



BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

19th March 2021

Dear Parents and Guardians,

Sadly, and somewhat inevitably, we have had to close our first class bubble since returning on the 8th March. This was due to staff shortages caused by self isolation. We have also noticed this week that many children have had 'tummy aches' and coughs and colds. As the symptoms of Covid in children are wide and varied, we are advising parents of any child that is unwell, to get a test. We appreciate this can be seen as an over reaction, but in order to keep our whole school community safe and the school open, we appreciate your cooperation in this matter.

Baby news!

Miss Bryan, who is a TA in year 4 and Deputy manager of Beehive has had a baby girl. Many congratulations to Miss Bryan and her partner. Both mum and daughter are doing well and we are looking forward to seeing baby Morgan soon.



Mrs Bettles will be leaving us at the end of term to commence her maternity leave. We are very excited as we haven't seen her, *and* her bump, in person since Christmas! Best wishes to Mrs and Mr Bettles for a safe delivery this Easter!

Easter plans

To get everyone in the mood for celebrating Easter, Bishops Down PSA would like to invite **all children** to take part in an **Easter Hat Competition**. We would like you to create the craziest, biggest, brightest, most Easter-rific hat and wear it to school on **Tuesday, 30th March**. Mrs Owen and all the staff will be looking forward to seeing your amazing hats! Your hats will then be judged and one winner will be chosen from each class and awarded a certificate AND a £10.00 Amazon Gift Voucher from the PSA! Wow!



We can't wait to see your wonderful Easter-tastic creations and find out who our winners are!



Reading News

We are delighted to let you know that every child in the school (Nursery to Year 6) will be coming home with a book as a gift from the English Team at school to say "well done on a great return to school!" We hope that the children will enjoy their books!

We are also working hard to get our new spelling programme Sir Linkalot ready for the start of Term 5 and you will receive separate information about that from Mrs Holliday next week - watch this space!

Bird Box Donation

When you're on the roof you get a really good view of our wonderful site! Owner of G Baker Roofing Ltd, Glen Baker, was stunned whilst working on our roof with how many trees we have and has kindly donated 6 new bird boxes to the school.

Next time our tree surgeons are on site we will ask them to put them up for us. Although, scarily, Mr Beaton has said he can lumberjack up the trees - not sure about that! Our thanks to Glen Baker for his kind donation.



A message from Family Grapevine

Our Spring edition is filled with essential information for parents, family competitions and some fantastic articles from: The Daddy Sleep Consultant, Staffroom Secrets, Leonie Huie BEM, Temper Temper Chocolate and Beading Brilliant to name a few....

We hope to be returning to Print in the Summer, but in the meantime please do feel free to share and forward the link below. Our hyperlinked Spring edition can be downloaded or viewed 'on the go' on mobile phones and tablets.

[The West Kent Family Grapevine Spring Online Edition](#)



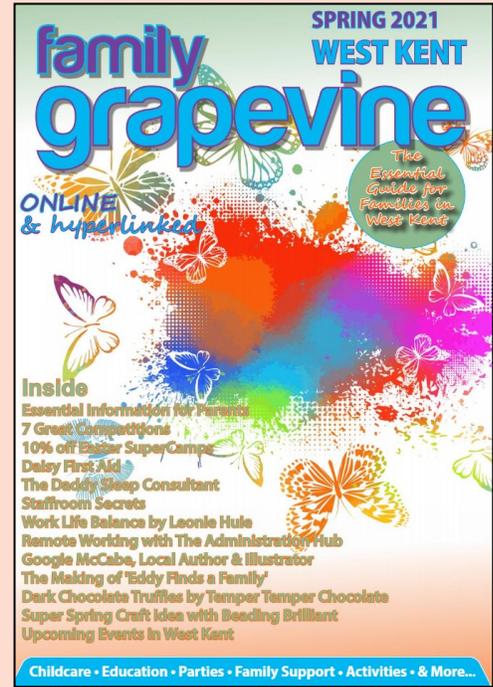
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Get around the Globe

The children have been set on a very special challenge to complete by the end of term 6. They will be working in their classes to see which year group completes the largest amount of distance per week and also to see how far around the world they can travel. The journey is put together by a path of red dots, each red dot is worth 100km. To get their kilometres, they need to run/move around their 'zones' in the playground or complete their sensory circuits. The weekly winning class will receive the golden globe trophy to keep in their class!

EYFS- Need to complete sensory circuits = 1km

KS1- 5 laps = 1km

KS2- 10 laps = 1km

On their running journey they will be passing Greenland, Canada, United States, Chile, Brazil, South Africa, Australia, Japan, China, Egypt, India, Russia, France and then back to the U.K

Country hopping hero!

Your child has the chance to become a 'country hopping hero' by showing good sportsmanship, enthusiasm, learning fun facts and even learning language from the country they are running to! They will receive a medal which they keep until they get to the next stage, then it is returned to the teacher, and their name written on the wall.

Get around the globe monitors!

Each class will select 2 monitors per week, their job will be slightly different throughout the school. Their job is to try and keep track of the classes weekly score and help motivate the other children in their class. They will receive a special badge for them to wear with pride for the week.

It has been so amazing to see how many children are getting involved, this has definitely had a positive affect on their mental health and well-being!

