

Bishops Down Primary School News

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Dear Parents,

Parent Governor Election Congratulations to Mr Tarif Chowdhury who has been elected as your new parent governor. Thank you to all of those who took part in the vote and to Sarah McColl as the other candidate. We hope to welcome Tarif onto the governing body next week.

School library Some of you may have noticed that the school library is in the process of being moved into the unused area outside the administrative offices. We hope that this will vastly improve opportunities for pupils to access some of the lovely books in the school. We also hope that the area will become a comfortable and appealing space for pupils to enjoy reading together.

Pupil Absence Caused by Medical Appointments Every half day absence from school has to be recorded and classified with a code by the school, as either authorised or unauthorised. Only the school can make this decision and record it. We understand that pupils need to attend medical appointments from time to time, however in cases of recurring absences due to medical appointments, or if the school is in any doubt, you may be asked to produce medical certificate/evidence. This should ensure that absences are recorded correctly. Thank you for your co-operation.

INSET Day Please note that there has been a change to the INSET days in 2013. These days are used for staff development and training and children do not come into school. There will not be an INSET day on Monday 3rd June 2013; instead there will be an INSET day on Wednesday 24th July. Therefore, the last day of the school year for pupils will be Tuesday 23rd July 2013. INSET days already booked are:

Monday 7th January 2013
Monday 25th February 2013
Wednesday 24th July 2013
Tuesday 3rd September 2013
Monday 6th January 2014

Worms! There have been some cases of worms in school and if parents are concerned lots of information can be found at the following link. Treatment is readily available over the counter and should be for the whole family. There is no reason for children to stay at home. *Helen Lawton, School Nurse*
<http://www.nhs.uk/Conditions/Threadworms/Pages/Introduction.aspx>

Dogs - Where to tie them up Following the last newsletter I have had a helpful suggestion from a parent to tie the dogs opposite the school so that the pavement on the school side remains dog free. She also suggested that we could organise an adult rota so that the dogs could be supervised at all times. If you are interested in this, please speak to Charlie Moore, mother of Lennie (Y1) and Elijah (Y4).

Scooter missing We have had a plea from a parent about a missing scooter, worth £100 and taken from the scooter rack. If you know anything about this please contact the school office.

Parking again - A request from a resident Drivers of some vehicles in Coniston Avenue are driving over, or parking with two wheels on the grass verges. In the wet winter weather this only serves to churn up the verges. Please park considerately.

Finally, please join us tomorrow with friends and family for the PSA Christmas Fair 2pm-4.30pm.

Regards,

Daniel T Turvey

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Dates for your Diaries

1 st December	2pm-4.30pm	PSA Christmas Fair
3 rd December	6.30pm	Full Governors Meeting
4 th December	2pm	Prospective Parents visit
12 th December	4.30-5.30pm 5.45-7.15pm 7.30pm	Reception/Infant Disco Junior Disco PSA Committee meeting - CANCELLED
13 th December	9.30am	Year 1 & Year 2 Production
14 th December	2.30pm 3pm	Year 1 & Year 2 Production Sycamore Class Cake Sale
18 th December	2.30pm	Nursery & Reception Christmas celebration
19 th December	9.30am	Nursery & Reception Christmas celebration
20 th December		Christmas Lunch
21 st December		End of Term 2
7 th January		INSET day
8 th January		Start of Term 3 for all children except Nursery
9 th January		Nursery children start
11 th January	9am	Parent Reps meeting