

Friday 25th September 2020



Dear Parents

I would like to start with some good news: our new care suite, therapy room and accessible toilet are nearing completion. It has been a challenging time for us, managing the building work on top of Covid-19 but we are delighted we went ahead. The space will be such a benefit to the school.



We are becoming increasingly concerned that parents are not sticking to the red 2m lines when lining up to drop or collect children. So with the Covid -19 situation worsening, staff will be reinforcing this and asking that your child stays with you on the line in the queue. For those that are concerned that there is not enough safe space, we welcome the wearing of face coverings on the school site. It is not mandatory, but it is something we may consider introducing in time, dependant on the ongoing situation.

We appreciate that the school has no authority over the use of Rydal Drive, but can we put a suggestion to you that we all keep left when approaching and leaving the school, so we can all distance effectively. Also please keep your children on scooters close to you as we have had a few accidents reported to us. Thank you for your cooperation.



Now the autumn rain has begun please remember to send your child to school with a coat. Traffic in the turning circle also increases on rainy days causing a hazard for children walking to school. Please drop off further down the road. Blue Badge holders and Beehive users who use the car park, please drive slowly and carefully when entering and exiting the school as children and parents are always present. Thank you

Notices: Greek Dress up day, yrs 3 & 4, Wednesday 7th October



Phonics workshops, yrs 1 & 2 on Tuesday 29th September at 4pm

Phonics workshop for Reception on Thursday 1st October at 4pm



Charitable Giving - Can you help just a little?

During the summer term, Nourish Community Foodbank in Tunbridge Wells approached our school for support to help with provisions over the summer holiday. They collected your generous donations at the end of July, and there is a short message on the school Facebook page from them!

The team at Nourish has continued to support those in crisis in our borough, having seen a 200% increase in demand for their services at their peak in lockdown. They have now written to school again about Harvest, and how we, as a school, can support people in need in our community.

Sadly, Nourish forecast that the need for their service is likely to increase over the coming months with the end of furlough and a rise in redundancies. Therefore, Bishops Down will be collecting for them here at school again **from 1st to 23rd October**. Please find a link to the current most needed items.

<https://www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk/give-food/>

Please can all donations be left in the box outside the front office clearly labelled Nourish Foodbank? It needs to be left for 72 hours before we can give to the Foodbank, and the Admin Team will ensure this takes place and get it collected by the end of October.

If you would like to discuss Nourish Foodbank with your child, and why we are asking for your help please go to this link: <https://www.nourishcommunityfoodbank.org.uk/home/>

Thank you all for your support.

