

**BISHOP DAVID SHEPPARD CE (A) PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**3<sup>RD</sup> FEBRUARY 2012 NEWSLETTER**

**BOOK SALE/CLOTHES & CAKE SALE**

A big thank you to everyone who supported our recent fund-raising events. Without your support we would not be able to subsidise the school trips and residential we organise, which enable your children to experience wonderful opportunities but keep costs as low as possible for our parents. Many thanks.

**SCHOOL MEALS**

Please find our new menu on the back of this newsletter. This is in place after February ½ term starting as Week 1.

Dinner Money is currently £8.50 per week. Please send cash or cheque with your child in an envelope clearly marked with their name on.

If you think you are eligible for your child to receive free school meals, please call into the school office to collect an application form.

**CHILDREN'S UNIVERSITY**

As you may be aware Children's University is a scheme that encourages children to participate and stay committed to out-of-school activities. Children need to try and collect 100 credits for attending a club. If they can manage this, they will attend a special 'graduation' at a local university at the end of the year.

Nearly all of our clubs are part of the scheme. Children can purchase a 'passport' for £1.00 from Mrs Oliver to collect their credits. If you have any questions about Children's University, please contact Mrs Oliver.

**ATTENDANCE AND HOLIDAYS**

As you are aware, school holidays during term time are only allowed with the school's permission. We understand that holidays are expensive and that some families have no choice about holiday dates. However, we also know that education is important and it is important to strike the right balance.

We look at every application in turn. We try to be flexible, but we will NOT authorise holidays in the following cases: -

- Where there is a concern about pupil attendance that may already be low (lower than 90%)
- During test times (SATs week)
- Where the absence is avoidable

- If the holiday goes beyond 10 school days except in VERY exceptional circumstances.

**BUILDING WORK**

Just to keep you up to date – the refurbishment work to the Junior block is due to commence during ½ term.

**AFTER SCHOOL CLUBS**

Tuesdays	Football Team Training
Wednesdays	Football 4 Fun Reading Club Brighter Living Food Club
Thursdays	Netball Club French Club
Fridays	Tag Rugby Maths Madness (Lunch-Club)

**FORTHCOMING DATES**

Friday 10<sup>th</sup> February – Break up for ½ term  
Holiday Club available Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> February – Return to School

Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> March – World Book Day  
**Dress up as your favourite Book Character**

Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> March  
Catalyst Science Museum – Widnes

21<sup>st</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2012  
Year 5 & 6 Residential to Winmarleigh Hall

Friday 30<sup>th</sup> March – Break up for Easter 2pm

Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April – Return to School

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> May – Bank Holiday

14<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2012 - SATs Week

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Special day to celebrate Olympics & Queen's Jubilee. Details TBC

Friday 1<sup>st</sup> June – Break up for ½ term

Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> June – Return to School

21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2012  
Year 4 Residential to Crosby Lakeside