



Bishops Down Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

As some of you will know May and June are the months of National testing. KS2 SATs are the week of 9th May, KS1 SATs are throughout May and the year 1 phonics test is in June. Particularly with KS1 and Year 1 we keep the testing very low key and they should appear to children as being part of the usual school routine. With KS2, sadly there is more pressure however we will try to minimise this and balance our curriculum over the next couple of weeks.

Children must have their full school P.E. kit on when they do P.E. There are numerous children who have been doing P.E without kit recently, and some children wearing the wrong kit– pink leggings have been seen! Children with no kit have to sit out of the lessons, so they are missing out on curriculum learning if they do not have PE Kit.

In preparation for Sports day (8th June) we are requesting that children wear a t-shirt of their house colour. For the blue and red teams, parents you have an easy job as children should wear their school uniform polo shirt (red) or PE shirt (blue). For the yellow and greens please can you provide a t-shirt predominately made up of that colour. We know it is difficult and we can provide bibs for those children without.

Lots of sporting fixtures are happening at the moment for which we are trying our best to give 2 weeks' notice to parents. To help us, please can we request that you send forms back as soon as possible so the admin can take place in good time.

Clare



On Tuesday the 26th of April Year 6 went on a trip to Salomon's to learn about Safety in Action. There were ten activities, these were: resuscitation, drugs and alcohol, road safety, water safety, positive minds, railway safety, electrical safety, fire safety, e-safety and driving safety. Professionals from each of these areas were there to pass on their expert advice. The driving activity was the most fun because they made it really interesting; Lexi and Sebastian had to pretend to go on a date and he crashed his new car because he had had too much beer to drink, and wanted to impress

Lexi! We all learned the effects of drinking alcohol when we put on 'beer goggles'. Bishops Down won the most points for all the events and beat the two other schools there.

The day was made even more exciting when snow started falling as we were having our lunch, luckily we were in a tent at the time so we didn't get soaked, however the Rose Hills students did!, By Emily and Samira



The turning circle at the bottom of our gates is for turning only. Do not park and walk your children up the drive as this prevents others from turning safely. Please park on Coniston Avenue and walk up Rydal Drive as it makes the road safer for residents, parents and children. Thank you

Houses of Parliament visit

On Thursday 28th of April, School Council went on a trip; we went to the Houses of Parliament. We learnt lots of interesting things, and important processes that our country goes through to create things like a new law. First of all we went sight seeing and saw some of what London has to give. We then went on to the Houses of Parliament where we went into a virtual House of Lords because we were not allowed in the actual one - for security reasons. After that we went to the House of Commons where we saw a debate in action (The Trade Union), but unfortunately the Prime Minister was not there.

Then we went back to the education centre and started our own debate. First we were sorted into teams - Blue Team of which Sebastian was the leader and the Yellow Team of which Tao was the leader. We had to go through various challenges and if we got something right we got a ball in our bucket; in the end Yellow team won with the most balls. Later we had our lunch and went to the gift shop where we could get a souvenir. After we caught the train back to the mini bus we came back to school.

We would like to thank Mrs Wilson and Mrs Magee for organising and taking us. By Tao and Belle



	18.4.16	25.4.16
Beech	98.3%	95.7%
Apple	98.5%	96.3%
Olive	98.6%	96.1%
Maple	98.0%	97.3%
Mulberry	94.8%	93.5%
Hazel	99%	97.3%
Sycamore	100%	92.7%
Redwood	97.8%	94.4%
Pine	99.3%	92.4%
Oak	94.7%	94.7%

PSA Corner

Saturday the 14th is our Spring Fair 12 - 2pm in the school field. As well as the usual stalls of fun and games we will also have a BBQ, a DJ, a Pimms Stand and Mel is coming back with her amazing home made ice creams.

We are also lucky enough to have Our Amazing Animal World coming, some of the animals they will be bringing with them are chinchillas, rabbits, guinea pigs, bearded dragons, chameleons and snakes!!!

Please remember that it is home clothes day on Friday 13th May - Nursery, Reception and KS1 are bringing in cakes and KS2 are bringing in a bottle.

We are also still after donations of clean soft toys.

Look forward to seeing you there.

Learning Legends

Beech	George	Hazel	Anna
Apple	Olivia	Sycamore	Jack B
Olive	Razia	Pine	Ava
Maple	Travis	Redwood	Lexie
Mulberry	Scarlett	Oak	Nick



This term in Digital Leaders we are continuing to learn how to use Kodu and Scratch to increase our knowledge which should help us support our peers in class. We are also starting to use the Pro-bot robots that can be programmed to make complex shapes and patterns. Some of the DLs are also using Python on our Raspberry Pi and learning the basics in how to code in a more complex programming language.

