

# Bishops Down Primary School News

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29<sup>th</sup> November 2013

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Today we said goodbye to Lizzie Godden as she goes on maternity leave. We look forward to a Christmas/New Year baby and wish Lizzie and Ben a tremendous festive season and all the best for baby Godden. Next week we welcome a new teaching assistant, Catherine Ashley, who will be working in Beech class.

**Phonics Resources** - Thank you so much to all those who came in and helped begin to make up the phonics resources in school. It was fantastic to see many hands making light work. The next session is on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We will be in kitchenette from 10.30am to 1.15 pm. If you are able to help please email me on [sroberts@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk](mailto:sroberts@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk). Mrs Roberts

**Parking** - We have had complaints from neighbours again about parking recently. Cars are being parked right on the corner of Rydal Drive and Coniston Avenue resulting in reduced visibility for everyone, and a danger to pedestrians. Also, the local public bus finds it difficult to turn around. A resident in Coniston Avenue could not get out of her drive as the driver of **GF10 KNE** had parked half across it on Wed 13<sup>th</sup> November, while the inconsiderate parking of a Kia, **VE59 XOH** in the turning circle on the yellow line at pick up time one Monday caused problems. Please can you all consider where and how you park. There is a walking bus down Culverden Down and along Coniston Avenue every morning, and the Rusthall bus walks through the woods on Tuesday and Wednesday. Please speak to Karen in the office if you would like more details of how to join these.

**Parent Governor** – There was only one application for the Parent Governor vacancy, so we welcome Vaughan Harding, who is the parent of girls in Reception and Year 2, to the Governing Body.

**Class Assemblies** - Parents are invited to come and watch their child's class assembly at 9.10am, and then go into their classroom to look at their work until 10am.

Date	Class or teacher
Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> January	Year 1 – Beech
Wednesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	Year 1 – Bonsai
Wednesday 29 <sup>th</sup> January	Reception - Chestnut
Wednesday 5 <sup>th</sup> February	Reception - Willow

**Year 3 Cake Sale last Friday** - Thank you to all those who made/donated cakes to the sale, and who bought the cakes after school. The sale made a fabulous £149 for the PSA.

**Christmas Disco Night** - There are no more places available in Wrap Around Care for the Disco night on 19<sup>th</sup> December, unless your child is already a regular attendee on Thursdays (please refer to the letter for information about your deadline). Please ensure you have paid on ParentPay for the disco before handing your form into the office, thank you.

**Wrap Around Care** – Please remember that, as in previous years, there will be no After School Club on the last day of term, Friday 20<sup>th</sup> December.

**Nursery, Reception, and KS1 Christmas Performance tickets** - Please ensure you have reserved tickets for the performances as numbers are limited and you will not be able to watch unless we have accounted for you in the seating, due to Health and Safety reasons. Tickets (a maximum of 2 per family in total) will be sent out in book bags nearer the time.

**Christmas Lunch Order Deadline** - Please note that if your child wishes to have a school Christmas lunch on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> December, please complete the Lunch Calendar form on the website and hand into the office, and pay online via ParentPay by **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December**. Any requests after this date cannot be accommodated, sorry.

**Nursery gate** - This gate, at the far end of the car park, is for use by Nursery parents only please. There have been occasions when Reception parents have been going through this gate to take their children straight to the classroom when they are late. All children should be signed in at the office by a parent if they arrive at school after the big metal gate has been shut to the playground in the morning. Please can Nursery parents also remember to shut the gate after them, thank you.

**Community Staff Nurse (School Nursing), Tunbridge Wells School Nurse Team** - School Nurse Bridget Stewart will be holding a clinic at Bishops Down Primary School on Wednesday 11th December from 9:00am for parents and carers who wish to discuss any aspect of their child's health or general wellbeing. The School Nurse can offer advice on most health related issues including healthy eating, hearing tests for Year 2 and above, common childhood illnesses, treating head lice, bedwetting, bedtime and sleeping routines and managing behaviour. You can make an appointment for the clinic by phoning or texting her on her mobile 07818 510329.

**Congestion by the Ball Court at pick-up** - There is a lot of congestion by the Ball Court while parents wait for children at pick-up time. After discussion with Parent Reps, it has been requested that parents move further into the playground to ease the congestion, rather than waiting just inside the big metal gate outside Maple and Apple classes.

#### **Dates for your Diaries**

Sat 30 <sup>th</sup> Nov	PSA Christmas Fair 2-4pm
Tues 10 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Thermopolia! Years 3 and 4 from 2.30pm to 4pm ( <b>note change of time</b> )
Wed 11 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 2-3pm
Thurs 12 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 9.30-10.30am Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 2-3pm
Mon 16 <sup>th</sup> Dec	No After School Activities this week except Wrap Around Care
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Christmas Lunch for children KS2 Christmas Carol Evening 6.30pm at St John's Church (no tickets required)
Thurs 19 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Reception & KS1 Disco 4.30-5.30pm KS2 Disco 5.45-7.15pm
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Dec	Term 2 ends
Mon 6 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2014	INSET Day – no children in school
Tues 7 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Term 3 starts for all children except Nursery
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Nursery children start
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Jan	Parent Reps meeting at 9am
Mon 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	All After School Activities (Clubs) start this week

Regards,

*Daniel T Tunay*