



Bishops Down Primary School

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Dear Parents and Guardians

Welcome back to the final term of the year– it has gone so quickly! SATS for years 2 and 6 are now over and just the year 1 phonics test and the Early Years Foundation Stage assessment to go with regards to statutory assessment.

Work has started on our new fire alarm system which will take place over the next 6 weeks. There should be minimum impact on the staff and children as the work is taking place from 6pm to 2am every week day. The only slight inconvenience is that we can't use the school building after 6pm hence the up coming year 5 consultations ending promptly at 6pm. All should be completed for the year 6 evening performances though, which is a relief!

Over the half term Mr Beaton has been extremely busy renovating the Wrap Around Care Garden area, it looks incredible! Jo Green, WAC Manager is delighted and is looking forward to making a sensory garden as well as using the space for painting and role play. This area is now strictly designated as the WAC garden so please can I ask parents not to allow younger siblings to play in the gated area at the end of the day. Jo and her team set this area up for the exclusive use of WAC children .



It is with sadness that I am informing you of the resignation of Vicki Thompson, Teaching Assistant. Vicki has been with us for 6 years starting as a Mid-day Supervisor, progressing to a Teaching Assistant a year later. She will be sorely missed by all at Bishops Down, we wish her well in her post.



May I remind you that school uniform must be worn as per our uniform policy – I am noticing children with the wrong school shoes on most days. Letters will be coming home to repeat offenders as the correct uniform is paramount to behaviour levels and fairness to other children who do abide by the rules.

We shall be welcoming our new Reception Parents at a Welcome Meeting on 3rd July – I am pleased to inform you that all 30 children offered places through the first round with KCC have accepted and we look forward to welcoming them all to our school community.

We have had a few cases of vomiting and diarrhoea reported over the last two week particularly in the lower year groups. We request that you abide by the guidance given by Public Health England and keep your child off school for 48hrs since the last episode, this way we can minimise the spread.



Clara



SUMMER FAIR THIS SATURDAY!

12pm-2pm

Featuring - ice cream van, BBQ, Pimms bar, nail painting, teddy tombola, yucky dip, bouncy castle and much more!

Don't forget to buy your raffle tickets after school this week, we have some amazing prizes up for grabs this year!

A reminder that this Friday is Own Clothes Day, in return for cakes and a bottle.

Many thanks, The PSA

Bishops Down children played in the huge steel pans band at the Race for Life at the weekend.

9 children took part and they played in two bands with children from other schools. They sounded absolutely tremendous and lots of the runners said that they were spurred on to run or to walk faster when they came upon our band at just over half way round. The sun shone and the setting next to the lake was idyllic. It was steel pans at their best in the hot sunshine. Many thanks to all the children who came along and I hope they enjoyed it as much as I did. **Yvonne Smith**



Class Assemblies 9.00am-9.30am
Apple 13th June
Pine 20th June
Chestnut 4th July
Beech 11th July
Larch and Oak Class Assemblies will be on 24th July from 2pm onwards.

Schoolgateway

Just over 40% of parents are now signed up on School Gateway, which is great news for the school.

It is important to note that all breakfast club and after school club bookings must be made through the app. The school office no longer holds a diary and the online register is used to plan the food and staffing provision in both clubs. If the app is not used and more children arrive than the register states, then food cannot be provided and there may be a risk that staffing levels are inadequate.

Please use the app. Thank you

Contact Jo Green at wac@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk if you have any difficulties.



Year 2 Maths work

We are going to start to create a stock of Outdoor Clothing that the year 6 children can borrow for the Residential in the Autumn term.

Parents of current year 6, can I ask if you have any clothes that were purchased for the last residential that your child has now out grown, please could you consider donating them to the school for next year's trip. Water proof trousers, water proof coats, welly boots, fleeces, even second hand trainers would be gratefully received.



We all know how expensive these things are to buy new so it would really help to have a stock of clothes that could be borrowed.

I will leave a storage box under the parent shelter next week for any donations.

Thank you, C Owen

