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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Celebration Assembly



Congratulations to our Star Learners who were awarded their certificates in our Celebration Assembly today:

Sandringham: Eleana Davenport

Kensington: Summer Chirere

Windsor: Alfie Harris

Holyrood: Zach Holt

Buckingham: Faye Snellgrove



We also celebrated Achievement Awards for the following children:

Ella Gillam—Gymnastic Awards (vault 1st, beam 1st + overall 1st, 2nd on floor)

Megan Bayliss—Performing Arts

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Ella White—Gymnastic Awards (yellow level + star of the term)

Eleana Davenport—Gymnastic Awards (floor, vault + red level)

Alexis Askew-Kelly—Gymnastic Awards (blue & red stage + star performer)

Ellis Hibberd—selected for 2020 East Midlands Regional Squad for gymnastics

Ralph Berryman—Swimming Level 4 and 20m distance

Tammy Moss—Cyclo Cross Gold Medal—Regional Championships

Beth Horsman—Swimming Level 6

Well done to our Guitarists in assembly today: Daniel Harvey, Ema De Oliveira and Austin Berryman

Our next Celebration Assembly will be at school on Friday 17th January at 3pm. Everyone is welcome!

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

Infant Nativity Success

Our infant classes put on three spectacular performances to parents and grandparents of the nativity and the play: Children Around the World. They only had one week to learn the songs, their lines and stage directions and were magnificent. Thank you to all the parents who helped and supported the children. The children really sparkled on stage and showed some very promising acting and singing talent. Even for the children who are a little shy, to just stand on stage is such a big step in building their confidence. Well done to all of your wonderful children.

Hedgehog Talk



*Reception and Year 3 children listening Nicky Thomas from
Warwickshire Hedgehog Trust*

Balmoral and Windsor Classes learnt about the diet hedgehogs need, how the warmer temperatures are affecting their habits and how to care for baby hedgehogs (known as hoglets).

Christmas Service and End-of-Term Awards

This year, we are combining our Christmas Carol Service and end-of-term presentations into one event. This will be held at 11am on Thursday 19th December at St. Michael's Church. Rev. Martin Green and Sarah Richardson (Chair of Governors) will be presenting the awards. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to join us at the church and we look forward to meeting you there at 11am.

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

Christmas Jumpers next Wednesday



Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper to school on Wednesday 18th December. This is not a charity activity, just a chance to 'get into the spirit' of the festive season, if the children would like to.

Please no other clothing, such as onezees, etc., and other school uniform still applies.

Christmas Dinner



Our Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 18th December when pupils and staff will join together to celebrate Christmas with a roast dinner.

FoBIPS are also providing crackers for the children to pull!

The cost of the dinner is the same as usual (£2.20) or free for all infants. Please order as normal via the DinnerPay site.

If your child is in KS2 and doesn't normally have school meals, just as a one-off, you can send £2.20 cash in an envelope with your child's name and class on it. Please also include the food option:

Roast Turkey / Quorn Fillet / Jacket Potato

All cash envelopes by Tuesday morning please!

	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
Monday 16th December	Buddies NESSY		Running Club	Swimming Holyrood	Buddies Football Club
Tuesday 17th December	Buddies NESSY		Eco Club R-Yr6		Buddies
Wednesday 18th December	Buddies NESSY	Christmas Jumpers Reception Stay and Play	Christmas Dinner		Buddies Netball Club No Drama
Thursday 19th December	Buddies NESSY	11am Christmas Carols & Awards at St.Michael's Church. All welcome	Homework Club Choir		Buddies
Friday 20th December	Buddies NESSY			END OF TERM	Buddies

Tai Kwon Do



Following the highly successful day of Tae Kwon Do held in school last Thursday, Jackson White will be starting an after-school class on Thursdays. The classes will be taught in 6-week blocks, payable in advance. The first block will be open to 16 children in Years 2 and 3 only. Future blocks will be available to other year groups. Please see the letter attached to this newsletter from Jackson White with instructions on how to join. For children who qualify under the free-school meal scheme, parents may apply for one block of 6 sessions to be subsidised by the school (please contact Mrs. Thornton).

AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR



How will you know if our School is Closed due to Bad Weather?

We are approaching that time of year when school closures are more likely due to adverse weather conditions. We will of course make every effort to keep the school open and will only close if there is a health and safety risk to pupils in school or parents/staff travelling to and from home.

If the decision is made to close the school, then we will notify the Emergency School Closures website straight away. This is an excellent communication service for you to use. You can log into the website where schools that are closed are listed clearly. Or, parents can sign up to receive an automatic text message alert if the school is closed. This is an extremely efficient and quick messaging service to keep yourselves up to date.

To register for this service, visit Warwickshire School Closures—Warwickshire Country Council website, the address is www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/emergency-school-closures.

Step 1: Select Bishops Itchington Primary School on the drop-down menu.

Step 2: Send the following message to **07491 163840**. Texts sent to this number are charged at your normal operator rate. **Note** - it is important that you include the word 'on' at the end of you message.

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When you have registered, you will receive a text message confirming your registration almost straight away. For the next year, you will be notified by text automatically if for any reason, the school has to close. [You will need to register again if you change your mobile phone number]. We will also leave a notification on the school website on the 'News Headlines' section on the front page. The website address is: www.bishopitchington.com.

Outside Lighting Improvement for Buddies



Thank you to the two parents who have told us that the path to and from Buddies was not sufficiently luminated in the dark mornings and evenings.

Extra lighting has been installed from the gate to the entrance door.

Please could you let us know if you feel further improvements are needed to make the route safe?

CALENDAR

December	Event	Time
18th Wednesday	Christmas Jumper Day and Christmas Lunch	
19th Thursday	Combined Christmas Concert and Prize-Giving assembly at the church—all welcome.	11am
20th Friday	Break up for Christmas holidays at the end of this day.	

January	Event	Time
6th Monday	Teacher Training Day—do not come to school this day!	
7th Tuesday	Spring Term Starts (please make sure uniform is named)	8.55am—3.30pm
13th Monday	Windsor Class first swimming lesson (Windsor swim all term)	Afternoon

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

CHRISTMAS DISCO

Thank you to all who came and enjoyed last Friday's Christmas Disco. The children had a great time and we discovered that the Macarena and the Cha Cha slide are big hits with the Juniors – so Donna will be busy practising her dance moves ready for the Easter disco at the end of the Spring Term!

The disco raised a total of £287.48 which is fantastic news.

CHRISTMAS LIGHT SWITCH ON

We were really pleased to be asked to be involved again in the Village Light Switch on and it was lovely to see so many parents and children enjoying the event from the village. This is a real boost to our funds but takes a lot of effort to put together. Thank you to the team for pulling this one together and thanks to the many parents who stayed and helped us take everything down after the event especially when they had tired and cold children!

We raised £391.23, which is a fantastic amount for the 1hr 30min event.

Nativity Play Raffle

The raffle at the infant's nativity is always a busy one and huge thanks to the team who came and sold tickets and folded tickets for us. Mrs Sykes and Orri had to step in and help fold the tickets during 5pm performance. Congratulations to the winners of the hampers and Christmas cake we hope they help you with your festive preparations.

The generosity of our parents, relatives and friends at these events always astounds us and we were delighted to raise an additional £200 which will be added to the class totals.

A Well-Deserved Rest

The whole of the FoBIPS team are looking forward to a well-deserved rest over the festive period but we will be back in the Spring Term ready and raring to go with our Spring Events which include Mother's Day Gift Room and the Easter Disco.

We welcome any suggestions for events however we would also welcome your continued support at these events as they do take time and effort to put together.

WHAT A TERM!

The FoBIPS team is delighted to share that during the Autumn Term we have raised a staggering £3,780.07 from the Fayre, Disco, Switch On and Christmas Products and the classes have raised £1,281.47 which is a fantastic amount for them to spend on curriculum enhancing experiences in their classrooms. We thank you all for your generosity shown towards school.

Finally, FoBIPS would like to wish everyone within the school community a very restful and Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

A BIG THANK YOU FROM THE SCHOOL

All of the staff, children and parents would like to send a GREAT BIG THANK YOU to the FoBIPS team who have worked absolute magic over the last term to help our school. Not only do they work so incredibly hard, they fill the school with enthusiasm and contribute greatly to the school's sense of community and inclusivity that makes it such a great place to learn. Thank you to: Donna Davenport, Adriana Elliot, Katarina Harvey, Anna Bennett, Sabina White, Mel Garland, Orlaith Horsman, Zoe Breakwell, Amy Coleman and Ed Rycroft.



Out of School Club

Christmas Holiday Club

Our Christmas Holiday Club will be open for 2 days on Monday 23rd December and Tuesday 24th December with lots of exciting Christmas activities planned.

A huge thank you to everyone who has booked their places. If you'd still like to book a place, please email the school office.

Swimming

Windsor Class will be swimming for the whole of the Spring Term on a Monday afternoon. Letters for the class will be sent out in the New Year.

Childcare Vouchers

Several parents have asked us about using childcare vouchers for trips, etc. Unfortunately childcare vouchers can only be used for Buddies and Ladybirds sessions.