

# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

26th April 2024



## Reading volunteers in school

Could you spare some time to become a regular reading volunteer at Bishops Down? We are looking for volunteers who are able to commit to regular slots to read with children across school. As a volunteer, you will play a key role in supporting children in becoming confident, independent readers. The role will involve listening to children read and discussing the book with them.

If you would like to become a reading volunteer, please express your interest by emailing the office who will forward you details to Mrs Lightbody. We will then contact you to discuss your availability and give you more information about what the role will entail. Should you decide to proceed and are able to make a commitment that you will come into school on a regular basis, usually weekly, we would then invite you into school to complete a DBS check which our office team will support you with. In addition to a DBS check, we would go through our normal safeguarding procedures for volunteers with you.

We will then allocate you to a year group and set up the first session. Please note that as a parent or carer, we ask that you volunteer outside of your child's year group.

At our school, we follow the Read Write Inc phonics programme. If you are interested in becoming a reading volunteer, we have some training, delivered by Read Write Inc staff on Friday 3rd May and 4th November for staff which you would be welcome to join us for. If this is something you would be interested in, please let us know in your email.

The whole staff values the contribution of volunteer readers to children's learning and it is always greatly appreciated. Thank you for your continued support and we look forward to hearing from you!

## **A message from the PSA...**

We hope the children enjoyed their Easter visit from the bunny! We are pleased to report that our end of term fundraising (book and bake sale and Raisin' Funds) raised a grand total of £378.65! The PSA will top that up to £400 and each class will be given £50 to spend as they wish. Thank you so much for your continued support. We are looking forward to sharing more detail of future events once we have plans in place!



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## **KEY DATES**

6th May—May Bank Holiday

9th May—Year 4 and 5 Literacy Festival Visit

27th—31st May— School Holiday

3rd June—Start of Term 6

18th—21st June—Year 6 residential trip

23rd July—Last day of Term 6

2nd September—INSET Day

3rd September—Start of Term for pupils from Years 1-6



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## Marathon Success

Well done to Mrs Parks for completing the London Marathon on Sunday. What an amazing achievement. Thank you for all those who sponsored Mrs Parks for taking part and in doing so have helped us to raise nearly £1200 for books for our school.

## Bishops Down Mini London Marathon

This week, inspired by Mrs Parks, the children have been taking part in the 2024 Mini London Marathon. Over the week, the children have moved 1.6 miles in chunks and today they moved their final mile. The children have really enjoyed taking part in this event which was organised by Mrs Parks, following her London Marathon on Sunday!

The children showed determination as well as support and encouragement for each other throughout the run. For some, it has inspired them to want to run a full marathon when they are older. Well done to all the children for demonstrating our school value of perseverance as you tackled the challenge. All the staff are very proud of you.

Thank you to all those who have sponsored their child for taking part. If you still wish to do so, we are raising money for science resources to enhance our curriculum. The sponsorship page, called *Bishops Down Mini London Marathon* is open until Friday 17th May on Gateway.

## Sport at Bishops Down

Last week, we welcomed Jade from the The Tonbridge and West Kent School Sports Partnership into school. Jade led a sports session with Reception last week. They enjoyed a variety of games to support listening and attention, co-ordination and the fundamentals of movement (running, jumping and throwing). Reception thoroughly enjoyed the session so Mrs Tizzard continued these games in their next PE lesson. This week, Jade led Year 5's P.E. lesson and will continue to do so this term. Jade will also be leading some additional sessions for some pupils with SEND.



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