

# Bishops Itchington Primary School

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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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### Celebration Assemblies



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

Sandringham: Harriet Tomes

Kensington: Archie Ryan

Windsor: Ellie Watson

Holyrood: Bertie McNab

Buckingham: Liam Yates



We also celebrated

Maeve Garland's football achievement of being "Player of the Match". Well done Maeve.

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.

Our combined Celebration Assembly and Harvest Festival is Friday 27th September at 2.30pm at school. We look forward to welcoming you.

### Our News!

We have had a great first week back at school. After all the exciting chatter about the summer holidays had calmed down, all the classes settled into some great learning.

In our Wednesday assembly, children enthusiastically shared some of their work. Windsor and Holyrood Class have written some excellent texts about whether yetis exist! Buckingham Class shared their experiments about their Science topic on light, which involved turning off the lights in the hall and beaming torches. This was great!

Rev. Martin Green visited us on Tuesday with his guitar and the children sang in assembly, with many actions and standing-ups and sitting-downs! Martin will be coming into school for a sing-along once a month.

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.

Topic webs have been introduced into school. These are easy-to-read 'maps' of what each class will be learning during the next term. Teachers will be sending these out to you during the next few days.

Don't forget that you all invited to our Family BBQ next Friday 20th September from 5-7pm. This not a fund-raising event but an opportunity for our parents to meet up and feel a part of our community. So come along and join in with the community-spirit at our school.

Our harvest festival is on Friday 27th September at 2.30. (This will also be a celebration assembly). School will be collecting donations to give to The Food Bank during the next couple of weeks. Gifts of dry packaged foods will be gratefully received (breakfast cereals, tea, coffee, sugar, pasta, etc.), so we can help families who are in need in our local community.

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,

Head of School

## Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs Starting Next Week

	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
<b>Monday</b> 16th September	Buddies NESSY			Swimming Holyrood	Buddies Football Club
<b>Tuesday</b> 17th September	Buddies NESSY	Brass Lessons	Eco Club R-Yr6		Buddies
<b>Wednesday</b> 18th September	Buddies NESSY				Buddies Netball Club Drama Club
<b>Thursday</b> 19th September	Buddies NESSY	Brass Assembly	Choir Homework Club	Guitar Lessons	Buddies
<b>Friday</b> 20th September	Buddies NESSY			Year 6 assembly	Buddies Family BBQ

### FAMILY BBQ



You are all invited to our Family BBQ on Friday 20th from 5-7pm. There will be games, music and fun for everyone!

Tickets are £1 for adults and 50p for each child (a free hot or soft drink will be included).

Burgers and hotdogs will be for sale.

Look out for the invitation or contact Mrs. Thornton in the office.

### Chicken Pox and Measles

Please read the attached letter about this. Thank you very much for supporting us to keep children safe.



### Times Tables Rock Stars!

To encourage children to practice their times tables, all children in KS2 (Years 3-6) have access to this fantastic resource on line. Children will create their own Rockstar avatar and even choose a Rock Star name! Each time they play they will earn coins and these coins can be used to buy accessories for their Rock Star.

Children will be given time in school to play but they can also access the site at home. Each child will have a login name and password. These will be stuck into the front of maths homework books, over the next couple of weeks.

1. Log on to the website: <https://trockstars.com>>login
2. Login as school pupil
3. Type in our school name
4. Enter username and password

Hopefully this will encourage children to practise their times tables at home. Any problems with logging in please contact your child's class teachers via Seesaw.

Sarah Daly

## Dates this Half Term

September		Time
20 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Family BQQ	5-7pm
21 <sup>st</sup> Saturday	Year 6 Cross Country Southam College	10.30am
24 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday	FOBIPS AGM at school	7.30pm
27 <sup>th</sup> Friday	Combined Harvest Festival and Celebration Assembly at	2.30pm
October	Event	Time
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.	
18 <sup>th</sup> 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
		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	

### Please Help Us!

I’m sure you are all aware of the difficult funding situation schools face from the coverage in the media. If I explain how school dinners and free school meals work, then you might be able to help us.

#### Cancel School Meals when your Child is Absent

Children in Reception, Year One, and Year Two are entitled to free school meals. Additionally, there are many other children who have free-school-meal entitlement. This is entirely supported by the school and our staff. School claims the cost of these particular meals from the Council but we can only claim for those meals that are ordered and eaten.

When a dinner is ordered and the child is absent from school—or decides to have a packed lunch instead—without cancelling their school dinner, school is still charged for that dinner by the catering company and we cannot claim the money back from the Council. This extra cost is paid for from school funds. Ouch!

Please cancel your child’s dinner if you possibly can when they are absent so school does not have to pay for it. Thank you very much for helping us with this.

#### Registering for Free-School Meals

For families who are on low income, the Government gives their children’s school extra money and it also gives the children free school meals. This is called Pupil Premium money. This money makes a real difference to our school. It helps us pay for a Teaching Assistant in every class every morning of the week. It also helps us to run catch-up groups for children who need it.

Children in Reception, Year One and Year Two receive free school meals but this alone does not make the Government give us Pupil Premium money. For this to be paid, parents must register on-line using the link below. It is quick, confidential and benefits your child and other children in the school enormously.

<https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/apply-free-school-meals>

Please, please take a few moments and see if you can register your child to help our school community, and Mrs. Thornton can assist you in confidence.

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

A reminder to return your reply slips and money for the Back to school BBQ to the school office by Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September. The BBQ is being held on **Friday 20th September** and is for all families to welcome the new parents to our school. This is a great opportunity to catch up with other parents over a bite to eat. Some of the FoBIPS games will be available to entertain children. Spare forms are available from the office

**Paypal** – did you know that you can pay fobips by PayPal for all events? Please ensure you reference the event you are paying for and if space allows the surname of your child. Please use our email address to make payments – fobips@gmail.com

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 will be published in next week's newsletter.

Do keep an eye out for updates in the weekly school newsletter, our posters around school and like our Facebook page - [Friends of Bishops Itchington Primary School](#) for news of all opportunities to support the school or ways to get involved.

Do you shop online? Have you signed up to EasyFundraising? This is the easiest way to support school without leaving your home! Over 3,000 retailers make donations to our cause when you shop online via EasyFundraising. There is NO additional cost yourself and you can do this via the EasyFundraising app or on via the donation reminder which you download to your PC/Laptop. For help with this please ask one of the FoBIPS team.

<https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fobips/>

Autumn Term Events

Friday 20 Sept 5-7pm - Back to school BBQ

Tuesday 24 Sept 7:30pm - FOBIPS AGM

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

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)

## Scabies—Please look out for an itchy rash on the skin

We have had one case of scabies in school. We know the source of this parasitic infection was not from the school and the person concerned has sought medical attention and is keeping away from school. Like other parasitic infections, this was caused purely by being in contact with someone else who was infected.

If someone in your family has an itchy rash that spreads, and they feel well, then please visit your GP to check it out. Scabies is highly contagious so please don't ignore any signs of a spreading itchy rash.



## Wasps!

At the end of Thursday lunchtime, a wasps' nest was disturbed on the playing field resulting in some children being stung by angry wasps.

Staff acted immediately by removing the children from the playing field, very quickly applying first aid and contacting parents. Our afternoon playtime was cancelled (sorry children) and the field was immediately cordoned off.

Dave 'The Exterminator' was called straight away who treated the wasps' nest within 2 1/2 hours. Dave advised that the wasps would all be dead within 2 hours. We scoured the school grounds and could not detect any other nests.

Our field was soon safe for the children to play on. Children often panic when wasps are about, so please advise them not to approach a nest should they see one and certainly not disturb it. We will also be talking to the children about this in school.



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Dear Parents,

One of the pupils in our school has recently been diagnosed with a serious medical condition. They are being treated by the medical staff at University Hospitals Coventry and Warwickshire.

Due to the intensity of the treatment, some simple precautions are necessary to help them stay well and we need your help to do this.

This pupil is much more likely to catch infectious diseases from other pupils because the medicines used for treatment weaken the body's natural immune system. Of particular concern, is chicken pox and measles.

Serious complications from chicken pox can be avoided if the pupil receives preventative treatment within 72 hours of being exposed to the virus. The important factor will be determining whether or not this pupil has been exposed at school. This will require the cooperation of all of our families.

If you believe that your child has contracted or recently been exposed to chicken pox, shingles or measles, please contact the school office as soon as possible. We will then alert the family so they can be advised to take the proper precautions.

Please do not allow children with suspected chicken pox/measles to attend school until all of the blisters have dried and formed into scabs. This is usually about 7-10 days after the onset of the rash. Pupils with unexplained rashes should also not attend school until the rash has been identified as non-infectious by a doctor.

The best way to protect a child from measles is for all children to be immunised against the disease. If you child has not already been vaccinated, I urge you to please discuss immunisation with your GP. If you suspect your child has measles you should let the school know immediately.

If your child has sickness of diarrhoea, then please do not allow them back into school until 48 hours have passed since their last episode. This is to protect not only this child, but our whole school community.

Thank you for helping us with this important matter. Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have further questions.

Your sincerely,

*Jacky Sykes*