



9th May 2008

Dear Parents and Friends of Bishops Down,

Week 29 Newsletter

What a wonderful week of sunshine. Classes have made the most of this and been involved in plenty of outdoor learning and P.E. Can I remind you to ensure children bring in a named sunhat and water bottle every day. ***The water bottle should only contain water.*** Please also apply a suitable sun block/cream before school – let's hope this is the official start of summer?

Year 6 Safety in Action

We left school after an early lunch and got to Seal, near Sevenoaks. Then we waited for another school to arrive. Firstly, we did coach safety (but we were in different groups so some didn't start on coach safety first). We had a man talking to us about what you had to do to keep safe on a coach. Then we moved onto railway safety. There was a stuffed dummy and a mobile phone on the line, with a football nearby. We had to find out what to do if we were at the position in real life. After that we had fire safety, we watched a video, and then we had an electronic quiz after it. Next we had first aid, there was a girl lying unconscious on the floor. We had to act as if this was really happening. Then we had beach safety. We learned about RLNC (Royal Lifeguard National Club), and then we were EDF Energy experts, by knowing about electricity. We were involved in a police investigation and we had to describe a crime which we saw. After this we did road safety and learnt how to cross the road. The final subject was drugs.

Beth West and Vanessa Burns

Health Help!

Our Nurse, Helen Lawton, has arranged 2 dates to meet parents to discuss your child's health. These will be informal sessions and will focus on discussing what you wish Helen to do, for example getting your child to sleep, eating issues, or emotional well-being. Please complete the slip below if you are able to attend and if you would like a specific topic discussed. Refreshments will be available and there will be access to toys for pre-schoolers.

The dates are Tuesday 10th June at 9a.m.

and Thursday 19th June at 9a.m.

Head Lice

Please make Fridays Bug Busting Day and check your child's hair for head lice every Friday. It is worth noting that head lice are particularly attracted to clean hair and the only way we can prevent it is by all parents regularly checking their children's hair.



Secondary Transfer September 2009 Onwards

As yet we are still waiting to hear if the PESE tests (11+) will be taken in September under a new system. We have been told we will know this information by the end of May. I will be arranging a meeting for Y5 parents as soon as I have any details about the new system.

Yellow Moon Catalogues

You will find the latest Yellow Moon Catalogue in your child's book bag today. Buying from Yellow Moon will raise money for the school as it is one of the retailers with whom the PSA has teamed up with. When ordering please remember to use the code SBI1074, which can also be found on the back of the catalogue. Using this code will ensure the school receives the money which we deserve. Yellow Moon is also one of the retailers on the easyfundraising website - www.easyfundraising.org.uk/bishopsdown - so if you order online via this website the school will receive double the cashback.

Jam Jar Appeal

The PSA have asked if parents can collect empty clean jam jars for the summer fair. If you have any at home you are willing to donate, please bring them to the office.

Walk to School Week 19th-23rd May 2008

National Walk to School Week is nearly upon us and we are all hoping for some fine weather! This year our focus is going to be on promoting our walking buses, as they do a fantastic job in encouraging more of you to walk to school. The children in Years 1-6 will be receiving some homework from teachers as part of a competition and there will be prizes, more information to come about prizes at a later date. Reception and Nursery children will be given an optional activity to do at home so that they can be involved and not miss out on the chance to win a prize. Please do try and make an extra special effort to leave the car at home and walk to school for this week

Alison Wilmshurst

Senco Coffee Mornings

Just a note to remind parents of children with SEN that our next coffee mornings are 9am -10am on the following dates:

Tuesday 3rd June

Tuesday 1st July

Tuesday 15th July

Lorraine Smith



Year 6 SAT'S Next Week

Year 6 take their tests every morning next week. Please can I ask all parents and children (especially morning Nursery) to walk around the school site very quietly to ensure the children have the best possible atmosphere to take these tests. Year 6 will be split into smaller groups around the school and therefore all areas need to be quiet. Thank you on behalf of Year 6 for your support and understanding at this time.

Head Teachers Awards

Reception	Ellison Turner	Madison Bourne
Year 1	Whole class	
Year 2	Elena Holland	Freya Simmons
Year 3	Rosemary Orr	Ollie Baker
Year 4	Sam Robinson	Arran Hopper
Year 5	Bethany Hatcher	Daniel Clarke
Year 6	Rose Hairs	Katie Dalby

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Savage

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Child Health Discussion Groups

- I would like to attend the discussion group on Tuesday 10th June at 9am
- I would like to attend the discussion group on Thursday 19th June at 9am
- I would like the session to cover the following topics:

Name of children Class

..... Class

..... Class

Signed Date