

# BISHOPS DOWN PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

24th May 2024

## Message from our Headteacher - Mrs Johnson

As we come towards the end of summer term 5, I would just like to say a big thank you for the warm welcome I have received and the positive ideas that have been shared with me by so many of you. It has been lovely to start working with your children, and the incredible staff, and to start putting in place exciting plans for the school.

## Sporting updates

On Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> May, two teams represented Bishops Down at the Tag Rugby Festival. The children played against other schools and had the opportunity to learn some new skills and experience using tackle pads. The event was non-competitive, therefore no scores were recorded. However, the children did play with a great competitive spirit and came out on top in their matches. We would like to thank our parent helpers, Mr Harvey, Mr Simpson-Rana and Mrs Stapeley for giving up their time to support us.



## Sport in Term 6

In term 6, we will be increasing our focus on learning about sports, looking at how we can develop our skills and enjoy taking part. During sports week, the week beginning 24th June, the children will be involved in a range of activities that will include inter-house competitions, a multi-sports events for our Early Years and Ks1 children and introducing new sports for the children to take part in, such as fencing.

Taking part in sports is not just for one week though, so we will be talking to the children about how they can do a range of activities, whether that's at playtime, after school or the weekend, to keep them active and feeling fit and healthy throughout the year.

Sports Day this year will be on Friday 5<sup>th</sup> July, as parents have told us that a Friday is the easiest day for many parents to be able to attend an event. The start time is expected to be at 1pm for the first race, with gates open at 12:30pm, and a normal school day finish time.



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## **KEY DATES**

27th—31st May— School Holiday

3rd June—Start of Term 6

11th June—Year 1 Class trip— Kent Life

11th June—Year 3 Class trip— Kent Life

18th June—Year 3 Class Assembly

18th—21st June—Year 6 residential trip

28th June—Year 1 Class Assembly

28th June—PSA Event—Party in the Playground

2nd July—Year 3 Visit to Pizza Express

5th July—Sports Day

18th July—PSA Event—School Disco

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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## Curriculum Enhancement

This week, Year 6 were fortunate enough to attend a workshop at the Amelia Scott museum in Tunbridge Wells. It focused on their upcoming unit: Evolution and Adaptation. The children had the opportunity to handle real skulls, fossils and taxidermied animals to better understand how they had adapted to live in their habitats.

Nursery and Reception had a visit from Animal Encounters last week to enhance the learning they have been doing in the classroom. The children enjoyed learning about their rescued animals: guinea pigs, hedgehogs, tortoises, chinchillas, lizards and snakes. They stroked some of them and even got to hold them! What a wonderful experience.



## Fundraising News

Thank you to all those who sponsored their child for taking part in our mini marathon that took place at the beginning of this term. In doing so, you have helped us to raise £559.20 for new science equipment for the school.

On 14th June, the PSA will be hosting an Own Clothes Day. In exchange for wearing their own clothes, the PSA are asking for donations for a bottle of anything for the bottle tombola at the Summer Party in the Playground.

The School Council will be hosting a second hand Christmas jumper sale on 4th October. If you have any outgrown or unwanted Christmas jumpers, please hang on to them and donate them to the School Council (date TBC).



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