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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: Rhys Cable

Sandringham: Freya Wheeler

Kensington: Maxwell Walker

Windsor: Alfie Pilling

Holyrood: Hollie Webb

Buckingham: Isabel Webb



We also celebrated Achievement Awards for the following children:

Emma Strange: Classical Ballet award

Clara Steward: Swimming level 2

Ella Cattell: Streetdance medal

Lauren Longden: Swimming level 4

Emily Mann: Bear's Reading Adventure

Benjamin Watson: Gymnastics level 8

Martha Rycroft: Love Ballet Dance Trophy

Austin Berryman: Swimming level 5

Ralph Berryman: Swimming 25 metres

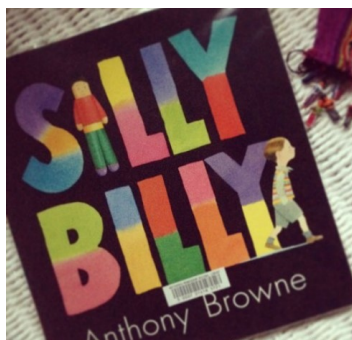
Charlotte Scott: Classical Ballet Award, Swimming 10 metre, Swimming 100 metres, Swimming level 5

Grace Day will be performing in "The Greatest Showman" at the Royal Spa Centre in the summer

*Our next Celebration Assembly is Friday
14th February at 3pm. We look forward to
welcoming you all.*

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

Worry Dolls



In our assembly on Monday, we shared the story about Silly Billy who worried about absolutely everything and this was stopping him from sleeping. Billy's grandma gave him some little wooden worry dolls and told him to tell his worries to the dolls and then put them under his pillow at night. That way his worries were passed onto the dolls and he could sleep at night. The children have been invited to colour in a picture of a worry doll, if they wish, and I look forward to the children showing them to me. There are prizes!

Spring Lamb Visits Year 2

A two-week old lamb called Jim visited Year 2 on Tuesday. Jim was helping the children with their Living Things and their Habitats learning in Science. The children asked some fantastic questions about Jim. After the lesson, Jim was returned to his mummy on the farm.



Love at first sight!

Holidays within School Term

I am afraid we continue to get parents requesting to take their children out of school for holidays during term time. Unless there are exceptional circumstances, then holidays will not be authorised (this is the guidance from the government). Of course we realise that holidays within term-time are cheaper, but they are detrimental to children's learning. I have repeated information in this newsletter to explain why this is. Thank you for reading this and working with us to support your children.

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

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 be-

cause; 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

The Book Fair is in Town!



The Book Fair will be visiting our school during the week of 24th February. Books will be available to view and to buy in the front Reception Area at school from 3:30 until 4pm on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. (We would be grateful if parents could walk around the school and use the front entrance to follow our safe-guarding guidelines.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday 5th March. We are inviting children to dress up as their favourite character for the school day. It would be great if the children could also bring in the book that relates to their character, which can be shared with other children.



Extra-Curricular Activities Next Week

	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
Monday 3rd February	Buddies NESSY		Running Club	Swimming Windsor	Buddies Football Club
Tuesday 4th February	Buddies NESSY	Brass Lessons	Eco Club R-Yr6		Buddies Mad Science
Wednesday 5th February	Buddies NESSY				Buddies Netball Club
Thursday 6th February	Buddies NESSY		Homework Club Choir	Guitar Lessons	Buddies Taekwondo
Friday 7th February	Buddies NESSY	Number Day		Year 6 Assembly	Buddies

February	Diary Dates	Time
3rd Monday	Royal Shakespeare Company working with Holyrood Class	
7th Friday	Number Day (Mascot entries to be given in by Monday 10th)	
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	
24th—27th Mon-Thurs	Book Fair in front Reception area.	3:30—4pm
March		Time
3 rd Tuesday	Parents' Evening	4-6pm
5 th Thursday	Parents' Evening	4.30-7pm
5th Thursday	World Book Day—children dress up as favourite character	
6 th Friday	Celebration Assembly – everyone welcome	3-3.30pm
10 th Tuesday	Martin Green Assembly	10.15am
16th and 17th	Mothers' Day gift room	Lunchtime
31 st Tuesday	Martin Green assembly	10.15am
April		Time
3 rd Friday	Trophy Achievement Assembly—all welcome	2.45pm
2 weeks	EASTER HOLIDAYS	

Southam College Year 6

Reading Group

Four Year-6 children are working with Mrs. Jones, Southam College's Librarian to deepen their interest in reading. This term they are studying gothic fiction.

At the end of the Spring Term, the children will join other Year 6 children from local schools for an afternoon workshop at Southam College.

Mrs. Jones has been advising us on how to create a inviting and accessible library; she was very impressed to see the transformation since her last visit!



Maths Mascot

Bishops Itchington School needs a new maths mascot. Can you help?

To celebrate NSPCC Number Day (**Friday 7th February**) we will be running a competition to design a cartoon maths mascot.

The winning design will be used in all classrooms around the school on maths displays.

The character will also help with teaching new vocabulary and pattern spotting.

Your character should be fun, friendly and very enthusiastic about maths!

You could go for an animal design, a superhero, a robot or even an alien.

Your design should be bright, bold and eye-catching with a maths theme.

You could include numbers, symbols or maths apparatus such as Numicon, Base10, place value counters, etc.

How to Enter

We will be sending home entry forms. Complete your maths mascot design and return to school by **Monday 10th of February**. We are asking for a small donation of **50p**. All proceeds will go to the NSPCC.

There will be a certificate and small prize for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in **KS1**

and for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in **KS2**

The overall winning design will become the official maths mascot for our school.

Good Luck. I look forward to meeting your characters.

Mrs Daly





Out of School Club

February Half-Term

We still need a few more children to be booked into the Half-term Holiday Club (17-21 February) before we can guarantee opening. Please ring or email your booking requirements to school by Monday 3rd February at the latest.



Out of School Club

Advance Notice of Holiday Clubs for the rest of this academic year:

Easter Holiday (Monday 6th April—Thursday 9th April and Tuesday 14th April—Friday 17th April). We will not be open on Good Friday or Easter Monday.

May Half-term Holiday (Tuesday 26th May—Friday 29th May). We will not be open on Bank Holiday Monday.

Summer Holiday: We will be offering the 4 weeks in the middle of the summer holiday, i.e. weeks commencing:

27th July, 3rd August, 10th August and 17th August.

As in all cases, we can open only if there are sufficient numbers to make it viable. If you already know your booking requirements please let the school office know either by phone or email.

Health

We have a couple of cases of chicken pox in Reception Class. If you have any concerns please consult your GP.

School Meals

Unfortunately there was a problem with the IT on DinnerPay site today and they were unable to send us a list of the children booked in for a school dinner and their choices.

Please accept our apologies for any confusion! We hope that all the children got their chosen meal!

Year 11 student is offering—Babysitting and Learning Support

I was a volunteer helper at Youth Club for 2 years as part of my Duke of Edinburgh bronze and silver awards. I am now looking to raise funds towards my World Challenge that takes place in 2021. Having lived in Bishops Itchington and attended the Primary School myself, I would like to do some babysitting for the children in the village where I grew up. I would also be happy to help with numeracy and reading if needed.

If I can help you, then please contact my Mum (Sam) on 07818 037906 for further information.

Thank you, *Howie Farrall*