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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
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Change to Safeguarding at the End of the Day!

We constantly listen to parents and teaching staff about how we can improve the safeguarding in our school. As a result, we have reviewed the arrangements for handing over your children to their parents/carers at the end of the day. The new procedures are attached and we would be extremely grateful if you could read them and continue to help us ensure your children's safety.

- Reception Class (Balmoral) will now leave at 3.25pm through their normal gate.
- Year 1 (Sandringham) will now leave through the Reception Class gate at 3.30pm.
- For all parents collecting children, we ask them to stand right back so that teaching staff can make 'eye-contact' and beckon them forward to meet their child one-by-one.
- If there is a change in who is picking up your child at the end of the day, this must be communicated to Mrs. Thornton in the school office.
- Only children in Year 6 may walk home unaccompanied and then, only if written permission is given by their parent/carer.

Thank you for helping us to keep your children safe. Details of how and why these procedures are now in place is included in the guidance attached to this newsletter.



Our next Celebration Assembly is on
Friday 31st January—everyone is wel-
come!

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

Our Wonderful Library

Over the Christmas holiday, Friends of Bishops Itchington School (FoBIPS) organised and funded the redecoration of our library. They have also been working with Mrs. Russell to select and fund new furniture to transform our reading environment into a desirable and comfortable space in which pupils can relax and enjoy reading. We are all eternally thankful to FoBIPS once again for their help in improving our school and of course to our parents and friends who have helped us to raise the money through the different events hosted by FoBIPS.



The Shakespeare Ambassadors with Mrs. Russell at their first meeting in our newly refurbished library.

To kick-start the use of the new-look library, our Shakespeare Ambassadors held their first meeting.

The Shakespeare Ambassadors are in the middle of planning a highly-exciting event for the pupils across the school.... Watch this space! I believe it is a talent competition.

Making Blood!

Switching to Science now, Year 6 had an amazing lesson last week when they made blood! By using different food products, the class put together the components of blood: water and yellow food-colouring for the plasma; Cheerios soaked in red food-colouring for the red blood cells; small marshmallows for the white blood cells and brown rice for the platelets. This excellent lesson has enabled the children to really understand the different components of human blood and the jobs they do.



Although a little while away, please can I remind you that our parents' evenings will be held on Tuesday 3rd March and Thursday 5th March. Please put these dates in your diaries and the appointment sheet will be available soon.

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

Jacky Sykes

What do the children think of our refurbished library?



I think it's much brighter, a welcoming place. The bookshelves are all sorted out, graded and there are more new books. The seat area is really open and there are lovely displays all over the walls!

The KS1 section looks better because you can see the front covers and it's more bright because of the bright wood.



The new library is clean, great and brighter. The books are all banded and organised. The new furniture is very soft and comfortable. The new books are amazing.

Isaac VS



Extra-Curricular Activities Next Week

| | Before School | Morning | Lunchtime | Afternoon | After School |
|------------------------|------------------|---------------|------------------------|---|--|
| Monday 27th January | Buddies NESSY | | Running Club | Windsor swim Mrs. Sykes reading with Reception | Buddies Football Match at Radford Semele |
| Tuesday 28th January | Buddies NESSY | Brass Lessons | Eco Club R-Yr6 | | Buddies Mad Science |
| Wednesday 29th January | Buddies NESSY | | | | Buddies Netball match |
| Thursday 30th January | Buddies NESSY | | Homework Club Choir | Guitar Lessons | Buddies Taekwondo |
| Friday 31st January | Buddies NESSY | | | Celebration Assembly | Buddies |

| January | | Time |
|----------------------------|---|----------|
| 27 th Monday | Football match away at Radford Semele | 3:30 pm |
| 31 st Friday | Celebration Assembly—everyone welcome | 3-3.30pm |
| February | | Time |
| 11 th Tuesday | Martin Green Assembly | 10.15am |
| 12 th Wednesday | RSC Holyrood Performance (trip out) | All day |
| 14 th Friday | Celebration Assembly | 3-3.30pm |
| 17 th Monday | HALF TERM BREAK | |
| March | | Time |
| 3 rd Tuesday | Parents' Evening | 4-6pm |
| 5 th Thursday | Parents' Evening | 4.30-7pm |
| 6 th Friday | Celebration Assembly – all to attend | 3-3.30pm |
| 10 th Tuesday | Martin Green Assembly | 10.15am |
| 31 st Tuesday | Martin Green assembly | 10.15am |
| April | | Time |
| 3 rd Friday | Trophy Achievement Assembly—all welcome | 2.45pm |
| 2 weeks | EASTER HOLIDAYS | |

- *There is no football club on Monday 27th January as the older children are playing in a match.*
- *There is no netball club on Wednesday 29th January as the older children are playing in a match.*



Out of School Club

February Half-Term (17-21 Feb)

We are hoping to open up Buddies@BIPS Holiday Club for the 5 days during February half-term. Miss Jeacock will be running the club along with another member of staff.

We need sufficient numbers for the club to run, so please book your place early by emailing or phoning the school office. Please book by next Friday 31st January.

Zach Holt has lost his glasses. They are black with the Avengers on the side. Please return them to Zach if you find them.