



# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Autumn Term 2 Newsletter No 6  
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## Dear Parents & Guardians,

I would like to start this newsletter with some fantastic charity news. Children at Bishops Down have now raised £450 for Children in Need! The total has risen due to a fantastic effort by Emma, Samira and Jack from Year 6 and also Jack's brother Luke. They ran around Dunorlan Park a few times in the pouring rain on a Saturday morning to raise money for Children in Need. Emma made a poster which she put up in Year 6 to advertise the event and Samira and Jack wanted to do it with her and Emma also made everyone Pudsey Bear badges to wear on the day. Their event made about £60 in sponsor money. (photos below) Congratulations!

Secondly Orlo & Onnie have raised £18 by selling lolly pops from their front garden. They chose to donate to the Ellenor Trust as this charity has supported one of our pupils. A huge well done and thank you to Orlo and Onnie. (more information on this charity at <http://ellenor.org/>)

**Staff news:** I am delighted to announce that Richard Harvey will be teaching Redwood Class from January to July next year and Karen Woodcock will be teaching Chestnut Class. Mr Harvey will be meeting Redwood before Christmas and liaising closely with Mrs Pain. Miss Woodcock met the Reception Class today and will be liaising with Mr Gunn for a smooth hand-over. Both teachers are experienced and are excited to join the Bishops Down family.



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## Lunch news

You may now put fresh strawberries in your child's packed lunch if you so wish but please remember we still do not allow Kiwi fruit.



Now the weather has turned colder please ensure your child has navy tracksuit bottoms in their PE kits for when they go outside for PE. The old school crew neck sweatshirt can be used for winter PE kit

The snow at the weekend has prompted me to remind you that in cases of severe weather we will communicate via text message and the front page of the school website if we need to close the school.

Notifications will also be posted at <http://www.kentclosures.co.uk/>

A letter to parents is attached to this newsletter.



**Y3** parents are invited to a mini recorder performance by Y3 to show what they have learnt with Mrs Parish. This will take place at 3pm next Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December in the hall.

**Christmas Post**

The Christmas post box is now in the entrance by our achievement board ready for the children to post their Christmas cards. Please ensure that your child writes the name of their friend clearly on the front and they must include the class name, or it may go to the wrong child!

**Introducing Makaton Masters**

In assembly on Monday Rosie and Samira were introduced as the very first Makaton Masters at Bishops Down. These roles have been created for Oak Class children to be signing mentors for two weeks, cascading our weekly signs through the school and being the 'go to' children in the playground to support the younger pupils. Both girls have demonstrated a huge enthusiasm and knowledge with their signing. At the assembly the girls shared the wonderful posters that will be put up around the school, and the bespoke badges designed by Oak class that "Signers of the Week" will choose from when awarded their certificates in Friday assembly.

**KS2 Choir's Upcoming Performances!!!**

We are so excited at Bishops Down, that KS2 Choir will be performing at several venues this December and you can be there for two of them! They would love to see some familiar faces, so please do come and support their performances if you can. All proceeds raised through donations on the day, will be donated to Hospices of Hope, one of our school charities.

Saturday 5th Dec 12.30pm, in Asda, Tunbridge Wells

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We look forward to seeing you there!

From KS2 Choir

**School Christmas Fair**

**12.00-2.00**

**28th November**



**ALL WELCOME!**

**Snacks in School**

I have been asked by parent reps to provide a definitive list of suitable mid morning snacks for KS2:

Apples, Bananas, Apricots, Peaches, Pears, Oranges, Satsumas, Clementines, Grapes, Strawberries, Tomatoes, Carrot Sticks, Cherries, Cucumber Sticks, Sliced Pepper, Sliced Melon, Sliced Mango, Plums.

We only allow fresh fruit and vegetables for two reasons: firstly we have healthy school status and secondly KS1 have free fruit and vegetables provided by the Government scheme, so this way the rule continues through KS2 which is fair for all.

**Superstar Louis!**

Louis in Year 5 Pine Class has reached the finals of Matilda The Musical! After several gruelling auditions, Louis made it through the initial cut of 50 to just 15 boys! Louis had been working hard to perfect his audition pieces, with the casting team noticing a marked improvement in both his acting and singing ability since auditions the previous year. For those of you who saw Louis' performance at The Variety Performance last summer, you'll know that he is a very talented performer indeed.

**Key Dates**

As Christmas is so busy, the school office is sending out a separate parentmail with Christmas dates.

