



Bishops Down Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

The main topic for this newsletter is the parent survey results. I am delighted at the number of replies (140) and the overall positivity of the results. Never have I seen such a high satisfaction rate for homework! 81%, the usual result for this question in other schools I've worked in is between 50% and 65%!

Some highlights:

- My child feels safe at school **94%**
- My child is well looked after at school **96%**
- I know how to contact the school if I have concerns **95%**

Some areas that need addressing:

- I receive valuable information from the school about my child's progress **66%**
- I know what the school governors do **67%**

52 of the respondents took the opportunity to write comments. I will not publish these in full as in many cases they are personal issues or the teacher referred to can be identified.

The key issues that have been raised in the comments are:

- Homework; some parents say there is too much, some say not enough
- Behaviour at break times and lunch times
- Clubs
- Communication
- Reports

The Senior Leadership Team and the Governing Body have seen all the comments so rest assured your concerns have been discussed. The pie charts created from the data will be available on the website.

We are aware that our reporting systems still need tweaking so I will be asking the parent reps to help us create a format that all parents can be happy with and Mrs Adams has made a note of the SEN comments and will work on these throughout the year. I am concerned that there are 2 or 3 parents that feel their child/ren are not safe and not looked after at school. I am eager to put this right so I am holding a drop in session from 2.15pm on Tuesday 8th March for those parents who are unhappy with our provision at Bishops Down. There is no need for an appointment, just come and share your concerns with me as I want to be able to address these as soon as possible.

Also on a similar note some parents this week have been rude and verbally aggressive to members of support staff. As a school we uphold the value of '**Respect for All**'. This applies to children AND adults at Bishops Down. Please voice concerns *calmly*, to the Class teacher, Phase Leader or directly with me. We will not tolerate rudeness to staff.

With the questionnaire I have really appreciated your honest feedback, it is helping us plan for the future. Thank you for your support.

Clare

Learning Legends Friday 26th February

Chestnut	Roxy	Sycamore	Ana
Beech	Benjamin	Hazel	James
Apple	Oliver	Pine	Alfie
Olive	Max	Redwood	Stanley
Maple	Freddie M	Oak	Tao



We are in need of your **Home School Agreements!**

Please see the office if you need another copy. Thank you



Bishops Down were extremely excited to welcome Stoppap Dance Company back to school on Monday 29th February! 10 enthusiastic dancers met with Hannah from Stoppap who took them through their paces. Here are some comments from the dancers about what they enjoyed....

"I really liked it all!" Livy

"I did beautiful dancing and running with my friends" James

"I liked Hannah, she helped me, I liked when we did our names" Keira

"I liked dancing with Hannah she was lovely and she taught us how to move around" Sophie

"I liked that happy music and my thank you dance" Orla

"I liked when we did exercises and stretching" Rosie

"I liked when we were elephants and swaying like trees" Matilda

"I had fun, I liked travelling - I went really fast!" George

"The class was fun and includes everyone. Join it if you like to dance different types of dance - the steps of success!" Abigail

There are still places available for the class every Monday 4-5.30pm. Children are welcome to prepare for the class from 3:15-4pm under TA supervision, to change and have a snack from home. A reminder the class is completely inclusive, led by professional company Stoppap, and nurtures young dancers developing confidence and self-esteem alongside vital social and communication skills. The class is open to children in years 4-7 from other schools as well, and the word is spreading in West Kent. If you are interested in a place for your child/ren please contact Mrs Cockburn via the school office asap.



**World
Book Day
fun!**



PSA Corner

On Wednesday it was the PSA AGM

The highlights from the 1st August 2014 – 31st July 2015 are:

- We raised an amazing £19, 312 – a record breaking year.
- We spent £8520
- Generating a net profit of £10,792.95.

We donated £13, 280 to the school – including 31 ipads, and docking station.

For the full financial review please visit the PSA page on the school website or our facebook page.

So far this academic year we have raised a new profit of £4, 274.

We have already donated £3,555 to the school, including £1,800 for library books, £1,205 for school bibs and Wedge boards for the classrooms.

We are currently raising funds for outside equipment for the playground, including benches and the adventure playground.

We couldn't have done this without the support of all the parents, staff and children so thank you.

We have lots of ideas and plans for future events, but to get them all off the ground additional help is needed.

	26.2.16 attendance	lates
Beech	91.3	0
Apple	99.3	1
Olive	92.9	3
Maple	97.3	1
Mulberry	98.0	1
Hazel	93.3	0
Sycamore	98.7	0
Redwood	97.4	2
Pine	92.1	1
Oak	93.0	1

New Logo

You will have noticed that we are beginning to use the new logo on our letterheads. The school signage will be arriving soon (see ) and the new logo will appear on the website shortly. Very exciting times!

Notes from the office:

We shall be organising our Nursery Admissions for September soon. If you have a 3 year old or know of anyone looking for a nursery place in 2016/2017 please do ask them to make contact with Jo Sheldon in the office who looks after all our admissions.

If you are having a clear out at home and have a surplus of glasses (water glasses, tall or small) our staffroom could do with some - much appreciated thank you.

