

# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

November 19th week 9, Term 2

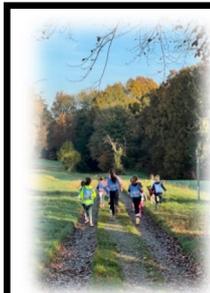
## News from Bishops Down

### **Yr5/6 Football Match - Wednesday November 10th 2021**

A massive well down to the Year 5/6 boys who played their first school football match on Wednesday against Skinners Kent Primary School. They won 8-0 and proved they are going to be a tough team to beat this season.

The team included: Elliot (Yr5); Riley, Sam, Matthew, William, Ethan, Tom, Joseph (Yr6).

Pictured with their coach Peter Burke.



This Wednesday saw the return of Bishops Down running club. We had an amazing turn out of 39 runners, who all turned up with smiles on their faces, eager to get going. Our route took us up into Rusthall and along the Tunbridge Wells golf course. Every runner tried their best and a great run was had by all. We have limited space left so if you would like to join us, please sign up on Gateway.

We are encouraging children to continue working on improving their wellbeing by following the 5 steps to wellbeing; connect, be active, take notice, learn and give. If you have any photographs of the children doing any of these things we would be happy to receive them. Please send photos via the office email address FAO Mrs Woods.



### **Applying for Reception Year September 2022**

Kent County Council have now opened up the online application process for applying for a Reception place in September 2022. If your child is in our nursery and leaving us this July you must apply for your school place. If you currently have a child already at Bishops Down you **MUST STILL** apply for your younger child's place even if their sibling is attending our school. If you do not understand the process or perhaps English is not your first language please make contact with Jo Sheldon, our Admissions Officer, and seek help. You can reach Jo on [jsheldon@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk](mailto:jsheldon@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk) or visit her in the front office. Please see KCC's poster attached for more information.

We are now in a position to invite parents in to school to read with children. If you are interested in this, please contact Mrs Holliday via the school office but please note the following before contacting Mrs Holliday:

You will be placed in a different class to your child/children and you won't be able to have contact with your child/ren whilst you are in school.

Parent volunteers will be in the classroom with staff at all times and will not be left alone with children.

Recognising that 'life happens', especially at the moment, we would love to hear from people who can commit to a weekly timed slot as this helps the children (and staff) to know when they can expect you. Thank you so much, we look forward to being inundated!

Mrs Holliday would love to hear your feedback on the lending library! Have you used it, and are you enjoying it! Once you've read a book from the library, please don't forget to return it in a timely fashion so that other people can enjoy it. You might also like to leave a little book recommendation on a post it note and leave it in the library for the next person to see!



Remember you can view all Recent Letters Sent Home on the School Website  
<https://www.bishopsdownprimary.org/recent-letters-sent-home>



## Starting at **Primary** school...

Do you have a child born between

# 1 Sept 2017 and 31 Aug 2018?

Apply for a place online at:

[www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

before **17 January 2022**

**Step 1:** Research schools and understand their admissions criteria.

**Step 2:** Complete the online application form naming up to 3 preferences.

**Step 3:** Complete any required Supplementary Information Forms (SIF) and/or medical evidence and return to the school.

**Step 4:** We offer you a place on National Offer Day.

**Step 5:** You accept or refuse the place and provide your proof of address from the application period to the school.

**Step 6:** If you don't get a place at your preferred school you can join the waiting list and appeal.

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## Important dates to remember

### November

**5 November 2021**

- Applications open. Apply online at [www.kent.gov.uk/ola](http://www.kent.gov.uk/ola)

### January

**17 January 2022**

- Closing date for all applications

### April

**19 April 2022**

- National Offer Day - offers sent by email after 4pm

### May

**4 May 2022**

- Date by which places must be accepted or refused
- Date by which parents should submit a waiting list form for schools they named but were not offered

### June

**8 June 2022**

- Reallocation of any vacant spaces

### Need help?

Email the team at [primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk](mailto:primaryadmissions@kent.gov.uk)

Full information booklet can also be viewed online at: [www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions](http://www.kent.gov.uk/primaryadmissions)