

# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

5th May 2023

## Coronation gift from the PSA

To mark the Coronation, children have been gifted by the PTA a packet of wildflower seeds, inspired by His Majesty The King's love of nature. The PSA hope that this gift will help your children to celebrate and remember this monumental event in history. This gift was only possible due to your continued support. Thank you.



In recent years, the PSA has enabled a new library to open, bought new computers for the children and generally worked hard to improve many aspects of the children's everyday school life. Thanks to the PSA, the children have enjoyed Easter Egg Hunts, Break the Rules Days, Summer and Winter Fairs, Santa's Grotto and much, much more. The PSA is such an essential part of a happy, collaborative school and they create the memories for the children that will last with them beyond their primary school years. At the end of the academic year, many key members of the PSA will be stepping down from their roles and so we are looking for new members.

If you would like to know more, please get in touch with the PSA:  
psa@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk

## PE Kits to be kept in school

When children began to return to school after the lockdown in 2020, we followed advice from the local authority on how to minimise the risk of transmitting the COVID-19 virus between home and school. To help with this, children were discouraged from bringing bags, lunchboxes, books and PE bags to and from home. A decision was made that whilst COVID restrictions were in place, we would allow children to come into school on PE days in their PE kits and this is what children have done since then.

We have now decided that due to concerns about children's hygiene and also due to the impact that children coming into school in PE kit has had on the standards of school uniform, we will return to asking children to bring PE kit in and change for PE in school.

As well as being more hygienic, changing for PE in school allows younger children to develop their independence from parents and learn how to dress themselves.

From next week, we ask that all children wear school uniform to school everyday. They will need to bring into school a named PE bag that will contain the school PE kit. This will stay in school until half-term when it will return home to be washed!

If anyone would like to purchase a school PE bag, these are available to buy from the school office. For more information regarding uniform see: [School Uniform \(bishopsdownprimary.org\)](https://www.bishopsdownprimary.org)



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## KEY DATES

- Bank Holiday for the King's Coronation—Monday 8th May
- Half term—29th May—2nd June
- Inset day—school closed to pupils—5th June
- Term 6 starts—6th June
- PSA School Summer Fair—10th June 12.30pm-3.00pm

## LEARNING LEGENDS

At Bishops Down, we love to celebrate success. Every Friday, each teacher selects a child from their class to be their Learning Legend! This means that they have demonstrated one of our school values through their learning that week. Well done to all our learning legends!

Learning Legends—5th May

Sophie H, Aleena, Lucas, Ilham, Thomas, Dominic, Zac B



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view letters sent  
home on the school  
website:**

**[https://  
www.bishopsdownpri  
mary.org/recent-  
letters-sent-home](https://www.bishopsdownprimary.org/recent-letters-sent-home)**

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## **Sporting Achievements—Football**

Earlier this term, the Year 3- 4 girls football team played in a tournament winning 2, matches, drawing 3 and losing 1. They played with enthusiasm and were a pleasure to watch. A big thank you to David Rule our football coach for preparing the girls for the tournament.

The Year 5-6 girls football team also played in a tournament earlier this term. Every player gave 100%. We would especially like to thank Caitlyn and Bea for stepping in the day before! The team were amazing and qualified for the final at Culverden stadium which took place this Wednesday. Unfortunately, the girls did not win in their final match but played brilliantly, demonstrating amazing sporting values. Thank you to Chris Lucas for his support and encouragement and for providing extra training sessions for the girls in the run up to the final.



## **The Big Summer Hamper Raffle**

The annual event is back and this time each class has been asked to create a spectacular summer hamper to be displayed at the Summer Fair on Saturday 10 June. Your class parent representatives should contact you with more details about collecting items for the hampers.

Ticket sales for the sensational summer hampers and the summer 'Barrow of Booze' are now live. Tickets cost £1.00 and 100% of profits will go to our wonderful school.

You can buy tickets for these prize draws by following the links below:

The Summer Barrow of Booze—<https://bit.ly/SummerBarrowOfBooze>

The Big Summer Hamper Raffle—<https://bit.ly/SummerHampersRaffle>

We are very grateful for your continued support of the PSA.



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## **SCHOOL REUSE WATSAPP GROUP**

Did you know we have a school 'Reuse' WhatsApp Group? To keep it simple everything offered is free. If you would like to join please open the link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LsY3FioSi3RA1ZB9TirO23>

From there you can offer equipment/clothing by adding a message & photo of the equipment/clothing and anyone on the group who would like it replies. You can then privately message one another to organise the pickup.

## **HAPPY CORONATION**

Today, after their picnic lunches, the children had an extended playtime with a cake as part of our Coronation celebrations! We are very grateful to the school kitchen, staff and governors who donated the cakes for the children to enjoy. Thank you so much .

We hope that everyone has a wonderful long weekend and we look forward to seeing you next week.