

# Bishops Itchington Primary School

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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:

Balmoral: all the children

Sandringham: Toby Roe

Kensington: Toby Price

Windsor: Erin Adams

Holyrood: Ashlee Trussler

Buckingham: Tammy Moss



We also celebrated Achievement Awards for the following children:

Gabriella Bennett—50m swimming,  
Rainbow Award Level 4 & Summer  
Reading Challenge

Francesca Bennett—Reading Challenge

Megan Bayliss—100m swimming

Maxwell Walker—Swimming Level 1

Harvey Elliott—Swimming Level 3

Isaac Meredith—Make, Bake & Grow  
Show—2nd Prize, Victoria Sandwich

Maeve Garland, Alfie Pilling and Harry  
Davenport—Southam United trophy for  
winning 10—1!

Our next Celebration Assembly is  
Friday 11th October at 3pm. We  
look forward to welcoming you all.

### BBQ Success!



On Friday, our family BBQ was attended by around 200 people.... Yes 200! The weather treated us to a warm, although breezy, evening.

Here are some of the comments:

Such a relaxing evening. It was great to see the children playing together

Can we do this again next year?

Wow! An amazing turnout. What a wonderful idea!

I would like to thank the members of FoBIPS who worked so incredibly hard to help put on the event so our community could come together in a relaxed and friendly atmosphere. 144 hot dogs and 150 burgers were cooked and eaten! The food was provided by FoBIPS at cost and the event was run as non-profit making.

The burgers and buns that were left over were donated to LWS Leamington Night Shelter. The food was most gratefully received on behalf of our very most vulnerable people in the Leamington community. Please see the article in the newsletter about the Shelter and my invitation for you to join me as a volunteer.

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*

Head of School



*Mrs. Sykes giving the food donation from FoBIPS to volunteers Abi and Chris at the Night Shelter.*

## Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs Next Week

	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
<b>Monday</b> 30th September	Buddies NESSY		Running Club	Swimming Holyrood	Buddies Football Club
<b>Tuesday</b> 1st October	Buddies NESSY	Holyrood Shakespeare Trip Brass Lessons	Eco Club R-Yr6		Buddies FOBIPS AGM
<b>Wednesday</b> 2nd October	Buddies NESSY				Buddies Netball Club Drama Club
<b>Thursday</b> 3rd October	Buddies NESSY	Brass Assembly	Choir Homework Club Pizza Time!	Guitar Lessons	Buddies
<b>Friday</b> 4th October	Buddies NESSY			House Cross Country	Buddies

## Cross Country News

### Our Year 6 Team

On Saturday morning, some of our fantastic Year 6 children completed the first cross-country course at Southam College. We are very proud of them—and for some, this was the very first time they had completed a cross-country course, ever!

The next competition is on Saturday 12th October at Hatton Country World.

It's great to get fit! A number of additional Year 6 children have said they be joining the team next time. Well done.



### House Cross-Country

**Friday 4th October at 2.15pm**



The tradition of holding our House Cross Country race will continue this year. The event will be held on our school field starting at 2.15pm next Friday. All classes will be taking part. Parents and relatives are encouraged to cheer the children along.

We recognise that for some children, running is exciting whereas for other, it can make them feel anxious. We are very happy for those children to walk around the course—it isn't really a race but an opportunity to have some fun!

If the weather is wet, we will have to cancel for safety reasons. An email message will be sent to all parents at 11am, confirming Yes or No. We would prefer you not to telephone the school but to wait for your message to come through.

## No Bikes or Scooters on the playground, please!

Keeping everyone safe at school is our primary concern. Our playground is a very busy place. To prevent accidents, we are not going to allow any bikes, scooters or skate boards onto the playground. We encourage children to wear a helmet if they cycle to school. Please could parents ensure that their children leave bikes and scotters by the gate.

Also, please do not allow your children to play on the pirate ship before and after school. We would like to thank you for helping us keep our playground safe for everyone to enjoy.



## Holiday Requests



We know how wonderful it would be if we could all be on holiday all of the time! However, requests for parents to take children out of school during term time - unless there are exceptional circumstances—will not be authorised.

Did you know that if your child misses a week at school, they will return with a gap in their learning that is difficult to repair? Each lesson is a building block of knowledge with the next lesson building on the last. By taking your child out of school, the building blocks are missing, which can cause your child to struggle. Children can feel embarrassed and vulnerable if they are put in this position because; they will not know what previous learning has taken place, they will have missed experiences within the

learning environment, and they will have lost the opportunity to join in with discussions around the learning that occurred when they were absent. This applies to every single age group.

Missing school also affects the other children in the class because adults have to spend valuable teaching time helping your child to catch up. This takes an adult away from the children they have been planned to work with, which affects the education of other children.

If there is an exceptional reason for your child to be out of school, then please send your application form into the school office (Application for Leave of Absence for a School Pupil in Term in Exceptional Circumstances Only). You will need to provide supporting evidence, which could include a letter from your employer explaining your work pattern (for example, NHS-employee); a third-party letter referring to an overseas family wedding; or similar.

All requests and supporting evidence will be considered jointly by the Head of School and a School Governor—and this should be received at least four weeks before the intended absence.

The position of the Stowe Valley MAT is that if a pupil does not attend school when permission has not been granted, the parents can be prosecuted.

Obviously, in cases where there is illness within the family or a funeral or similar, then these would be seen as exceptional circumstances automatically and notice would not be needed. A phone call to Mrs. Sykes would be sufficient. In such circumstances, the school would wish to offer support to the family in any way we can.

We hope this clarifies the school's position on term-time holidays and explains the reasons why we have this policy in place. I am grateful to you, our parents and carers, for supporting the school in this policy to ensure all of our children reach their potential at our school.

## Tea and Cake with Mrs. Sykes

School dinners on Thursday next week is Pizza Time! This is always a popular choice for the children. To celebrate our 'Do Something Nice Day', we will be issuing a raffle ticket to each child who has a school dinner on Thursday. The tickets will be put into a draw and two winners (one boy and one girl) will be invited—with a friend each— to have tea and cakes with Mrs Sykes in her new office!



## Dates this Term

October	Event	Time
1st Tuesday	Holyrood Class trip to see Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice	
4 <sup>th</sup> Friday	House cross-country at school – 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	10am
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.	



Mrs. Sykes will going to the Volunteering Taster Evening on Saturday 12 October 2019 from 6:30pm until 9:30pm. The Night Shelter usually opens on a Friday and Saturday night when hot meals are served, some clients stay the night and breakfast is also served the next morning. However, there are times when this vital support—offered to our most vulnerable people in the Leamington community—cannot open due to not enough volunteers being available.

If anyone would like to come with Mrs. Sykes, for the evening shift, she would be delighted! Please email her on: [sykes.j@stowevalley.com](mailto:sykes.j@stowevalley.com) if you would like to join her. (It is at the Priors Club, CV31 2DR, Leamington Spa).



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

## Back to School – BBQ

Thank you to all who came and supported last Friday's BBQ. The weather and the turnout was amazing. It wasn't a planned fundraiser as all items were sold at cost price however due to the generosity of a lot of people we have generated £170.85.

Thank you to those of you who signed up to help out either behind the scenes or at events; we really appreciate the support.

## AGM

Our AGM was held on Tuesday this week; please see the attached minutes, treasurer's report and chair report for full details.

## A new committee member

The team has now increased to 11 as Amy Coleman (mum of Edward in Year 1) has joined the team. Welcome on board Amy.

## 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

**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)**

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



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