



NEWSLETTER

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Bishops Down Primary School
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Dear Parents and Carers

The time has finally come for me to say my goodbyes to everyone connected to Bishops Down Primary School. I will leave the school on Wednesday with fond memories of some very happy times during my 6 years here. It has been a real privilege to lead one of the most inclusive schools in Kent during a period of immense change. The children at the school are a delight and I will miss them. I hope that they will carry the values of respect for others and understanding of diversity with them into their later life as well as the confidence that staff have helped to them to develop. I know that Mrs Owen, your new Headteacher, is looking forward to starting after Easter and taking the school forward in it's journey. I wish her, and you and your children, all the very best for the future.

Assembly dates

Wednesday 29 th April	Y1 Bonsai
Wednesday 6 th May	Y2 Olive
Wednesday 13 th May	Y5 Redwood
Wednesday 20 th May	Nursery
Wednesday 3 rd June	Y1 Beech
Wednesday 10 th June	Y3 Mulberry
Wednesday 17 th June	Y2 Apple
Wednesday 24 th June	Y4 Sycamore
Wednesday 8 th July	Y3 Maple
Wednesday 15 th July	Reception Chestnut
Wednesday 22 nd July	Y4 Hazel
Friday 24 th July 9am	Y6 Leavers Assembly

Tunbridge Wells Primary Music Festival- Hazel and Sycamore classes both took part in a singing festival at the Assembly Hall. It was 7.30 to 9pm on Tuesday 24th March. We sang four songs: Everybody Loves Saturday Night, World in Union, Boom Shakalaka, and Happy Memories. It was extremely good fun and I am definitely going next year. There were seven schools taking part. It was a very long day but we all enjoyed it LOADS! *Amelia*

Netball Tournament – On 12th March Bishops Down Year 6 Netball team entered the annual High 5 Netball Festival. We took a squad of 7 players and during the

games only 5 players were on court at any one time. After each game the players rotated, enabling everybody to have a go at each position. The team won all their games during the group round and proceeded to the semi-finals. It was here we had our first loss, losing by one goal. However, we won our playoff game and therefore came third out of 15 teams. Mrs Gebbie and I were extremely pleased with the way the team embraced new positions and the great teamwork they displayed, well done. *Mrs Gilham*

Football Match – On 19th March the Bishops Down football team played St Augustine's School in an away game. It was down 2-0 at half time, Ollie had one good shot but we lost 4-0. Thank you to Mrs Tizzard and Mr Beaton for training us. *Brody*

Tunbridge Wells Primary Schools Cross Country League - The final race of the season took place in the sunshine at Penshurst Place on Wednesday and 11 children from Bishops Down ran, with some great results! Bishops Down has taken part in five of the six races in the season and a total of 18 children have represented the school. They have all run with tremendous enthusiasm on challenging courses in some very tricky (muddy!) conditions.



Very well done to all of them! The race season may be over, but Running Club continues on Tuesday mornings after Easter (first run will be on 28th April). Any children from years 4, 5 & 6 can apply to join by requesting a form from sarahbarker.mrs@gmail.com
Sarah Barker

After School activities – these are now finished for this term, and recommence on Monday 27th April.

Holiday Sports Clubs - We receive details about various sports clubs that run activities during school holidays. If your child is interested in taking part in a holiday club please look at the sports board outside year 3. All information about sports clubs are posted up on here. Your child is either able to write down the contact details or please come into school at the end of the day to have a look what clubs are on offer. If your child is interested in taking up a sport that is not listed please speak to me and I will be happy to advise. *Mrs Tizzard*

After School Club on the last day of term – After School Club on Wednesday 1st April will be open until 4.30pm only.

PSA Fundraising Summary – Following the PSA AGM, the PSA are pleased to announce the following financial information regarding the 5 events and 14 fundraising activities they carried out between August 2013 and July 2014.

PSA raised	£15623
PSA spent (expenses)	£6726
Net Profit generated	£8897
Donated to school	£14892

Thank you to everyone who supports us. *PSA*

Lost property – This will be out under the Parent waiting area next week. Please check if there is anything which belongs to your child. There are still a number of pairs of glasses, house keys and watches in the office which have also not been collected.

Packed lunch trollies – Reminder please, can all the packed lunch boxes and bags be taken home at the end of term from the trollies outside the back door, and in classrooms.

Uniform sale- As part of the changeover process, the school will be having a sale of the stock it holds at current pre-website prices on **Wednesday 22nd April** when parents are invited to come into school between 2.30pm and 4pm to select their purchases. Payments at this sale will need to be with cash or cheque only as the school does not have the facility to accept cards.

Whole Class Photographs – The photographer will be in school taking whole class photographs on **Thursday 23rd April**. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct school uniform on this day.

Scooters in school – Please can I remind parents that children should not be using scooters or skateboards on the school premises. There have been instances this week where a parent was nearly knocked over by

a child on a skateboard, and another child was almost mown down by a scooter being ridden in the playground. Thank you.

Collection of children after school – If you have made arrangements for another parent to collect your Early Years/Reception/KS1 child after school please remember to inform the teacher in the morning, or phone the office as early as you can for the message to be passed to the teacher. We would ask you to remind children in KS2 that if they are not able to see the person who is supposed to be collecting them they should come back into their classroom to tell the teacher, or go to the office.

INSET Days for 2015/2016 –INSET Days for the next school year have been confirmed as:

Thursday 3rd September 2015

Friday 4th September 2015

Monday 4th January 2016

Monday 11th April 2016

Monday 6th June 2016

My best wishes to you all. Have a very happy holiday!

Daniel T Turvey

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FUTURE EVENTS/NOTICES

Year 5 trip Monday 30th March

PSA Easter Egg Hunt Wednesday 1st April, pm

Uniform Sale 22nd April 2.30-4pm

Class Photographs 23rd April