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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PART OF STOWE VALLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

## NEWSLETTER NUMBER 9

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### Celebration Assembly



Our next Celebration Assembly is on Friday 15th November at 3pm in the school hall. Everyone is welcome.



#### In this newsletter read about

- Shakespeare Ambassador Training Day
- Victorian Day at Holdenby House
- Children in Need Colouring Competition

#### RAFFLE WINNERS

The winners of the raffle for great lining up were Joel in Year 1 and Emma C in Year 6. They enjoyed tea and cake with Mrs. Sykes this afternoon!

### It's been a busy week!

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

Our week back after half term has been extremely busy.

A baby hedgehog was found in the school grounds on Monday and so Miss Jeacock took it to the Hedgehog Hospital in Harbury. Apparently, hedgehogs are endangered now, so any stray babies should be rescued, kept warm and taken to the hospital straight away.

On this advice, Reception Class put on their wellington boots on Tuesday morning and went out to see if there were any more stranded baby hedgehogs. And, yes, here he is! This baby was also taken to the Hedgehog Hospital. Well done Balmoral Class for being so caring towards our wildlife.



*The rescued baby hedgehog*

Buckingham Class participated in the Southam Area Indoor Athletics competition on Tuesday morning at Southam College. The lovely part about being a small school is that all the children get a chance to take part in many events, while larger schools have to select a proportion of their pupils. Our place was not at the front, but we are very proud that of all the children in Buckingham Class have now experienced an indoor athletics competition at a secondary school.

Could I remind you that it is parents' evenings on Tuesday and Thursday next week. If you haven't already signed up for your appointment, please could you do this straight away? Many thanks— we look forward to seeing you.

We had an assembly on Monday about the war memorials in our local area and looked at how they are different in structure— this depended upon what the local communities wished to build to remember past wars. We compared the Memorial Hall in Bishops Itchington, the memorial obelisk in Harbury and the statue of a soldier in Leamington Spa. Year 6 are selling poppies at the moment, and your child is welcome to bring a donation to school for this.

Our school is welcoming and nurturing. Parents and relatives are welcome to make an appointment to see me to discuss any matter.

With best wishes,

*Jacky Sykes*

**Buckingham Bake Sale at 3:30 today!**

**Remember to support our Christmas Fayre on Saturday 23rd November, 12-3pm**



# Shakespeare Ambassador Training Day

Wow! I am so proud of how well the Bishop's Itchington Shakespeare Ambassadors conducted themselves at our training at the Other Place, RSC yesterday.

The four children from KS2 had the opportunity to work collaboratively with Ambassadors from other schools in the Associate Schools Project.

Faye, Isaac, Austin and Ellie enjoyed various drama activities and now have many fun ideas to share back at school.

It was a delight to hear the RSC leader of the day express that the children were a credit to themselves, our school, and our community as she handed them their Shakespeare Ambassadors' badges. Children, I couldn't be prouder of you, well done and I'm very much looking forward to planning the exciting activities you have in mind for the other children in school.

Mrs. Russell



## No Toys in School, Please

We are sorry, but we cannot allow children to bring their own toys into school and we would like to explain why this is: When adults are supervising the playground, it is not possible for them to properly safeguard the children playing with toys brought in from home. A recent example was a plastic squashy toy that was damaged and tiny liquid beads fell out of it. These beads were innocently given to some of our younger children, who could have thought they were sweets. Sensibly, the children gave them to an adult.

Thank you for your help in keeping our children safe at playtimes.

(Should a teacher request certain toys for a topic, e.g. teddies for a picnic, then these will be kept in the classroom and shared as a part of the children's learning.)

# Holdenby House Victorian Day

Buckingham Class had the most fantastic day out, on Wednesday. They experienced authentic life in Victorian times, which is their topic this term. They polished shoes, beat carpets, made bread, became chamber maids, cooked apple crumble, and more. The best way to share their great trip is through photographs—so here they are. The children really know what chores are now!



## FOOD BANK THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS HARVEST DONATIONS

*The Westbury Centre  
Warwick District  
Foodbank*

*Mrs. Jackie Sykes  
Headteacher  
Bishops Itchington Primary School*

*Dear Mrs. Sykes*

*We would like to thank you, your  
pupils and staff for their generous donations of  
food to the Warwick District Foodbank. The  
donations weighed a total of 123.5 kilograms. We  
thank you for your generosity to local people in  
crisis, it is much appreciated.*

*Best wishes*

*Paula Thompson  
Westbury Session Leader.*



### Colouring Competition

Our annual Children In Need Colouring Competition will be sent home this afternoon with the children. Completed entries should be returned by Thursday next week with a £1 entry/donation. The winners will be announced (with prizes!) at the Celebra-

### Next Week's Activities

	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
<b>Monday 11th November</b>	Buddies NESSY	Buckingham children Remembrance at Memorial Hall	Running Club	Swimming Holyrood	Buddies Football Club
<b>Tuesday 12th November</b>	Buddies NESSY	Rev. Martin Green Assembly Brass Lessons	Eco Club R-Yr6		Parents' Evening Buddies
<b>Wednesday 13th November</b>	Buddies NESSY				Buddies Netball Club Drama Club
<b>Thursday 14th November</b>	Buddies NESSY		Choir Homework Club	Guitar Lessons	Parents' Evening Buddies
<b>Friday 15th November</b>  <b>FOBIPS Non- Uniform Day</b>	Buddies NESSY	CHILDREN IN NEED		Celebration Assembly 3pm	Buddies

## News from 'Friends of Bishops Itchington Primary School' (FoBIPS)

### **Buckingham Class Bake Sale \*\*\*TODAY\*\*\***

Weather permitting, we will be outside at 3:30pm today for Buckingham's class bake sale.

**All cakes are priced at 50p.** So please bring your pennies and purchase some delicious treats after school and help support Buckingham Class. If we aren't outside then please follow the signs to the corridor area between Windsor & Holyrood Class.

### **Non Uniform Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Next Friday children can wear their own clothes to school for a donation in the form of an unopened bottle for our really popular bottle tombola stall at the fayre. FoBIPS will be on the playground from 8:30am to receive the bottles.

### **Christmas Fayre – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 12 – 3pm**

The FoBIPS team are working hard on this year's Christmas Fayre – we have lots of stalls, games, crafts and festive food on offer for you.

Raffle Tickets – every child has been issued with 2 books of raffle tickets. Each ticket is 30p each or £1.50 per book. Please complete and return the stub together with payment should you wish to purchase your raffle tickets. If you do not wish to purchase the tickets, please pass them on or return them to the school office.

This year you can win a **Vue Cinema voucher worth £20** if your child sells the most raffle tickets. To qualify, raffle ticket stubs must be returned to school with the appropriate payment by your child no later than **Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> November** in an envelope clearly marked with your child's full name and class. Tickets returned after 20<sup>th</sup> November or bought at the fayre will not qualify for the competition but will be included in the raffle draw.

There are some amazing prizes to be won including a **20" bike**, £50 cash, family tickets to Cotswold Farm Park, a voucher for Aubrey Allen and much much more.

### **Christmas Fayre - Father Christmas Grotto Experience – Book your slot now!**

Book your 30 minute magical grotto experience for the Christmas Fayre. This year groups of 10 children per time slot will be able to make crafts with the elves then wind down with story time read by Father Christmas himself. Parents are welcome to join, but if you are leaving your child with us, please ensure you are available to collect at the back door of Sandringham classroom 25 mins after your slot time.

The price of this experience is £3 and you can book now via the booking form sent home this week or by email to [fobips@gmail.com](mailto:fobips@gmail.com) stating the time slot you require, your child's full name and if they are infant or junior. Available time slots are: 12:20, 12:40, 13:00, 13:40, 14:00, 14:20 and 14:40.

Payment needs to be made to the office for cash or cheques or via PayPal ([fobips@gmail.com](mailto:fobips@gmail.com) – reference **GROT-TO**) before your slot is confirmed and tokens will be issued w/c 18<sup>th</sup> November.

### **Christmas Fayre – HELP needed please**

Can you help us with this event? We need help with:

- Setting up – moving tables/putting up bunting/putting up Christmas trees/putting up signs
- Run a stall – for half an hour or an hour – we have a number of stalls that need someone to run them
- Tidy away – returning tables/sweeping the floor/taking down signs

If you can help, please speak to one of the FoBIPS team or email [fobips@gmail.com](mailto:fobips@gmail.com)

### **Costume Swap – Extended until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

Don't forget to bring in your costumes for our first ever costume swap. Extended so that parents can bring them in when attending their parents evening appointment. At the end of this week FoBIPS will liaise with Key Stage 1 teachers to see if there are any suitable costumes that can be used for the Christmas Nativity. Making second hand costumes available like this will hopefully reduce the impact on the environment and lighten the impact on parents pockets at this time of year. Any items left will be put out at the Christmas Fayre for parents to take home.

So if you have any clean unwanted Christmas/festive costume then please drop them into the blue bucket in school.

### **Autumn Term Events**

**Costume Swap – Extended until Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**Non Uniform Day – Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November**

**Christmas Fayre – Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 12 - 3pm**

**Buckingham Class Bake Sale – Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November 3:30pm**

**Christmas Disco – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (Infants 6-6:45pm, Juniors 7 – 8pm)**

**Christmas Light Switch On – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

## TERM CALENDAR

November	Event	Time
8th Friday	Buckingham Bake Sale	3.30pm
11th Monday	Choir children in Buckingham to Memorial Hall Remembrance Event	10.30—11.30
12th Tuesday	Parents' Evening	4-6pm
14th Thursday	Children in Need colouring competition entries into school Parents' Evening	4.30-7pm
15th Friday	Non-uniform day—donate a bottle to the Christmas Fayre Celebration Assembly	3pm
16th Saturday	Year 6 Cross Country at Kenilworth	Morning
23rd Saturday	Christmas Fair	12-3pm
29th Friday	Celebration Assembly	3pm
30th Saturday	Year 6 Cross Country, St. Mary's School, Warwick	morning
December	Event	Time
2nd Monday	Global Virtues Week	All Week
6th Friday	Grandparent lunch followed by Infant Nativity Play	12pm and 2pm
6th Friday	FOBIPS Disco Infants: 6-6.45 Junior 7-8pm	
7th Saturday	Village Light Switch On—Choir Performing	afternoon
9th Monday	Buckingham Class Southam College—Dance Production	morning
10th Tuesday	Infant Nativity Play 2pm and 5pm	
11th Wednesday	Flu Immunisations—whole school	morning
12th Thursday	Choir event at Kings High School	Evening
13th Friday	Celebration Assembly	3pm
19th Thursday	Combined Christmas Concert and Prize Giving assembly at the church	11am
20th Friday	Break up for Christmas holidays at the end of this day.	

### Scholastic Book Fair

The Book Fair will be taking place after school next week on the following days and times:

Monday & Wednesday: 3.30—4pm

Tuesday & Thursday: during parents evenings (run by FOBIPS members)

Please pay for books by either cash or cheques (payable to **Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust**)

### ParentPay

A reminder to parents of Holyrood pupils. If you have not already paid for swimming this term, please could you log on to your ParentPay account and pay for swimming lessons. Individual reminders will be sent out next week.

### Buddies@BIPS

We are hoping to open for just 2 days during the Christmas Holiday on Monday 23rd December and Tuesday 24th December. Please ring or email the office to make your booking. If we do not have enough children we will not be open. The deadline for bookings is Friday 22nd November: we will make a decision after that date.