

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



28th May 2021

Dear Parents,

Thank goodness we have made it through term 5 with no major disruptions and a sense of normality is finally starting to creep back! Frustratingly we have no further guidance on the relaxation of school covid guidelines, so as far as we know, separate bubbles inside and sitting in rows will remain for term 6.

Despite the restrictions we have been keen to start the transition process for our children, as many have not been in the main school building! This past week Mrs Gale has brought over small groups of children from Garden House to have a safe and distanced walk around the main building and Reception class are now having lunch in the hall. This will all help to ease anxieties regarding next year. There is a picture on the second page of Reception in the Hall.

We are delighted to announce that we are able to run a survival day for year 5 next term. Sadly not the usual overnight experience, but we have managed to do an extended school day for them to enjoy. Final plans for sports day and year 6 production are still on hold whilst we await further guidance from government.

As we continue to relax some of our covid rules, where we can, the next big step is to mix some classes outside, to enable more socialization, whilst still maintaining some kind of bubble format: Nursery & Reception, Years 1 & 2, Years 3 & 4, Years 5 & 6. As such, we have also changed start and end times of the day; this should make life easier for parents too! Attached is the new school day format. Please make a note of the revised start times for Tuesday 8th June.

Have a lovely, relaxing half term and thank you as always for your ongoing support. *Clare Owen*

Jo Green, Beehive Manager / Job Vacancy

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Jo Green, our Beehive Manager, will be leaving us on Friday, 18th June. Jo and her family are moving to Norfolk and I know you will all join me, especially Beehive children, in wishing her well. Jo has led Beehive with great enthusiasm over the last 3 years, and has implemented new standards which we are so very grateful for. Jo and her husband have looked forward to moving to the Norfolk coast for some years and I am delighted their dream is now coming true. I sincerely hope they will both be very happy.

We therefore have a post available for a **Wrap Around Care Manager**. The job is advertised on Kent Teach and the link is: <https://www.kent-teach.com/Recruitment/Vacancy/VacancyDetails.aspx?VacancyId=88282> or you can view the details on the school website under Job Vacancies. If you know of anyone who may be interested in this post please ask them to make contact with me or Jo Sheldon.

A message from Olivia at Clarks, Tunbridge Wells,

My name is Olivia and I am from the Clark's shop in Tunbridge Wells. We are trying to build awareness about being able to book a fitting appointment for children's shoes. As we approach the May half term and our back to school season, we expect the kids department to be busier than usual.

Here are the contact details to book an appointment this May half term.

Phone: 01892546173 or book online via our website <https://www.clarks.co.uk/measureandfit-in-store>

Kind regards,
Olivia and the team at the Clark's shop Tunbridge Wells



Our creative team would like to let you know about some upcoming school events! First, there will be whole school **Olympic Day on 23rd June**. This will include a variety of workshops (including sports, art, and wellbeing) . More details will follow in a separate letter.

You may also have spotted on our school calendar that there is a School Art exhibition taking place on Friday 2nd July. This will be weather dependent as we are holding it on the front field. It will be an opportunity for the school to celebrate the art and design work that has been taking place in lessons since our return to school. Parents will be given an allocated time for each class to attend and see the whole school exhibition. More details about timings will follow.

Whole class photos on Wednesday 9th June!

Reception to Y6 - Please ensure your child is wearing their correct school uniform on this day. If they are due to do PE, children should wear school uniform instead, and bring in trainers to put on for their PE lesson.

Nursery - If your Nursery child is **NOT normally in on a Wednesday morning**, but you would like them to be in the class photo, please bring your child to Nursery at 8.45am, and then wait for them on the front field while they are photographed. We anticipate that this will take up to 30 minutes! The children will then be brought back out to the Nursery gate afterwards, for you to take them home.



Year 4 Settlements project

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THE WINNERS OF THE BIG BISHOPS DOWN LEGO BUILDING COMPETITION

Thank you to everyone who entered the Big Bishops Down LEGO Building Competition and made the competition such a success. We received 56 entries, which made it very hard for our judges to decide on their winners. However, they eventually chose three wonderful winners.

Joshua from Reception for his rocket, launch pad and fire engine. Our judges thought that your build was "brilliant. Very wise to include the fire engine. Nice height on the rocket."

Eliza from Year 1 for her LEGO town. Ben, one of the judges, thought that there was "so much to see! I love builds with great attention to detail and this one had that in abundance!"

Henry from Year 4 for his Mini Henry. Our judges had this to say about Henry's build - "WOW. Just...wow. Big builds are hard. Great technique to get this to stay standing and the details are amazing. The addition of the camera, animals and flowers is great. Well done, Henry!"

Congratulations to our winners Joshua, Eliza and Henry. You'll receive your prizes after half term.

Thank you to our fabulous judges, Gilly and Ben. They had a very tough job to do but performed it brilliantly.

Lastly, thank you to everyone who entered and donated to the competition. The Big Bishops Down LEGO Building Competition raised £168. This money will go towards our target of £10,000 to replace computer resources and refurbish the mobile classroom into a library.

Have a wonderful and relaxing half term.



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