

Friday 9th October 2020



Dear Parents,

The response to our letter requesting a voluntary contribution to school funds has been overwhelming. We have had many wonderful suggestions for maximising fundraising, offers of help to put into practice these suggestions and of course, some very welcome donations.

THANK YOU!

This is showing just how great our school community is. We are very grateful for all of the above.

As it currently stands, we have donations of nearly **£6,000**, which is absolutely amazing. There are still more cheques, standing orders and payments to come in. We will keep you updated on the total.

Other Fundraising

Please watch this space as we are in the process of getting **Amazon Smile** set up and will be sending out some information regarding **gift aid**.

Bishops Down School PSA is also part of a fundraising initiative called **TW Lotto**, an exciting weekly lottery that raises money for good causes in Tunbridge Wells, one of which is our PSA. Play the lottery, support Tunbridge Wells and our PSA - it's that simple!

Click on the link: <https://www.twlotto.co.uk/support/bishops-down-primary-and-nursery-school-psa>

Don't forget to use Easy Fundraising when making purchases – see back page



Year 3 and 4 had so much fun dressing up on Wednesday 7th October for their **Greek Day!** They held their own Greek Olympics and made some wonderful Greek art. There was also a treasure hunt to discover some interesting (and disgusting!) facts about Ancient Greek life. Well done Year 3 and Year 4!

Mayor's Toy Appeal

As Christmas approaches, we understand the stress this can put on families who are struggling financially and the difficulties you may have in buying presents for your children. The Mayor's Toy Appeal is here to help in these situations and can supply gifts for children in order to ease the pressure on families.

If you feel you are in this situation and would like support please contact Ellen Stock, estock@bishops-down.kent.sch.uk our Family Support Worker and she will liaise with you in order to make a referral. Please be assured this is dealt with in a strictly confidential manner. Please reply by Monday 9th November.



PSA News



Due to some parents being quick off the mark before the newsletter was even published, we have filled The PSA Chair Vacancy.

Please extend a very warm welcome to Kristy Adams and Lucy Howard as co-Chairs. As a school, we are excited to be working with them to raise some vital funds for the school.

However, Bishops Down Primary School PSA still has the following vacancy:

- Secretary

The Secretary is responsible for ensuring effective communication links between Committee Members and between The PSA and the School. This includes monitoring The PSA email inbox, taking minutes at any meetings, preparing agendas, writing the annual report, preparing newsletters, posting on The PSA Facebook page etc.

The PSA is a great thing to be involved in with lots of fun and laughter and also looks great on your CV!!

The PSA has great staff support, with three members of our current staff on The PSA Committee. They have historical knowledge and provide a huge amount of administrative support.

Please, please do think about getting on board, if not in the secretary role, think about becoming a committee member / volunteering to run a specific event etc.

The current main events (COVID permitting) are: Christmas Fair, Summer Fair, Quiz Night and Band Night with a few other items throughout the year but new ideas are needed and Kristy and Lucy will appreciate your support.

Thank you for the food bank donations so far. Please drop your donations at the school office or in the boxes by the school entrance, many thanks



Flu spray immunisations for children in Reception to year 6 will be at school on Friday 4th December. The Community Health team have told us that they will be sending letters directly to parents from 15th October.

This is just a reminder that next week (commencing 12th October) will be Week 3 on the Nourish Lunch Hot Take Away Menu. You can find the menu on our website under 'Information' then 'Catering/School Lunches'.



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