

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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27<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome back after the Easter break, although that now seems a long time ago. I hope that you have all been able to access the latest Ofsted Report. If not, it is available via the school website. You can make comments on the report via <http://www.parentview.ofsted.gov.uk>. I would encourage you to make comments using this website if you have strong feelings about the school or the report. I will also be talking to Parent Reps about the outcomes of the report at our next meeting on the 4<sup>th</sup> May. Please let them know if you have any questions.

**New Deputy Head Teacher** We are delighted to announce the appointment of a new Deputy Headteacher starting in September. Her name is Francesca Affleck and she comes to us from Dubai where she has been working for 5 years. Previously she taught at Bidborough Primary School. Francesca is very enthusiastic, reflective and focused on positive pupil outcomes. She comes highly recommended and we look forward to her coming into school during July.

**Emma Bonwick** We are delighted to welcome Emma back from maternity leave for two days a week on Thursdays and Fridays. She is working back in the Nursery and still retains her role as Early Years Leader for Nursery and Reception.

**Reception places** As you know, we will be admitting 60 children into Reception in September. The admissions process is nearly complete and we will be beginning our transition programme for children coming into the classes after half term. Those of you who have received offers for places will receive a formal letter from the school including details of forthcoming meetings and visits.

**School Expansion** Following protracted negotiations with the Local Authority I can confirm that the school **will not** be expanding to become a two form entry school. This September will be the last intake of 60 pupils. We will return to an intake of 30 in September 2013. A number of you have asked about the number of siblings offered places this year. The answer is 24. It would be extremely helpful to the school to know how many existing parents will be applying for sibling places in the academic year 2013-14 and 2014-15. Please fill in the attached reply slip if you can.

**Swiss School Visit** Next Wednesday we are welcoming pupils and staff from 'Externat des Glacis' school in Switzerland. We hope that the experience will benefit all pupils from both schools.

**Orchestra** The Orchestra will continue to take place on Fridays at 8.15-9.15am. New children are welcome, please speak to the office.

**Music CDs** We have a large selection of CDs for singing that need to be loaded on to the school network. It will be quite a time consuming job. If there are any of you with computer expertise that would be willing to volunteer to do this please can you contact either Mrs. Akers in Beech class, or Mrs. Miller.

**200 Club** Congratulations to the winners of the 200 Club for the last few months. These are:

February - Marlene Lento

March - Gill Mayes

April - Nikki Wheeler

They will each be receiving a cheque soon! Please sign up again for the 200 Club to renew your membership for this year if you haven't already done so, or get another form from the office.

**From the PSA** The Spring Fair is on **19th May 2012, 2-4pm**. In order to make this fundraising event a success, we would welcome donations of the following items.

- Teddy donations can be handed into the office for the Teddy Tombola from Monday. Also, toys, books, and second hand uniform donations would be appreciated.

- Small plastic bags will be sent home today in your child's book bag with a note asking them to be filled with sweets, chocolate, and/or small toys under 50p for the children's tombola please.
- Class Hamper Raffle Donations - this year we will also be holding a hamper raffle at the Spring Fair. Details of class themes for these will be following shortly through your class representatives.
- There will be a non-uniform day on 9th May 2012 in exchange for bottle donations for the fair.
- On Friday 18th May cakes and plant donations can be brought into school. Paper plates will be sent home earlier in that week, in book bags, for cake donations.

Please also note the date of **Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June** for the PSA Summer Camp out.

### Class assemblies

Wednesday 9 <sup>th</sup> May	Reception Willow
Wednesday 16 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 4
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> May	Year 3
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> May	Year 2
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Bonsai
Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> June	Year 1 Beech
Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> July	Year 5

### Dates for your Diaries

Tues 1<sup>st</sup> May            PSA meeting at school 7.30pm  
 Thurs 3<sup>rd</sup> May        TWBC Elections in the Drama Room 6.30am-10.30pm  
 Fri 4<sup>th</sup> May            Parent Reps meeting - PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE FROM 25<sup>TH</sup> MAY  
 Non Uniform day in return for a bottle donation to the PSA

### **BANK HOLIDAY        MONDAY 7<sup>th</sup> MAY 2012**

14<sup>th</sup> to 18<sup>th</sup> May        Year 6 SAT's  
 Sat 19<sup>th</sup> May            PSA Spring Fair 2-4pm  
 Mon 21<sup>st</sup> May           Full Governors Meeting 6.30pm  
 Fri 25<sup>th</sup> May            PSA Cake sale organised by Reception Willow class at 3.15pm  
 Friday 1st June        Term ends

### **Mon 4th June - Friday 8th June HOLIDAY**

Mon 11th June        Term starts  
 11<sup>th</sup> to 15<sup>th</sup> June       Art Exhibition week  
 18<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> June       Y6 Residential trip  
 Sat 23<sup>rd</sup> June           PSA Summer Camp out  
 25<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> June       Y5 Residential trip  
 Wed 27<sup>th</sup> June        PSA meeting at school 7.30pm  
 Fri 29<sup>th</sup> June           PSA Cake sale organised by Nursery Acorn class at 3.15pm  
 Wed 4<sup>th</sup> July           Y6 Performance 7pm  
 Thurs 5<sup>th</sup> July        Provisional Sports Day

9<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> July        Festival of Writing  
 Wed 11<sup>th</sup> July        Parent Consultations 3.30-6pm  
 Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> July       Parent Consultations 5.30 - 8pm

### **Fri 20<sup>th</sup> July        Term ends**

Holiday                Monday 23rd July - Monday 3rd September 2012

### **INSET DAYS        TUESDAY 4<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2012 AND WEDNESDAY 5<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**

Thurs 6th Sept        Term starts  
 Friday 7<sup>th</sup> Sept        Term starts -Nursery children  
 Friday 26th Oct        Term ends  
 Holiday                **Monday 29th October - Friday 2nd November 2012**  
 Mon 5th Nov           Term starts  
 Fri 21st Dec            Term ends  
 Monday 24th December - Friday 4th January 2013 Holiday

Regards,

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Admissions into Reception Class at Bishops Down

I am likely to apply for a place for my child \_\_\_\_\_ . He / she has an older sibling in \_\_\_\_\_ class.

September 2013     please tick     Birth dates     1/9/08     to     31/8/09

September 2014     please tick     Birth dates     1/9/ 09     to     31/8/10

Name: \_\_\_\_\_