

Bishops Down Primary School News

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7th October 2013

Dear Parents

Library Books - With so many books overdue we have decided to declare a library book amnesty! Please return any school library books that your child may have (no matter how long they have had them) before half term, in order for a stock take to be carried out. Each class will be given a list of children showing the title of the book that is outstanding so they will know which book to look for. Thank you.

Charlotte Yussuf and Vanessa Ahmed

Siblings – Following the letter last week from Lynne Russell, a number of you have asked about the number of siblings offered places this year. The answer is 24. It would be extremely helpful to the school to know how many existing parents will be applying for sibling places in the academic year 2014-15 and 2015-16. Please fill in the attached reply slip if you can and return to the office FAO Mr Turvey.

Let's Grow Campaign - Bishops Down is registered with Morrison's Let's Grow Campaign and we will be collecting vouchers up until 27th October 2013. For every £10 spent, customers receive one voucher – redeemable against any of the equipment in the Let's Grow catalogue. We really appreciate your help, thank you!! *Mrs Bell*

Drop Off Times in the Mornings -The playground is supervised from 8.45am when the metal side gate is opened. Please can parents try to arrive at school between this time and 8.55am when the bell is rung. A number of children have been arriving earlier than this and being left at the parent waiting area where there is no one to supervise them until they go through the gate at 8.45am.

Leaving school at 3.15pm - There seems to be an increasing number of children leaving school at the end of the day via the front door. If you have to come into school to collect your child, please can you exit using the doors leading into the playground instead to limit the number of children in the car park at a busy time of day. Thank you

Class Reps meetings – Class Reps meetings will be held at 9am in the Kitchenette on the following dates:

Friday 22nd November

Friday 10th January

Friday 7th March

Friday 2nd May

Friday 27th June

If you have any questions you would like to ask, or topics you would like to have raised, please speak to your class rep.

Cross Country Club - Mrs. Dugan and Mrs. Birmingham will be leading a Cross Country Club for children in Years 4-6 starting on Wednesday 16th October. It will start promptly at 8.15am and children should come to school in their running kit, ready to change into school uniform afterwards. The children may on occasions be taken into Hurst Wood, weather depending, and be back at school by 8.45am on these days. Please note that this club will be running at the same time as Basketball club after half term if your child has already signed up for that. Please complete the reply slip below to apply for Cross Country Club, and **you will be notified if your child has NOT got a place.**

Naming clothes – Please ensure that all uniform and clothing used in school is named, including shoes and coats.

General Kitchen assistant required

Independent Catering at Bishops Down is looking for a general kitchen assistant to work Monday to Friday, term time only from 11am to 2.30pm. If you would like further information please contact Debbie via the school telephone number and then the kitchen extension number 207.

Class Assemblies - Parents are invited to come and watch their child's class assembly at 9.10am, and then go into their classroom to look at their work until 10am.

Date	Class or teacher
Wednesday 9 th October	Year 4 – Kate Spoor Sycamore
Wednesday 16 th October	Year 5 – Alex Birmingham Redwood
Wednesday 23 rd October	Year 2 – Emma Akers Apple
Wednesday 6 th November	Poppy Appeal Trevor Green
Wednesday 13 th November	Year 3 – Cathy Spoor Mulberry
Wednesday 20 th November	Year 2 – Michelle Reader Olive
Wednesday 27 th November	Year 3 – Anne Pierce Maple
Wednesdays in December	No Whole school assembly
Wednesday 15 th January	Year 1 – Sinead Roberts Beech
Wednesday 22 nd January	Year 1 – Simon Wyke Bonsai
Wednesday 29 th January	Reception Chestnut – Natasha Cleveland
Wednesday 5 th February	Reception Willow – Tara Bell/Helen Sullivan

Dates for your Diaries

Mon 7 th Oct	Full Governing Body meeting
Tues 8 th Oct	Parent Consultations for Year 6 only, 5.30-8.30pm
Wed 9 th Oct	Year 5 and Year 6 visit to Museum of Kent Life
Thurs 10 th Oct	Prospective Parents visit 9.30am
Thurs 10 th Oct	Parent Consultations for Year 6 only, 3.30-6.30pm
17 th Oct to 22 nd Oct	Travelling Book Fair opens 8.15-8.45am and again at 3.15-3.45pm
Tues 22 nd Oct	Prospective Parents visit 2.30pm
Tues 22 nd Oct	Parent Consultations for Y1-Y5 from 3.30-6pm
Wed 23 rd Oct	Parent Consultations for Y1-Y5 from 5-8pm
Fri 25 th Oct	Term 1 ends
Mon 4 th Nov	All After School Activities resume this week
Fri 22 nd Nov	Parent Reps meeting at 9am
Wed 11 th Dec	Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 2-3pm
Thurs 12 th Dec	Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 9.15-10.15am Reception & KS1 Christmas performance 2-3pm
Mon 16 th Dec	No After School Activities this week except Wrap Around Care
Wed 18 th Dec	KS2 Carol Concert 6.30pm
Thurs 19 th Dec	Reception & KS1 Disco 4.30-5.30pm KS2 Disco 5.45-7.15pm
Fri 20 th Dec	Term 2 ends
Mon 6 th Jan 2014	INSET Day – no children in school
Fri 10 th Jan	Parent Reps meeting at 9am
Mon 13 th Jan	All After School Activities (Clubs) start this week

Regards,

Daniel T Tunay

Admissions into Reception Class at Bishops Down

Please return to the office FAO Mr Turvey

I am likely to apply for a place for my child _____ . He / she has an older sibling(s) in _____ and _____ class.

September 2014 please tick Birth dates 1/9/09 to 31/8/10

September 2015 please tick Birth dates 1/9/ 10 to 31/8/11

Print Parent Name: _____

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Cross Country Club for Years 4-6 starting 16th October at 8.15am

- I give permission for my child (Please print) to attend Cross Country Club before school starting on Wednesday 16th October at 8.15am.
- I will deliver my child (already changed), promptly at 8.15am
- I have made other arrangements:

Signed..... (Please print)

Class name