppet without moving his lips!

*Phoebe*

I thought the cleverest part was when he had two wooden sticks and a metal pole and did tricks.

*Freddie*

It was funny when he kept on coming up to Cameron and saying "I've got an idea!"

*Fran*

The funniest bit was when he was going round with a hard boiled egg showing it wouldn't break and then he accidentally cracked one that wasn't hard boiled and it went all over the boys head.

*Milo*

(The egg was fake and filled with water! –Mrs Smith)

#### ***Praise play***

Several parents have been asking what Praise Play is. Every week each child is given ten credits. If they keep their credits, for example for good behaviour, meeting class targets, being helpful etc. then they get to take part in Praise Play. This is 30 minutes at the end of a Friday afternoon when afternoon lessons have finished. The children get to choose an activity that they want to do. Activities are chosen by the school council and include games, art, ICT, extra playtime, parachute games. The activities are chosen by the children as it gives them more of an incentive to keep their credits. Children who lose two or more credits lose their Praise Play. Praise Play is very popular and the children strive hard throughout the week to keep their credits.

### ***Dates for your Diary***

#### **Class Assemblies**

Reception	30 <sup>th</sup> January 2009
Year 1	16 <sup>th</sup> January 2009
Year 2	21 <sup>st</sup> November 2008
Year 3	to be advised
Year 4	28 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
Year 5	14 <sup>th</sup> November 2008
Year 6	23 <sup>rd</sup> January 2009

Class assemblies start at 10.15am. All parents, grandparents and relatives are welcome to attend.

#### ***Christmas Play***

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December PM

Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December PM

More details will follow nearer the time

#### ***Carols Round the Tree***

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December PM

#### ***PSA Christmas Market and Dance***

Due to unforeseen circumstances the original dates have had to be changed. The PSA will advise when new dates have been set.

#### ***Turning circle***

Thank you to everyone who has been making an effort not to park in the turning circle. However, there are one or two people who still think it is acceptable to park there. Just for clarification the turning circle is the area of road (Rydal Drive) right at the bottom of the school drive. Parking in this area jeopardises the safety of our children and is also illegal as it has a single yellow line. A traffic warden patrols it regularly.

#### ***Recorders***

We have now organised the groups for recorders, and a separate letter will be going out to advise you of your child's session. Please note that your child needs to have their own recorder, which should be named. Sessions will begin next week.

#### ***Head Teacher Awards***

Year 1	Felix	Leya
Year 2	George	Felix
Year 3	Miriam	Maia
Year 4	Elle	Kyle
Year 5	Sam	Emily
Year 6	George	Anna

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Powell