

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents

Newsletter No. 20

As always in the summer term, things start hotting up with various events going on throughout the school. This term has been a sporty one with a range of tournaments and festivals taking place. Well done to all the children who have represented the school and been such a credit in terms of their sense of fairness, sporting attitude to others and competitive edge. Also special thanks to Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Kirk and all those teaching assistants and helpers who have made it all happen.

Sports Day

Next term we will be having two sports days, one for the infant and youngest children and one for our juniors. These take place on consecutive Fridays, the 11th and 18th of June. Start time will be as soon after 9.15am as we can. The juniors go first when we will be trying out a new format. The aim is to have more children involved in different sports competing for their houses to collect the most points. There will be a mixture of sports going on around the school and using some of Rose Hill's facilities. We hope that the weather will stay good so that we can end both sports days with a picnic on the front field en masse. All children who have school dinners will be provided with a picnic lunch on both sports days. Please feel free to bring your own picnics to enjoy. Please let us know if you want your child to opt out of a school picnic. Children who normally have a packed lunch should bring their own as usual. We would encourage you to bring rugs and chairs in order to make the most of the mornings. Let's hope for some fine weather!

Athletics Festival

On Wednesday 19th May some Y5 and Y6 children went to Tonbridge School for an Athletics Tournament. It was extremely good fun and we were baking in the heat! We came 3rd out of 12 schools and we all did very well, and we are proud of everyone who participated.

Lara Jebb

From the PSA

Campout - The Bishops Down Summer Camp Out booking forms are now available. Complete your form and return it to the office with payment to secure your place at this enjoyable annual event. This year's theme is England World Cup, and football will be shown on the big screen in school.

Cake Sales - There has been a change of date for the Year 6, Year 4 and Year 2 cake sales.

Therefore, the revised list of dates is as follows:

Reception	Friday 28 th May
Year 1	Friday 25 th June
Year 6	Thursday 22nd July
Year 3	Friday 24 th September
Year 4	Friday 22nd October (previously 29 th October which is half term)
Year 5	Friday 26 th November
Year 2	Friday 17th December

Summer Health

Now that the warmer weather has arrived, just a few reminders of how you can help children remain safe and well during the summer months at school.

Water Bottles - Please ensure your child brings a named water bottle to school every day so they have easy access to water throughout the day. They need a bottle to access the water in the water coolers which no longer have a spout to drink from. Replacement water bottles are available from the office at a cost of £1.00.

Sunscreen – Unfortunately, we cannot apply sun cream to all the children so please can you ensure that you have applied it to them before your child comes to school. Many high factor sunscreens are available and even some that only need applying once a day.

Sunhats - Sunhats are available from the school office to provide protection from the sun. Please make sure sunhats are clearly named.

Hayfever - Please consult your GP and/or a pharmacist for advice regarding the most appropriate treatment. Eye drops and antihistamine medicines are readily available without prescription and most will last throughout the day so can be given at home.

Parking and walking bus - Once again local residents have raised the issue of parents parking across resident's drives and parking dangerously and inconsiderately on the corner of Rydal Drive / Coniston Avenue. I received this photograph earlier in the week of these two cars parked and creating a chicane. I must stress that in this circumstance had an emergency vehicle been called, they would not hesitate to push the cars aside in order to reach the school or residents houses.



As discussed with parent representatives, we suggest that those of you that have to drive to school do not use Rydal Drive or Rydal Close at all. Please park further away from school either on Coniston Avenue, Culverden or Thirlmere. A number of you are beginning park up and join the walking bus along Byng Road which is a fabulous idea. I would encourage as many of you as possible to use one of our walking buses.

Metal Side Gate – This is being left open, and in order to stop children from going out please can all parents ensure that it is closed behind them. It is important to check that the bolt has fully engaged by turning the handle and releasing it quickly so it springs back into the keep when the gate is pulled shut.

INSET Day

Monday 7th June is an INSET day and so all children, including the Nursery, come back to school on Tuesday 8th June.

School Photographer

Advanced warning - The school photographer will be in school on Tuesday 15th June to take class and team photographs. These will be taken in a more relaxed, contemporary way, rather than rows of children sitting and standing. Proofs will be sent out as normal.

Key Stage 1 Multiskills Carnival Competition 17th June 2010

Many of you have already returned the forms for your Year 1 or Year 2 child to take part in this event. Unfortunately, this date clashes with Year 2's Class assembly here at school at 9.15am, and so therefore Mrs Roberts will only be taking Year 1 children to the competition on this occasion.

Meeting for New Entrant Parents

Those of you with children starting in Reception this coming September (not January starters) are invited to a meeting for new entrant parents on Monday 14th June from 7.00 – 9.00pm. This will inform you about arrangements for September and give you an opportunity to meet other parents in this year group.

I wish you a very happy and enjoyable holiday. See you on the 8th June.

Kind regards,

Dan Turvey