

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



7th October 2022

Dear Parents,

PSA Summer Read

The PSA Summer Read proved a great success. The children raised a whopping £917.00 for the school!! A big thank you to all the children who raised sponsorship money off their family and friends over the summer and well done for reading so many books! Year 2 raised the most money overall and they have won a £50 voucher from the PSA to spend on something they want for their classroom. Well done to both Quintin and Joshua, both in year 2, for raising the most individual money. Well done everyone.



Uniform

I have noticed that some boys are wearing black trousers to school, please ensure that they are in navy blue school trousers as per our uniform policy. The correct school shoes should also be worn, no trainers or fashion boots please. Also, long hair (shoulder length or longer) should be pulled back in a ponytail or similar, no nail varnish and only stud earrings please. Hair, nail varnish and earrings are all dealt with by front office staff and it has been very busy this first few weeks – thank you for your cooperation.

<https://www.bishopsdownprimary.org/userfiles/files/Uniform.pdf>

Thank you to the parents who attended the year 1 parent meeting this week, it was really productive and I know many appreciated the reading/phonics session yesterday. We will be sending year 1 parents the notes of the meeting and the phonics session with this newsletter. Here is the link to the phonics presentation on the school website. This video is appropriate for all parents from Nursery to year 3.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2U3siQPtaUM>

Nursery and Reception have a parent meeting on Tuesday next week to cover the areas raised in the Ofsted inspection. I would appreciate if parents could send their specific questions to the class reps over the weekend. The questions can be forwarded to me on Monday so I can then prepare an agenda that covers all the points you want to raise.

Phonics
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This week we welcomed Sophie Tier our new SENDCo for her first formal visit. She will be starting with us after half term. This is from Mrs Tier:

I have been teaching Art for 15 years in Mainstream education, before moving to a Special Needs school 6 years ago. I have always had a passion for teaching and teaching art, but since working in Special Needs I realised that I wanted to be more involved with working with the students and their families. I also want to help give them a fully inclusive education and the best opportunities to succeed in and out of school, to help prepare them for their future life challenges and goals. This has led to me developing my career in becoming a SENDCo at Bishops Down School, which I am very excited about and I am looking forward to being part of this supportive community.



Mislaid a school letter? Did you know you can view most letters sent home on the school website – here is the link: <https://www.bishopsdownprimary.org/recent-letters-sent-home>