

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



9th July 2021

Dear Parents,

Unfortunately, this week we have seen our first 'bubble' closure since March. Due to a positive case in the 'Garden House' bubble, children and staff in Early Years are required to isolate until Friday 16th. They will return to school on Monday 19th July. We have an additional 10 children isolating across the school due to attendance at a party last Sunday, where one child has tested positive. They will return on the 15th July. As we have had this latest closure, and other cases of pupil and staff isolation, we will not be rushing to abandon social distancing and 'class bubbles' on the 19th July; the last thing we want is for children and staff to be isolating the first week of the summer holiday! I trust that we will have your support for our cautious approach. Transition sessions for new Reception and Nursery children next week will be adapted and will probably be virtual. Mrs Parks will meet her new class (current Reception) on Teams.

In September, all being well, we can return to school assemblies, lunch in the hall and play times altogether amongst many other normal activities!

We did manage to hold a Sports Day *of sorts* for the children this week. There was plenty of cheering and a great atmosphere despite the reduced numbers present and the intermittent rain.



Dear Parents/Guardians

Here is your free e-copy of the UK's best family magazine, packed full of information to help keep your children busy & entertained during the school summer holidays- Enjoy!

Please click on the link below:

<https://familyfirst.us18.list-manage.com/track/click?u=78d2652349ab3e1cddffc01a0&id=e7967ab9fc&e=2b229660fd>

The Bishops Down Summer Raffle

This is just a reminder that tickets for **The Bishops Down Summer Raffle** are still on sale and you could be in with the chance of winning one of **nine wonderful and individually themed hampers**. The themes for these hampers are:

1. **Hamper of booze,**
2. **Picnic in the Park,**
3. **Festival Fun,**
4. **Tropical Island,**
5. **A Day in the Garden,**
6. **BBQ Weather,**
7. **Summer Camp Out,**
8. **Rainy Day Fun,**
9. **Movie Night.**



The raffle will run **until 23:45 on Sunday, 18th July** and tickets cost **£1.00** each. Raffle tickets can be brought from the link below:

<https://raffall.com/245345/enter-raffle-to-win-bishops-down-summer-raffle-hosted-by-bishops-down-school-psa>

Winners will be drawn at random and will be contacted on **Monday, 19th July**. Please make sure that you leave your contact details when you have bought your tickets so that you can be contacted if you have won. Winners will then be able to pick up their hamper from school, within school hours, on Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st July. Please also ensure that you have accepted the raffle prize via Raffall before you collect your hamper. As it is only when all hamper winners have accepted their prize that we are able to collect the school's funds from Raffall.

If you have any questions then please get in touch with your class representative.

Frozen Fridays

The first Frozen Friday was a great success and raised approximately £80.00. The last Frozen Friday of this term will take place on **Friday, 16th July**. There will be a variety of ice lollies for you to buy outside school. The ice lollies will be **80p each** and it would be very helpful if you could **please remember to bring correct change**. The stall will be positioned in a drive by the turning circle. Please continue to keep your fingers crossed for sunshine.

The money raised from both the raffle and Frozen Fridays will go towards our target of £10,000, which will be used to refurbish the mobile classroom into a library and replace the old computers in the IT suite.

Thank you for your continued support of each fundraising activity. It really is greatly appreciated. Have a wonderful weekend.

Staff news

We were hoping to bring you news of Teaching Assistant allocations for next year but we are still waiting on references for our new employees. Once we have everything in place, we will let you know who will be supporting your children next year.

We will sadly be saying goodbye to Katie Baker (currently in year 5) who, after 13yrs, will be taking on a new challenge in a local school. She has supported children across the school, taught French to year 5 amongst many other things so will be sadly missed.

I am delighted to announce that we have appointed Claire Richardson (current TA) to the role of Beehive Manager. Claire will start her new role on 1st August (Jo Green is running the club remotely until then!). Claire has worked at Bishops Down for many years so knows the pupils and staff really well. She is excited about the new challenge and we are looking forward to seeing the club go from strength to strength.

