Bishops Itchington Primary School

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Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

It Makes Sense!



Our assembly theme this week was 'Senses'. We discussed how we rely on our senses as we go about our lives, but realise that for some people, their senses are not functioning that well: perhaps a sight or hearing impair-

We were lucky enough to have Jane, from Guide Dogs for the Blind, with Abby—who is a breeding dog—visit the school on Tuesday to talk to the children. Abby is in the photograph, but her coat is so black, she is a bit tricky to see!

The children were really still and quiet in the hall so as not to startle Abby. Abby in turn did some tricks for the children. Jane explained how guide dogs are trained, how long it takes and which breeds are chosen. Thank you Jane and Abby.

Pop-Up Café for Children's Cancer and Leukemia Group

On Monday, Miss Jeacock and FoBIPS organised a cake sale to raise money for our 'charity of choice': Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group. We are extremely grateful to FoBIPS and staff who baked cakes and to the children and visitors who supported the charity by buying and eating cake! We have also been wearing yellow and gold today to support this wonderful charity. The total amount we have raised for the charity is £281.67—thank you everyone!

Can I remind you that our school be closed next Friday, 25th October, due to a staff training day, which leads into half term. All of our staff would like to wish everyone a relaxing and enjoyable break and look forward to welcoming you back on Monday 4th November.

With wishes,

Tacky Sykes best









Celebration Assembly

Our next Celebration Assembly is Thursday 24th October at 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you all.



Safe-guarding Our Children—Thank you for your help!

To safeguard our pupils in school, please could all visitors, parents or friends requiring access to the school building, go to the Reception at the front of the building to sign in and be given a visitor's pass.



This always applies (including before/after school hours). If your child needs to collect an item from their classroom out of school time, they may do this, but adults cannot accompany them unless they have a visitor pass and have signed in.

For those parents collecting their children from Buddies Out of School Club, they should ring the back-door bell and wait for a Buddies staff member to open the door and escort them to the club. We are sorry, but adults collecting/dropping off children are not permitted to visit other parts of the school, even their child has something to collect from their classroom.

We do not intend this safeguarding practice to be unwelcoming, but we have a duty of care to all our children and ask that adults do not walk around the school who have not been invited in by a member of staff.

Mobile phones are not permitted to be used inside the school building at all - and this includes for photography/filming and making calls.

<u>Playground Collection</u>: The children finish at 3.30pm. Please can we ask that parents stand well back on the playground to allow teachers to hand over each child in KS1 following safeguarding protocol.

Absences: Please ensure you phone the school office by 9.15am if your child is going to be absent each day.

Bishops Itchington School is committed to adhering to safeguarding guidelines and we appreciate your help in making our school safe for your children.

Many thanks for your understanding and co-operation.





FoBIPS is aiming to support the school and Eco Club with maintaining their eco-school rating by providing two new recycling bins in school.

Children will be shown the new colourful bins and encouraged to use them to recycle rubbish items during assembly today. We would also ask that you help us too by ensuring you use the right bin when disposing of any waste when attending our events.

FoBIPS have one bin for crisp packets which the WI kindly collect and recycle and one bin for plastic, metal and paper which will go into the large school bin which is organised by E-Group every week. The Council then collect this.

Please remember our textile recycling bin can be found in the staff car park.

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

Windsor Class Bake Sale - It's TODAY

Weather permitting we will be outside at 3:30pm today for our first class bake sale of the year. **All cakes are priced at 50p** So please bring your pennies and purchase some delicious treats after school and help support Windsor Class. If we aren't outside then please follow the signs to the corridor area between Windsor & Holyrood Class.

Christmas Products

We are expecting the samples just after half term, and perhaps next week if we are lucky. When they arrive we will put a copy of the dates for returning them with the samples before sending them home.

Costume Swap - NEW for this Year!

We are really excited to announce that we are holding our first ever costume swap.

What is a costume swap? A costume swap is an opportunity for parents to pass on outgrown costumes for other children in school to benefit from.

During the week commencing 4th November we encourage parents to hand in to school (or a FoBIPS team member) any Christmas/Festive costumes that they no longer have use for.

At the end of that 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 dig it out over half term and drop it into school during week commencing **4**th **November**.

New Noticeboards - delayed delivery hopefully up this week!

Own your own business?

Have you thought about our sponsorship opportunities?

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 23rd November and we still have sponsorship opportunities priced at £50 available to local businesses.

For £50 your company logo will be displayed on a large board outside the school entrance on Ladbroke Road from w/c 4th November until Sunday 24th November.

To register your interest please email fobips@gmail.com and Zoe Breakwell will be in touch.

Win a sponsorship - there's still time to enter.

Do you run your own business? We are offering one business the opportunity to win a £50 sponsorship for the Christmas Fayre. To enter, please place your business card or business details in our jar on reception. The draw will be videoed and posted on our Facebook page on **Friday 25**th **October** and the winner will be asked for their logo to put onto our sponsors board.

Autumn Term Events

Christmas Products return date – TBC
Costume Swap – w/c 4th November
Christmas Fayre – Saturday 23rd November 12 - 3pm
Buckingham Class Bake Sale – Friday 8th November 3:30pm
Christmas Disco – Friday 6th December (Infants 6-6:45pm, Juniors 7 – 8pm)
Christmas Light Switch On – Saturday 7th December



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FoBIPS Facebook Page

Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs Next Week

	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
Monday 14th October	Buddies NESSY		Running Club	Swimming Holyrood	Buddies Football Club
Tuesday 15th October	Buddies NESSY	Brass Lessons	Eco Club R-Yr6		Buddies
Wednesday 16th October	Buddies NESSY				Buddies Netball Club Drama Club
Thursday 17th October	Buddies NESSY		Choir Homework Club	Guitar Lessons	Buddies Football Match
Friday 25th October	NO	SCHOOL	TODAY	HALF TERM	NEXT WEEK

October	Event	Time
14 th Monday	Open morning – all welcome	9, 10 or 11am
·	Coffee Morning in aid of Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group.	9.30—11.30
18th Friday	Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Fund Raiser—wear a yellow or gold top to school—£1 donation.	All Day
18 th Friday	Windsor Bake Sale	3.30pm
24 th Thursday	Reception Stay and Play 9.30—10.30 and 10.45—11.45	
24th Thursday	Celebration Assembly	3pm
25 th Friday	INSET DAY – No school today	·
28 th Monday	Half term holiday for one week	
November	Event	Time
4th Monday	Back to School (all uniform to be named, please)	
5th Tuesday	Buckingham Class to Southam Indoor Athletics Competition	morning
6th Wednesday	Buckingham Class to Holdenby House Victorian Visit	All day
8th Friday	Buckingham Bake Sale	3.30pm
12th Tuesday	Parents' Evening	4-6pm
14th Thursday	Parents' Evening	4.30-7pm
15th Friday	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	Light Switch On—Choir	afternoon
9th Monday	Buckingham Class Southam College—Dance Production	morning
10th Tuesday	Infant Nativity Play 2pm and 5pm	
11th Wednesday	Flu Immunisations (whole school)	
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.	



October Half-Term Club—CANCELLED

Unfortunately we are not able to run the October Half-term Holiday Club due to insufficient numbers. Please accept our apologies for this.

Christmas Holiday Club

We are going to offer 2 days of Christmas Holiday Club on Monday 23rd December and Tuesday 24th December. If you would like to book these days, please email or ring the school office. We will be doing lots of fun Christmas activities! If we do not have sufficient numbers, we will not be able to open.

Parents Evenings

Parents evenings are Tuesday 12th and Thursday 14th November. You can book your slot by coming into the front reception area and completing the time sheet, or alternatively you can ring or email the office.

We will be running Scholastic Book Fair during the week commencing 11th November. The Book Fair will be open during parents evenings.