

Bishops Down Primary School News

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27th March 2013

Dear Parents,

What an amazing week it has been already, but we still have grandparents' day tomorrow to look forward to. Many thanks to Bonsai and Beech classes for their assemblies, to all the parents and staff who attended the Maths workshops, to Maple and Sycamore classes for their exhibition today and to the PSA for the Easter Egg Hunt and Quiz on Saturday (which raised almost £1000). Well done to everyone for helping to make Bishops Down such a vibrant and exciting place this week.

Grandparents Day - tomorrow!

So far we are expecting 200 grandparents at some time during the day. Please do not forget that the car park will be available for **grandparents only on a first come first served basis**. Grandparents should come to the hall before going to the class rooms to sign in and receive some guidance.

Red Nose Day

The final tally for Red Nose day was £759.60. Thank you to Year 4 and Cathy Spoor for all their hard work.

Maths Workshop

Thank you to parents who participated so enthusiastically at our Maths workshops on Tuesday. It was good to see so many of you engaged in understanding how your children learn Mathematics at Bishops Down. Examples of the progression in calculations demonstrated are on the Bishops Down Primary School website under policies. If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher.

Francesca Affleck

Music

Mrs Harris, who comes into school to give Flute lessons, now has some spaces available to enable her to take on new children. If your child is interested in learning to play the Flute, please contact the school office for contact details for Mrs Harris to discuss your requirements.

Clubs

Just a reminder that there is no Art Club tomorrow.

All children who applied for spaces in Year 3 - 6 Athletics Club for Term 5, and both Striking and Fielding Clubs in Term 6 **have** been successful and their names **have** been put on the registers ready for the first sessions. If you have not applied and your child now wishes to join one of these clubs, please contact Karen in the office after Easter to check availability.

There will be NO Athletics on 15th April as Mrs. Tizzard is at a Hockey tournament. Therefore the club will start on 22nd April.

Senior Gym will start on 24th April for children in Years 3-6. Please complete the reply slip below if your child would like a place.

Year 5 and 6 Rugby

There will be Rugby team trials on Wednesday 17th April at 12.30pm. All Year 5 and 6 children are welcome to attend.

Tunbridge Wells Primary Schools Sports Association Annual Football Tournament- March 2013

Bishops Down entered a team of 8 into the above event made up of children from Y4 to Y6. The boys played extremely well in difficult weather conditions. Bishops Down was in the small schools category. The team played 5 matches initially winning 3 and drawing 2. This meant the team won their group and reached the final. The final ended in a result of 1 all. The winning team had to be decided by a penalty shoot-out. Bishops Down was delighted to come 2nd in the tournament. Their coach, Adrian Beaton, was extremely pleased with the standard of play and commitment shown from the boys. The team consisted of Josh, Dan, Owen, Harry, Laurie, Matt, Ben and Alfred.

Kent County ASA Schools Swimming Gala - March 2013

Two of our Y6 boys competed in the finals of the Kent ASA County Swimming Gala at the weekend. They qualified for the finals a couple of weeks ago against other schools in the West Kent area. The finals were held at Medway Park Gillingham where the whole of Kent was represented by a mixture of state and private schools. Dan swam the 50 freestyle race and Toby swam the 50m backstroke race. Twelve boys competed in the heats for each race and the fastest 6 were selected for the final. Dan came 4th in a time of 33.62 in a very close race. Toby also came 4th with a personal best time of 41.18. Both boys were awarded finalist medals and special Kent swimming hats! Bishops Down is very proud of their achievements.

Tunbridge Wells Primary Schools High-5 Netball Tournament

Bishops Down took a team of seven Y5 and Y6 players to the Tunbridge Wells Primary Schools High-5 Netball Tournament held at TWGGS. The rules are different to normal 7-a-side netball. Team members have to rotate and play all positions including shooting. Just 5 members of the team are on court at one time and positional court coverage is different. Weather conditions were tricky, but Bishops Down managed to win all their games to make it into the finals to be beaten by just 2 goals. Karen Gillham, Alison Gebbie and Sue Solomon were very pleased with the performance of the team and the stunning goals scored, many by players who do not normally shoot. The team members were Saara, Tilly, Jasmine, Dan, Josh, Leya and Amalie.

Scooters

If your child owns a pink scooter, please can you check it carefully to ensure it belongs to you, as a pink scooter with lots of stickers on it has been left at school unclaimed, and a pink scooter with no stickers on it has gone missing in the last 2-3 weeks. If found, please can you return the sticker-free scooter to the office.

Class Assembly Dates - Please see the list below

Wednesday 1 st May	Reception Chestnut - Natasha Cleveland
Wednesday 8 th May	Reception Willow - Tara Bell
Wednesday 15 th May	Nursery - Alison Wilmshurst

Dates for your Diaries

29th March to 12th April

Easter Holidays

15th April

All Children except Nursery return to school for Term 5

16th April

Nursery start Term 5

19th April

Reception Cake Sale at 3.15pm

25th April

Prospective Parents Visit 9.30-10.30

1st May

Swimming Gala 6pm - 9.30pm

3rd May

Parent Reps meeting at 9am

8th May

Tag Rugby Festival at TW Rugby Club 12.30pm-4pm

Charlie and the Chocolate Factory production 7.30pm

9th May

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18th May

PSA Spring Fair

20th May

Class Photographs

24th May

End of Term 5

3rd July

Provisional Sports Day

11th July

Wrap Around Care Disco Night

Please note that there is no INSET day after Easter and that most children return to school on Monday 15th April. Have an enjoyable Easter break.

Regards,

Daniel T Tunay

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Y3 to Y6 Gymnastics Club Starting Wednesday 24th April 2013

- I give permission for my child (Please print) to attend Gymnastics Club after school starting on Wednesday 24th April 2013.
- I understand this club is for 5 weeks only in Term 5.
- I will collect my child at 4.15pm
- I have made other arrangements:

Signed..... (Please print)

Class.....