

Bishops Down Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

I would like to start with a huge thank you to the parents and staff who helped at our Early Years working party day before half term.

Staff: Deborah Chapple, Sue Clarke, Jenny Goodfellow, Tracey Gaved, Catherine Ashley, Debs Holliday & husband and Claire Edmondson & husband. Parents: Mrs Howard, Mr Blackford and his son Harvey, Mr Macdonald-Brown and Vaughan Harding. Mr and Mrs Ashcroft donated some tyres.

We also need to thank Mr Fox as he is drawing up some official plans to develop the mound area and can possibly source funding for it! Thank you to all, the outside area is looking great and is being enjoyed by Nursery and Reception.

Welcome back to year 6!

The children and staff had a great time in Wales before half term. I will include some photos on this newsletter—many more can be found on the website. We still have some unclaimed kit under the parent shelter so please come and check before we dispose of it.

The children are putting together a presentation for Year 5 children and their parents to tell them all about their adventures. To be held on Thursday 16th November at 2.50pm in the hall.

Parent Governor Elections

Many congratulations to Nia Lucas who has been voted in as parent Governor. The Governing Body are very much looking forward to working with Nia in the coming years.

Dates

Tuesday 7th November—Parent Consultations 3.30 to 5.50pm Wednesday 8th November—Parent Consultations 5.00 to 7.50pm

Tuesday 14th November – Y5 trip to Bewl Water

Wednesday 15th November – Photographs

Thursday 16th November 2.45pm – Y6 residential presentation to Y5 parents.

Thursday 23rd November – Y6 Heights and Weights measurements by Community Health Nurses

Saturday 25th November—PSA Christmas Fayre

Tuesday 5th December-WAC Christmas Disco

Thursday 7th December – Flu immunisation for children in Reception to Y4

Monday 11th December – StopGap *This Is Us* Winter performance in Farnham

Tuesday 12th December - Open Classrooms NEW TIME of 8.30-8.55am

Wednesday 13th December 2.15pm – Nursery and yrR Christmas performance

Thursday 14th December – School Christmas Dinner

Thursday 14th December-PSA Movie Night

Monday 18th December 2.15pm – KS1 Christmas Performance

Tuesday 19th December – KS2 Christmas concert rehearsal in the morning at St John's

Church, followed by the concert in the evening – times tbc

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Thank you so much to all the children who applied to be a <u>Junior Librarian</u> we were overwhelmed with the response. We are pleased to announce that the librarians this year will be; Madison, Anna, Orlo, Frederic, Mia and Willow. Over the next few weeks librarians will be trained to use elements of the library and then they will be rewarded with their librarian badge. We look forward to seeing them in action. **Mrs Kyte and Mrs Ahmed**

Messages from the office

Poppy appeal – Poppies are now available for children to purchase in school from Monday. Yr 6 children will be visiting classes on Monday and Tuesday to sell them. After Tuesday they can be purchased directly from the school office.

Parent Consultations are on the 7th and 8th November. If you haven't signed up yet please talk to Karen in the office. Nourish, our caterers, will be offering a food tasting at the same time and will be available to answer any questions.

At consultations parents will be asked to check Data Collection Sheets, and complete one or two permission forms while they are here, so please bring with you a note of things like doctor's telephone numbers, emergency contact numbers etc.

School photographs The school photographer will be in school on Wednesday 15th November to take individual and sibling group photographs. *Please ensure that your school aged child is wearing the correct school uniform.*

If your child is NOT normally in Nursery on Wednesday mornings and you would like him/her to be photographed, please bring them to the Hall via the front door at 8.30am on Wednesday 15th November. This is also the time when the photographers will take sibling group photographs which include Nursery children who are not normally in on Wednesday mornings.

Unfortunately, pre-school siblings who do not attend our Nursery cannot be included in photographs. If your child attends Nursery on Wednesday mornings, their individual and any sibling photographs will be taken during the morning and so there is no need to come in early.

Online applications for a Reception Place in September 2018 open with Kent County Council on 6th November until 15th January. If you are applying for a sibling place you still need to apply online through KCC. www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions. If you need assistance with completing the online form please do get in touch with Jo Sheldon in the Admissions Office who will be only too happy to assist.

We have **two support staff job opportunities** (Finance Officer and Midday Supervisor) available within the school. Please do take a look on our website under the Information Tab then Employment Opportunities.

Our lovely Acorn Nursery has an **Open Day on 17**th **November**. Attached is their flyer – please let your friends and neighbours know should they have a toddler at home and are looking for an excellent maintained nursery school.





Fun at
October half
term
Holiday Play
scheme!

Place are available for our <u>Christmas Play Scheme on the 21st and 22nd December</u>, watch out for the flyer coming your way.

If you are interested in any of our extended provision; breakfast, afterschool or holiday club please give us a call or ask at the office. Kate Smith, WAC manager, will be happy to assist.