

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

November 5th week 9, Term 2

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to announce our plans for Christmas. As with everything over the past 18 months, these dates and arrangements may be subject to change if we do have a outbreak of Covid 19 . At present rates in school are low with an average of 3 children and 2 members of staff off with Covid on any given week, but we do know how quickly the situation can escalate.



This year we will be very strict on entry to the performances so we can keep track of who and how many are attending at any given time. There will be one performance for each year group so parents can only attend on their given day, a maximum of two per family can attend (60 chairs will be set out in pairs which will be distanced as far apart as we can possibly manage!).

We will also be advising mask wearing, as is common practice in theatres and cinemas at this time. We appreciate that this may not be convenient for all of you, however we trust that you will understand the continuing need to keep our pupils and staff safe at this time. If we are unable to allow parents into school due to an outbreak, we will film the performances to put on our YouTube channel.

Thank you to all the staff for the open classroom events this term, the final one in year 2 being yesterday. It has been lovely to see how happy the children have been inviting their parents and grandparents in to see their classrooms and books.

On a sad note, Zoe Barnett, TA will be leaving us on Friday 19th November to commence a teaching post locally. We wish her well. This leaves a TA vacancy which is advertised on Kent Teach if you know of anyone who would be interested.



Wednesday 8 th December @1.45pm	Y4-6 Performance to Y4 Parents only
Thursday 9 th December @1.45pm	Y4-6 Performance to Y5 Parents only
Friday 10 th December @1.45pm	Y4-6 Performance to Y6 Parents only
Monday 13 th December @1.45pm	Y1-3 Performance to Y2 Parents only
Tuesday 14 th December @9.30am	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Performance to Nursery parents only
Tuesday 14 th December	Christmas lunch
Wednesday 15 th December @1.45pm	Y1-3 Performance to Y1 Parents only
Thursday 16 th December @9.30am	EYFS (Nursery & Reception) Performance to Reception parents only
Thursday 16 th December @1.45pm	Y1-3 Performance to Y3 Parents only



Remember you can view all Recent Letters Sent Home on the School Website
<https://www.bishopsdownprimary.org/recent-letters-sent-home>



School Photos Friday 12th November 2021

The school photographer will be in school on Friday 12th November 2021 to take individual and sibling photographs. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct school uniform, unless they are in Nursery.

Parents with only a Nursery child

If your child is NOT normally in Nursery on Friday mornings and you would like him/her to be photographed, please bring them to the Nursery gate at 8.30am on Friday 12th November, and then step back and wait socially distanced on the car park side of the Nursery gate for them to be returned to you by Nursery staff.

If your child attends Nursery on Friday mornings, their individual photograph will be taken during the morning and so there is no need to come in early.

Parents with a Nursery child and older Bishops Down siblings

If your Nursery child is NOT normally in Nursery on Friday mornings and you would like him/her to be photographed with their older siblings in school, please bring them all to the Nursery gate at 8.30am on Friday 12th November, and then step back and wait as above. They will be taken into the Hall by Nursery staff and photographed together. The Nursery child will also be photographed alone. Nursery children will then be returned to you, and the older children will be able to go to their classrooms.



Photograph orders will be dealt with online directly with the photographers, rather than through school.

With the weather getting colder and still the need for good ventilation in classrooms, we are encouraging children to wear a base layer under their uniforms. This could take the form of sport skins or thermals, in a plain school colour.



We will be taking part in the **Save the Children Christmas Jumper Day**. This will be on Tuesday 14th December to coincide with Christmas Dinner (not on the advertised day of Friday 10th December). Please make your £1 donation for Save the Children via Gateway from 1st December 2021.



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Headteacher drop in sessions are recommencing.
Mrs Owen will be available on the 18th November from 9 to 9.30am and 2.30 to 3.15pm for anyone to drop in with any concerns they wish to raise. No appointment necessary.