



28<sup>th</sup> November 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

***Week 12 Newsletter***

First of all a big thank you to everyone who helped at the Christmas Fair. The PSA broke all records this year and made the staggering amount of £2600 (£1000 more than last year). Special thanks must go to members of the PSA who put in a tremendous effort to make the day a success. If your child had their photograph taken with Father Christmas, please come to the entrance hall by the office to collect it.

***Year 1 Visit to Rusthall***

Year 1 took Rusthall by storm last week when they went to go and visit the shops on the High Street. Here's what they had to say:

I really liked it because we got to see inside the shops and talk to the shop keepers

*Joshua*

My favourite was the hairdressers because you could see someone having their hair cut.

*George*

What surprised me is how big the washing machines were in the laundrette.

*Douglas*

I really like the pet shop

*Ellison*

They also found out lots of things about the shops and where they get all their supplies from.

The Greengrocer gets their goods from Maidstone

*Rosie*

It was a really enjoyable morning and Year 1 worked really hard to find out information. The tiring bit though was the walk home. We were all definitely ready for our lunch. Thank you to all the helpers on the trip. We could not have done it without you.

*Sinead Lynch*

***Football Club***

As the days are getting colder please can we ask all parents whose children attend football club to provide an extra t-shirt or under clothing for warmth. Some of the children are finding running around the field a little nippy.

There are a few children who have been attending football club but not bringing a kit. Please can you ensure your child attends with appropriate clothing.

***Denim for Diabetes – Own Clothes Day Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> December***

World Diabetes Day is a global awareness campaign for Diabetes organised by the International Diabetes Federation. Each year a new theme is chosen and this year it is the issue of Diabetes in Children and Adolescents. The campaign lasts for a whole year but is marked on the birthday (14<sup>th</sup> November) of Frederick Banting whose work led to the discovery of insulin in 1922. Despite this discovery 86 years ago there are still developing countries where children will die very soon after diagnosis due to insufficient insulin and other medical supplies and appropriate medical care.

Type 1 Diabetes is one of the most common chronic diseases of childhood affecting nearly 1 in every 200 children and adolescents. It can strike at any age even babies, infants and toddlers and it is growing by 3% every year and 5% in preschool children. We would like to mark World Diabetes Day at Bishops Down Primary School by having an own clothes day and an assembly to raise awareness of diabetes in children in both developed and developing countries. The official date clashed with Children in Need day and so the school has chosen our own. The colour theme for the campaign is blue but as that is the colour of our uniform we are inviting children to wear Denim for Diabetes on this day. Please wear denim and bring a small donation for the Juvenile Diabetes Research Federation (for more info visit [jdrf.org.uk](http://jdrf.org.uk)) who fund research to try to find a cure for diabetes and its complications.

*Helen Lawton (School Nurse)*

### ***Parent Governor Elections***

Well done to Angela Applegate who was elected as the new Parent Governor in the recent elections. The Governors would like to thank everyone who took the trouble to stand for election or vote.

### ***Phonics Workshops***

A reminder that the phonics workshops for parents will be on the following days:

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 3.45pm - Reception and Nursery**

**Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> December at 3.45pm - Year 1 and Year 2**

Please can we ask that you double up with other parents for child care or use After School Club as these meetings are for parents only.

### ***Book Fair***

Don't forget that the Book Fair is in school until next Tuesday.

### ***Christmas Performances and Christmas Discos***

Please see attached letters.

### ***PSA***

Following the PSA AGM a new committee has been elected and is as follows

Chair Person - Nicola Wheeler

Vice Chair - Michelle Rule

Treasurer - Pia Huxham

Secretary - Jennifer Ewing

Our thanks must go to Angela Applegate and Gill Mayes for their fantastic work as Chair and Vice Chair over the past couple of years and also to new and existing committee members for giving their support throughout the year.

### ***PSA raffle tickets***

Please look out for raffle tickets in your child's book bag today. There are some fantastic prizes to be won. Please return tickets by Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December as the draw will take place at the Christmas party on this date.

### ***Christmas Shopping***

Don't forget if you are shopping online that you can raise money for the school by using Easyfundraising website ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishopsdown](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishopsdown)) Every time you shop through Easyfundraising, the PSA receives a percentage of each purchase in cash back. Easyfundraising is very simple to use and doesn't cost you anything. It currently features over 600 retailers. A link to Easyfundraising can be found on the school website along with step by step instructions for registering which is very straight forward. (Go to Information/PSA)

***INSET Day***

Please note that school will be closed on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2009 for a teacher's training day. Children should return to school for the first day of term on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> January.

***Head Teacher Awards***

Year 1	Ruben	Joshua
Year 2	Beth	Lewis
Year 3	Ed	Freya S
Year 4	All the class!	
Year 5	Laura	Nathaniel
Year 6	Amy	Cameron

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Powell

(Please see below for attached letters)

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Dear Parents,

***School Discos***

This term's Discos will be held on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> December. There will be an Infant Disco from 5.00-6.00pm followed by a Junior Disco from 6.30-8.00pm. The price of the Infant Disco is £3.00 (this includes crisps and a drink), and £3.50 for Juniors. Drinks and crisps will be available for Junior children to purchase. This year we will not issue tickets but, as before, a register of all children purchasing tickets and attending will be kept. Please note that children from outside the school cannot be invited.

Our After School Club will be running its popular pre-disco sessions to include tea. Infants 3.15 -5pm at £9.70 including disco entrance. Juniors 3.15-6.30 at £11.50 including disco entrance.

**Numbers are limited so are on a first come first served basis.**

For regular ASC members who also attend the disco there will be no invoices for this day.

Please fill in the slip below and attach payment for the session and disco.

If you wish your child to attend ASC only, please book their place in the usual way and you will be invoiced.

Please return the slip below by Monday 15<sup>th</sup> December.

Yours sincerely,

Miss C Powell

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***Infant Disco***

- I would like ..... places for the Infant Disco only, at £3.00 each (includes crisps and drink)
- I would like .....places for the Club and Infant Disco at £9.70 each
- I enclose £.....

Name of child(ren) ..... Class.....

..... Class .....

Signed .....

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***Junior Disco***

- I would like ..... places for the Junior Disco only, at £3.50 each (includes crisps and drink)
- I would like .....places for the Club and Junior Disco at £11.50 each
- I enclose £.....

Name of child(ren) ..... Class.....

..... Class .....

Signed .....

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Dear Parents,

Bishops Down Present their performance of 'The Christmas Story' on the following days:

Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am  
Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm  
Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

The afternoon performance will be followed by tea and mince pies served by the PSA.

Entrance to these performances will be by ticket only as space is limited. For this reason, we have organised three performances this year. Initially, we will have to restrict tickets to 2 per family. However, we will hold waiting lists should there be any additional spaces.

Babies and pre-school children may come to the performance on Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am. For Health and Safety reasons we cannot accommodate pushchairs.

To order your tickets please complete the slip below and return **by 9am on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> December**; you will receive them on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> December.

We look forward to these special performances.

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***Ticket Request for Christmas Performances***

I require .....tickets for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

I require .....tickets for Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> December at 2pm

I require ..... tickets for Thursday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 9.30am

Signed .....

Child's Name..... Year .....

***Waiting List***

If any additional spaces are available I would like ..... tickets on .....

Signed .....

