

# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

16th July 2021

Dear Parents,

I would like to start this newsletter by paying tribute to our year 6 leavers. They have experienced two of the toughest years at school at a key point in their education! They have persevered, adapted and have thrived despite the challenges. We wish you all the best for your new secondary schools– you will be great! Photos of next week's events will be on the website.

This is the final newsletter of another tumultuous year. A huge thank you to all parents and guardians for your patience and understanding whilst we have navigated this most challenging time. I am immensely proud of the staff and pupils for the resilience and perseverance they have shown; everyone, whatever their role in school has had to 'dig deep'.

At present we are still unclear of what September will hold for us, however we are planning on resuming normal start and end times of the day for all, no more bubbles, whole school assemblies and lunch times resume in the dining hall. No more one way systems in the building or specially allocated toilets, to name just a few modifications to school life we have had to cope with this past 16 months. For some of our children they will never have experienced a 'normal' school day so we will go slowly and cautiously; it will feel overwhelming for some. The new entry and exit procedures are attached.

For this reason we will not run staff-led afterschool clubs in Term 1. However, some externally run clubs may still choose to run and Beehive and afterschool tutoring for groups will still take place. We will review this at half term and if children and staff are coping well and there are no more lockdowns or governmental directives then we will start school organised clubs in Term 2.

Our enhanced cleaning regime and emphasis on handwashing will remain, however the school will not be responsible for contact tracing, this will shift to the NHS Test and Trace service. A separate letter from the Department of Education is attached. Of course all of the above could be subject to change, so keep an eye on school emails over the summer holidays!

On behalf of all the staff at Bishops Down we sincerely hope you a safe and restful summer. See you in September. *Mrs Owen*

If you need to order new uniform from **Price and Buckland** we urge you to do this before 1<sup>st</sup> August so that you are guaranteed delivery. This is a very busy time for our uniform supplier. Children can return to school in summer uniform. Winter uniform after October half term.

We explored the stream, we looked at the rocks, soil and discussed erosion. We thought about the story 'Pebble in my pocket' and how a rock makes its journey and how the water and weather makes it smooth. We also enjoyed some free exploration in the forest school clearing.



On Tuesday, some of Year 3 visited Hurst Wood.



A huge well done to **Will and Matthew** in Yr5 who have been selected for the District Football team final squad.



## Bishops Down Staffing 2021/22

Class	Teacher	TAs
Nursery	Mrs D Holliday	Mrs L Byrne Miss L Monk Miss C Saunders Ms T Miller
Reception	Mrs T Gale	Miss M Zeminian Mrs L Sarjeant Miss C Manley
Year 1	Mrs E Parks	Miss J Goodfellow Mrs N Wood-Lynch Miss C Frew
Year 2	Mr S George	Miss S Lilliot Mrs J Cockburn Miss E Sheldon Mrs K Gillham
Year 3	Mrs D Tizzard Mrs A Wilmshurst	TBC Mrs L Gardner
Year 4	Miss P Greenwood	Miss E Betts Mr T Nelson
Year 5	Mr A Milne	Mrs A Shepherd Mrs M Williams
Year 6	Miss E Mackie	Mrs S Lester TBC Mrs F Rahman Mrs L Seale Mrs T Miller

We welcome back Mr Andrew Milne to our teaching team. We also welcome new support staff; Mrs Liz Byrne, Mrs Lindsay Sarjeant and Miss Sarah Lilliot. We are still in the process of appointing an additional TA in Class 3. We sadly say goodbye to TAs: Miss Emma Donegan, Miss Sarah Marriot, Mrs Katie Baker and Teachers: Mrs Catherine Ashley and Mrs Sinead Roberts. We wish them all well.

### **Bishops Down Summer Raffle**

Thank you to everyone who has donated to the class hampers. It is greatly appreciated, especially as this is a difficult time with many children isolating.



Bishops Down PSA

**This is just a reminder that you can still purchase tickets for the Bishops Down Summer Raffle.** Tickets cost **£1.00** each and can be bought until **23.45 on Sunday, 18th July**. Raffle tickets can be purchased from the link below:

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

Once the raffle has taken place and the winners have been drawn at random they 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. Hampers can then be picked up from school, within school hours, on **Tuesday, 20th, and Wednesday, 21st July**. Winners will be announced on social media on Monday, 19th July and in our PSA newsletter.

## School timetable 2021-22 Term 1

<p><b>Entry arrangements From 8.30-8.45am</b></p>	<p><b>Nursery 8.45am and Reception 8.45am</b> parents wait at the Nursery gate  <b>KS1</b> Parents drop children at the wooden gate from 8.35am. Staff will be on hand to meet children and direct them to the correct line.          Year 1 children can wait from 8.35am outside the front door (the Nursery side, close to building) they will be taken in at 8.40am by a staff member for an 8.45am start          Year 2 children can wait from 8.35am outside the front door (school office side, close to building) they will be taken in at 8.40am by a staff member for an 8.45am start  <b>Years 3, 4, 5</b> should be dropped at the bottom of the drive by parents between <b>8.30 -8.45 am</b> (as they have this year), children enter classrooms via outside doors from 8.30am. <b>Year 6 are encouraged to walk up Rydal drive</b> to arrive at school between 8.30-8.45am, and Year 5 also have the option to walk up Rydal Drive if they want to.</p>
<p><b>Play times between 10am &amp; 11am</b></p>	<p>Teachers choose their own 15 min time (between 10-11am) depending on the activities the children are doing.</p>
<p><b>Lunch times 12.00-1.30pm</b></p>	<p>Nursery 11.50am, Reception 11.50am- eating in class for the beginning of the year, then outside play          KS1 12.00- 12.30pm in hall to eat - outside play 12.30-1pm          Year 3 &amp; 4 12.15- 12.45pm in hall to eat - outside play 12.45-1.15pm          Years 5 &amp; 6 12.30- 1pm in hall to eat - outside play 1pm to 1.30pm</p>
<p><b>KS1 play</b></p>	<p>KS1 to use back field or right hand side of the playground for playtime, at a time that suits them.</p>
<p><b>2.50-3.05pm</b></p>	<p><b>Assembly</b></p>
<p><b>End of day 3.15-3.30pm</b></p>	<p><b>Reception 3.15pm</b> and <b>Nursery 3.30pm</b> collected from Nursery gate  <b>Year 1 &amp; 2</b> parents collect from the playground, enter via wooden gate which will be opened at 3.10pm  <b>KS2 children</b> will be walked to the bottom of the drive by staff for collection. If parents have a younger KS1 sibling, <i>the older child waits with staff at the bottom of the drive.</i>  <b>Year 6 are encouraged to walk to the end of Rydal Drive</b>, and Year 5 have the option to walk down Rydal Drive if they want to.</p>