

BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL



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PRIMARY SCHOOL

4th February 2022, week 19, Term 3

Dear Parents

I am pleased to say that our number of positive Covid cases has now stabilised at under 10% of pupils so we can end the temporary bubbles. *(10% and above is the benchmark for implementing contingency plans and liaising with Public Health England and our Local Health Protection Team).*

Last week, as numbers were falling, we returned to mixing outside at playtimes and next week lunch provision and assemblies will return to the school hall.

We will be announcing Open Classroom dates so parents can enjoy seeing what their children are doing in school and we will be holding consultations both in person and online this term so we can reach as many parents as possible. We are doing all that we can within current Government guidelines for schools, to return to much needed normality; we have everything crossed that we have seen our peak of infections at Bishops Down!

Staffing Update:

Sadly we are having to say goodbye to 2 valued members of the teaching assistant team. Miss Bryan who has been on Maternity Leave has decided on a new career path; we wish her and her family well in their new endeavours. Also Miss Saunders (Nursery) has decided to focus her energies on her University studies, although she will still be working in Beehive. We wish her the very best of luck in her studies.

Mid-Year Progress Update & Parent Consultations:

The children in Years 1 -6 will be bringing home a mid-year progress update to inform you about their current attainment in reading, writing and maths on **Friday 11th February**. This report will also share recent achievements and targets. In the first week of Term 4 we will be holding parent consultations for all year groups (except Year 5, as it is likely that Mr Milne will not be at school).

You have the opportunity of choosing an **online consultation (Wednesday 23rd February)** or **face-to-face (Thursday 24th February)**. Unfortunately we are not able to offer online appointments on Thursday or face-to-face appointments on Wednesday. Please book your appointments using the usual online system.

Open Classrooms:

Following on from our successful open classrooms in Term 2 we would once again like to invite you to come into your child's class in Term 4. The times will be 3pm to 3.30pm for each class and the dates are:

Nursery	14th March	Year 3	15th March
Reception	16th March	Year 4	28th February
Year 1	7th March	Year 5	10th February
Year 2	8th March	Year 6	22nd February

Bishops Down Primary School vs St Augustine's Primary School - 26th January 2022.

'The Bishops Down Yr5/6 football team travelled to St Augustine's for the match.

It was a tough match from the start but both teams played exceptionally well. There were some great shots on goal by both teams and some epic saves from the goalies! The match ended in a 0-0 draw.

The highlight of the match was the friendly fox who came onto the pitch and took the ball and stole a player's shoe!!

The team was: Elliot; Julia (Yr5); Matthew; Sam S; Riley Y; Tom; Will; Joseph (all Yr 6) managed by Peter'.



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

Wear your scarf
to school day
11th Feb 2022



It's nearly here!
We really hope you can join in our first ever
Wear your Scarf to School day, to help
celebrate the SCARF values during
Children's Mental Health Week.

At Bishops Down we support the mental health and wellbeing of our pupils through the use of scheme from Coram Life Education called SCARF. SCARF stands for **Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship**. You will be aware of the name if you attended one of our Relationship and Sex Education presentations for each year group last year.

Coram Life Education have created a pack of resources to support mental health awareness week that teachers will be accessing during the week, and beyond to support our children. To launch the week we will be holding a wear your scarf to school day. More can be found out about the day at <https://www.coramlifeeducation.org.uk/wear-your-scarf-to-school-day>.

Bishops Down is in the Ofsted inspection 'window' so we are expecting a call any time. Before Ofsted arrive on site they will be reviewing **Parent View** - the Ofsted online portal for parents to express their views of the school. Please visit the survey at

<https://parentview.ofsted.gov.uk/>



Your views will give the inspectors a picture of the school before they arrive. Please note the school isn't able to access the results of the survey prior to the visit, so if you have any concerns relating to your child please contact us directly so we can address matters swiftly for you; don't wait for the inspection as we can't be sure of exactly when it will happen. Thank you.

A message from Conor the Casting Assistant Producer at Love Productions; the company behind The Great British Bake Off, The Great British Sewing Bee and The Great Pottery Throw Down:

We are delighted to say, that we have recently opened applications for the 8th series of **Junior Bake Off**; a Channel 4 programme that celebrates the culinary talent and ambition of the younger generation in Britain.

With this in mind, we are contacting schools in the hope that you can help us spread the word regarding this exciting opportunity.

We are looking for young budding bakers between **9-12 years** old. Filming would take place from July 2022, but our **applications close on Sunday 13th March 2022**.

Interested bakers can apply online at -

www.applyforjuniorbakeoff.co.uk

Please do feel free to contact us on **0207 067 4833**, should you have any questions regarding the above.



PIRATE DAY

Nursery had a great day pretending to be pirates!