

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



Friday 7th January 2023

Dear Parents,

Happy New Year!

A warm welcome to the new families that have joined us this term, we trust that you will be happy here at Bishops Down. Please ask if there is anything you are unsure of as we are always happy to help.

We welcome Emily Lightbody as Co-Deputy Headteacher. Mrs Lightbody will be with us on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Rosalind Randell has joined us in year 2 until the end of the year.

Illness continues to have an impact on staffing, with Mrs Wilmshurst still fighting pneumonia and many staff having recurring chest infections and such like. We are asking parents to keep children away from school if they are unwell to help protect our work force and other children. If your child has a temperature and/or you have given pain relief to them in the morning to get them to school, they are not well enough to come in. We hear from many children that they have had 'medicine' before school; please don't send them as they only flag later in the day and they are infecting others. Staff illness has a huge impact on our ability to provide a consistent education; it is disruptive for all. Thank you

Tomorrow we have a working party day for parents to help with the learning environment in year 1, inside and out. It would be great if you could join us to help move furniture and resources from 10.30am to 1.30pm— I hear that cake will be provided! Last summer term we had a working party for the Early Years area and it made such a difference to our provision and children's enjoyment.

With budgets ever tighter we are on the look out for some free resources for Early Years. If you have any bags of unwanted **top soil** they would be gratefully received in our mud kitchen and any rolls of unwanted **lining paper** for the children to draw on. We have also attached an amazon list of toys and resources for Nursery. If you have any of these that are no longer wanted and are in good condition we would love to receive them.

Upcoming Dates:

Saturday 7th January—Year 1 working party 10.30am-1.30pm

Tuesday 10th January 3.15pm Year 3 parent meeting

Thursday 19th January— Nourish special School Census dinner— Dance Day menu with Hokey Cokey hotdogs/veggie sausages.

Monday 6th February Open Classrooms from 3pm



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