

## Bishops Itchington Primary School

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#### Celebration Assemblies



Our next Celebration Assembly on Friday 27th September at school. This will combined with our Harvest Festival assembly. 2.30pm



Last Friday, at our Celebration Assembly, we celebrated the following achievements and they are definitely worthy of a mention.

Ralph Berryman achieved his Level 3 swimming award

Eleana Davenport achieved her 5m, 10m swimming distance award and her Level 2 swimming certificates

Erin Adams achieved for 20m swimming distance award.

Lily-Eden Bayliff achieved her Book-Lover award at Rainbows.

We would like parents/relatives and children to record achievements in the Achievement Book for future Celebration Assemblies.

This is looked after by Mrs. Thornton. Certificates/trophies should also be given to Mrs. Thornton.

#### What have your children been doing?

We have had a busy week at school getting down to some fun learning. I have been visiting the classes and saw some really engaged children who were engrossed and excited!

In Holyrood (Years 4 and 5), where the children are learning about mountains, Miss Wilkinson had made a model mountain-range structure using rather large objects covered in blankets—each part was named with its components. The children could really see the positions and proportions of the summit capped in snow, the slope, the foot, and so on. I didn't see a yeti on the mountain though!

In Kensington (Year 2), they were testing the absorbency of different materials in their Science lesson. They made sure they kept it a fair test by using the same amount of water for each material. The children have enjoyed learning the new word 'absorbent' and discussing why we use certain items to soak up water.



Our football, netball and drama clubs were well-attended and there is space in all of these clubs if anyone wishes to join. Football and Netball are free and we encourage all children from Year 3 upwards to come along. Additionally, Mrs. Buckingham is starting a lunch-time running club on Monday lunchtimes.

The weather forecast is looking favourable for our Family BBQ this evening from 5-7pm. Everyone is looking forward to our event full of fun and games.

Our harvest festival is on Friday 27th September at 2.30. (This will also be a celebration assembly). School is collecting gifts of dry packaged foods (breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, pasta, etc.), so we can help families who are in need in our local community. Please give your donations to your child or drop them into Mrs. Thornton in the office.

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*

## Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs Starting Next Week

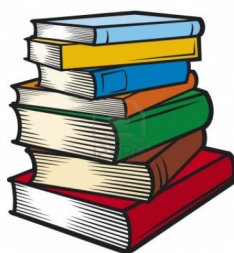
	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
<b>Monday</b> 23rd September	Buddies NESSY		Running Club	Swimming Holyrood	Buddies Football Club
<b>Tuesday</b> 24th September	Buddies NESSY	Brass Lessons	Eco Club R-Yr6		Buddies FOBIPS AGM
<b>Wednesday</b> 25 <sup>th</sup> September	Buddies NESSY				Buddies Netball Club Drama Club
<b>Thursday</b> 26 <sup>th</sup> September	Buddies NESSY		Choir Homework Club	Guitar Lessons	Buddies
<b>Friday</b> 27 <sup>th</sup> September	Buddies NESSY			Harvest Festival and Celebration Assembly at school. 2.30pm	Buddies

### BBQ



Don't forget our Family BBQ this afternoon 5-7pm. There will be games, music and fun for everyone!

## Homework Guidance



Last year, a Parent Homework Forum of some keen and helpful parents met with Mrs. Sykes, and Mrs. Wakelin (then a governor). The Parent Forum was set up to amend our school homework policy by including the views of our valuable parents.

The policy is attached to this newsletter. The school urges you to read it because it contains some really useful information and tips on how you can help your child with homework. It especially encourages you to be in contact with your child's teacher should you have any concerns. We do not want any parent to feel they cannot approach their teacher if they have something to say.

## Operation Encompass



Your school is working closely with Warwickshire Council and Warwickshire Police to ensure children are supported when they have been exposed to cases of domestic violence and emotional abuse within the home.

Please read the attached letter on Operation Encompass, which explains this supportive scheme.

## BUDDIES

### Going Out and Coming In!

Buddies is absolutely thriving! Our fantastic morning and after-school club has had up to 25 children some mornings: there's a lot toast-chomping, Lego-playing and picture-colouring going on!

Please could we ask all parents and carers to use only the back entrance. Please do not use the front door and do not walk through or around the school when dropping off and picking up your lovely children. The staff have a responsibility to keep your children safe and they find this challenging when multiple doors and routes are being used. Thank you so much for your understanding.

## Dates this Term

September		Time
20 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Family BBQ	5-7pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Year 6 Cross Country Southam College	10.30am
24 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	FOBIPS AGM at school - all welcome	7.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Combined Harvest Festival and Celebration Assembly at school	2.30pm
October	Event	Time
1st Tuesday	Holyrood Class trip to see Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice	
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	House cross-country – all welcome	2.15pm
11 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Celebration Assembly – all welcome	3pm
12 <sup>th</sup> Saturday	Year 6 Cross Country Hatton Country World	9.30am
14 <sup>th</sup> Monday	Open morning – all welcome	9.15 – 11am
	Coffee Morning in aid of Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group.	
18th Friday	Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Fund Raiser—wear a yellow or gold top to school—£1 donation.	
18 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Windsor Bake Sale	3.30pm
24 <sup>th</sup> Thursday	Reception Stay and Play 9.30—10.30 and 10.45—11.45	
25 <sup>th</sup> Friday	INSET DAY – No school today	
28 <sup>th</sup> 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
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	
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.	

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

Back to School – BBQ

## Important Information

This is an outdoor event and access to school will be limited to the toilets by the infants' entrance.

Please enter via the gate **on Ladbroke Road**, please bring a picnic blanket with you if you have one as we are expecting over 80 parents and 90 children. **Please do not bring alcohol to the event.**

Safety notices will be displayed advising that the safe area in the event of a fire is the corner of the Ladybirds building by the gym equipment.

Parents are kindly reminded that children are their responsibility.

As this is not a fundraising event all items are being sold at cost price.

## AGM - Reminder

All parents are invited to attend our AGM which will be held on **Tuesday 24th September** at 7:30pm in School. Please come along and see what we do and if you have any fundraising ideas then do share them with us. The agenda is attached to this newsletter.

## Sponsorship opportunities

The Christmas Fayre will be held on Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November and we are offering sponsorship opportunities priced at £50 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 4<sup>th</sup> November until Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

To register your interest please email [fobips@gmail.com](mailto:fobips@gmail.com) and Zoe Breakwell will be in touch.

## Win a sponsorship

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<sup>th</sup> October** and the winner will be asked for their logo to put onto our sponsors board.

## Autumn Term Events

**Friday 20 Sept 5-7pm - Back to school BBQ – please enter via the gate on the Ladbroke Road**

**Tuesday 24 Sept 7:30pm - FOBIPS AGM**

**Windsor Class Bake Sale – Friday 18<sup>th</sup> October 3:30pm**

**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)**



email us: [fobips@gmail.com](mailto:fobips@gmail.com)



[FoBIPS Facebook Page](#)



## **Out of School Club**

We know we are firmly back into the swing of things but we would like to extend a warm welcome back to all our children and parents and a special welcome to our new Reception children. We hope they enjoy their time with us.

### **Our Room**

Now that everyone has managed to navigate their way to our room, we do hope you like it. Obviously it is still work in progress and things will be moved around many times until we get it how we want it, but we do hope it is cosy, welcoming and fun for the children.

### **Mug Tombola**

We will be holding our popular annual Mug Tombola at the Christmas Fair. Any donations of mugs and/or donations to go in them would be gratefully received.

### **Signing in and out**

Please can we remind all parents/carers/trusted adults to ensure they sign the children in and out for each session. It is vitally important to do this in case of any emergencies so we know who is in the building and who has left.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Buddies@BIPS

## **News from E-group**

Before the holidays, the clothing bank was emptied and we received £32.45 for school funds. This is good for the school and also helps towards our Eco-schools Green Flag, which we kept at the end of last term. Please support this by putting your unwanted clothes, shoes, bags and belts into the container in the school car park. Thank you.

We have a lot of new children in school in Reception Class and lots of new families moving into the village. We thought it would be a good time to remind everyone about what it means to be a Green Flag Eco-school.

We recycle as much as we can. In each classroom we have a special bin for recycling paper, card, plastic bottles and cans. We turn our fruit waste into compost in our wormery. We recycle our food waste from lunchtime. More generally, we are a collection point for printer cartridges (except for Epson), worn out batteries, used stamps and, of course, clothes. Also we have Recycled Uniform on offer for a donation.

Last term we started recycling crisp packets with the WI. So far we have saved 6,400 crisp packets from landfill.

Other activities include reading meters and monitoring our energy use; feeding the birds; litter picking; trying to improve our school environment and the wider environment too.