

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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28th March 2022, week 25, Term 4

Dear Parents

Welcome to the end of term newsletter. There have been many events recently, some of which are celebrated on the following two pages. We have had the Easter Egg hunt today and the library resources have started to flow in from parent donations— thank you for your generosity. Mrs Bettles has now officially returned from maternity leave, who can believe that her daughter is 1 year old next week!



On a sadder note, Miss Betts, Teaching Assistant in Year 3, will be leaving Bishops Down on 22nd April for a new adventure— we wish her well.

We still have a **Midday Supervisor** position available working just 8.33hrs per week (each day between 11.40am and 1.30pm) - if you, or anyone you know, are interested please do contact Jo Sheldon, Office Manager.

Children can wear **summer uniform** after the Easter break and until October half term. You can view the uniform list on our website – link is: <https://www.bishopsdownprimary.org/school-uniform>

In collaboration with the PSA we shall be celebrating the **Queen's Platinum Jubilee week** commencing 23rd May with whole school learning throughout the week, ending on Friday, 27th May with a whole school tea party and commemorative planting of some fruit trees to celebrate her reign. More details to follow.

Make sure you check weekly on the front page of the school **website** where we blog and upload photos of events happening during the term. You might catch a good photo of your child or their class! <https://www.bishopsdownprimary.org/>

National Offer day for Reception Class 2022 will be made on 19th April – it is always exciting to find out who our new Reception children will be for September.

Pedestrian gate exit: during the school day, between 9am and 3pm, if you have been into school and are leaving the site on foot, please use the footpath by the wooden fence and press the big green button situated on the fence approximately 2 metres back from the gate. This will release the gate lock and you will be able to push the gate open to exit, and the gate will automatically shut behind you.

Lastly, may I please remind all parents to please be courteous and considerate to the residents on Rydal Drive. We kindly ask that you do not sit on their walls whilst waiting for your children and that any smoking outside the school gates takes place over by the hedge opposite the school rather than around open windows of the houses right next door to us. I appreciate your help with this matter. Thank you.

Wishing you all a lovely Easter break and we shall see you on Tuesday 19th April!

Mrs C Owen

Girls' Football Success

Well done to our Year 5 girls. They were really successful at the football tournament between Tonbridge and Tunbridge Wells Schools. We are so proud of them. They now go on to play in the final at Culverden Stadium on May 18th as they are in the top 4 teams in the area.

Report by Mr Sam George, PE Lead



Children from year 1 and 2 were excited to witness their very own **Great Fire of London** with a ceremonial lighting of their very own Pudding Lane houses for a fabulous finish to their Spring Learning Journey. The children could clearly see the fire travel down the street of houses. They have learnt so much from this historic story and the school has enjoyed learning along with them the events that took place in 1666. What an amazing journey we have all been on. Well done year 1 and year 2.

Year 4 celebrated the end of their Roman topic with a performance of "**Roman's Rock**" which enabled them to showcase their Roman knowledge and skills to their parents.



Year 5/6 Hockey

I am delighted to say that our team did themselves proud this week at the hockey tournament.

Our scores were: 0-2 loss , 5-0 win , 6-0 win , 1-0 win which meant we got through our group into the semi finals! Sadly, we lost in sudden death against Claremont but it was a very close nail-biting game. We then won the 3rd and 4th play-off match against Slade, who we lost against in the 1st game! Our team showed determination and growth mind-set which we have been speaking about this term. Another huge thank you to Mr Nelson for all his support out of school time! Overall our team came **3rd out of 14** schools! *Report by Mr Sam George, PE Lead*



PSA NEWS

Winner of the PSA's **Guess the number of Sweeties in the Jar** Competition goes to Seb from year 4 who won with a guess of 367 (actual was 371) and today the Easter Bunny arrived at school to give out sweeties to all the children!

