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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
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On-Line Safety

The speed and extent of which the internet is advancing is staggering. I spent a lesson with Year 2 this week talking about internet safety, and was amazed at how these young, clever children knew how technology can help them; in fact they took it very much for granted! How do you think Little Red Riding Hood could find her way around in the deep dark forest? "She would use Google maps, of course!" How would Cinderella buy her outfit for the ball using the internet? "She would use on-line shopping, Mrs. Sykes!" - although they weren't sure where the money would come from!

The children also knew that the Internet can be dangerous and they must not speak to anyone on-line who they do not know. Splendid!



However, there is another concern that they could not really grasp: the risk to their wellbeing by spending too much time on a device. Being glued to a screen can limit social skills and confidence and this can also be seen as anti-social and even rude.

We also know that many of our pupils play computer games that are rated above their age. Age-ratings are given because the games are not appropriate for younger children. Games are designed to be addictive on purpose and they can 'pull' children into a world that is unsuitable for their mental wellbeing. Some parents tell me they are not able to stop their child playing inappropriately-aged computer games because all of their friends play them. I would like to appeal to parents to be strong and united; the children will have plenty of opportunity to play computer games when they are older.

Miss Aston— our Computing Subject Manager— has attached some very useful information for you to share with your family. It is informative and useful to help you keep your children safe online.

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

Netball Team



Our netball team played an 'away' match against Long Itchington on Wednesday. They had a great time and Sophie, their coach, was full of admiration about how well the children played. Although they lost 8-3, the game was exciting and this was a great experience for the children. There is another match on Wednesday and netball club will continue for those children playing as we will have three coaches here.

Coronavirus

The risk to UK residents from the Coronavirus is low according to Public Health England. There is a poster issued by Public Health England in this newsletter giving advice and where you can get extra information. School is getting regular updates from official sources and we will update parents should this status change.

World Book Day

World Book Day is on Thursday. Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character and bring the book into school to share.

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

Parents' Evenings are on Tuesday 3rd and Thursday 5th March. Please sign up!

Our next Celebration Assembly is on Friday 6th March at 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you all!

Staff Changes within School

Mrs. Thornton

We are sad to say goodbye to Mrs. Thornton, who has decided to say farewell to our school. Mrs. Thornton has been the welcoming face of our school for some 23 years and she will be sadly missed by parents, children, governors and staff. We wish her well for the future. We are making a collection so we can buy her gift to show our appreciation for the help and support she has given our school for such a long time. If you wish to make a donation, could you please send it into the office in an envelope marked, "Mrs. Thornton donation".



Mrs. Bond

Mrs. Bond, who has worked behind the scenes organising the school's finances for many years has chosen to leave the school. We would like to thank Mrs. Bond for her dedicated service and wish her well for the future. Likewise, if you would like to make a donation, could you please send it into the office marked, "Mrs. Bond donation".

Mrs. Collen Joining Sandringham Class

We are pleased to tell you that Mrs. Collen will be the new class teacher in Year One working full time after Easter. We are extremely confident in this appointment and very much look forward to Mrs. Collen joining our school.

Mrs. Collen will be teaching Sandringham Class on Wednesday afternoons from 11th March so they can get to know each other before the Easter break.

Mrs. Wingrove and Mrs. Collen are working together over the next few weeks to ensure that the learning is continuous and the transition for the children is smooth and supportive.



Information-Gathering Sheets

Children will shortly be bringing home Information-Gathering Sheets for parents/carers to update with their personal details. This is important information so that the school knows who to contact and how to contact them should we need to. Your prompt response would really help us to help you.



Tae Kwon Do

The next block of sessions is due to start on **Thursday 5th March** until **Thursday 2nd of April** inclusive (5-weeks in total) and will be open to pupils in years 3, 4, 5 and 6. We have been very impressed with the sessions so far and the children have really enjoyed themselves. The link for payment details and further information for the years 3, 4, 5 and 6 sessions is: http://bedworthtaekwondo.co.uk/store/index.php?route=product/product&path=65&product_id=101



Presentation Assembly

The end of term Presentation Assembly will be held on Friday 3rd April in the school hall at 2.45pm. The children are working hard to see if they will be awarded the English, Maths or Perseverance Award in their class.

Please could those trophies that were awarded at Christmas, be returned to school? Many thanks for helping us with this.



Toilets to be Updated

The very first parent question I was asked when I started as Head of the School in September was, "What are you going to do about the toilets?" Well, I am sure everyone will be pleased to hear that our pupil toilets are going to be updated during the summer holidays. Work has been going on for some time to specify what improvements are needed to bring them up to the standard that we all expect in our school. At the moment, we have the 'go-ahead' from the MAT to tender for this project work however I am still waiting for confirmation about how much money is available and whether all of the toilets can be done at the same time. I know that the toilets are a cause for concern; this is why I am keen to share our plans with you in the hope that you will be reassured that this is being acted upon. Due to the size of the project, the works will have to be carried out in the 6-week summer holiday period so there will be a bit of wait, I'm afraid. I will of course keep you updated on progress.

FoBIPS News

Spring Term events

Parents Evening – please let us know what events you would like to see on our calendar by voting at parents evening next week.

Monday 16th and Tuesday 17th March – 12-1pm – Gift Room

What is a Gift Room?

The resources room is turned into a small shop for pupils to come and spend money on their mums, nans or special ladies in their lives. We have a variety of gifts available including craft items priced from 50p up to £3.

Once pupils have purchased their gift(s), the FoBIPS team will wrap any breakables and place all items in a labelled bag for the pupil.

Bags will be returned to pupils on Friday 20th March for them to take home ready for Mothering Sunday.

If anyone is available to help serve pupils or wrap items between 12noon and 1pm on either the Monday or Tuesday please email us fobips@gmail.com

Easter Disco – Friday 20th March

Infants 6pm – 6:45pm

Juniors 7pm – 8pm

Forms will be sent home with children next week.

Donations for our Gift Room

If you have any items that can be donated to our gift room we would be extremely grateful. Suggested items are:

Unused/unopened cosmetics

Jewellery

Make up cases

Edible items (must be in date and sealed)

We collect items for both male and female relations so any donations are welcome. Please see one of the team on the playground or drop your donations into the blue bucket in the office.

Coronavirus Information from Public Health England



Public Health
England

Advice on the coronavirus for places of education

How serious is the coronavirus?

- it can cause flu-like symptoms, including fever, cough & difficulty breathing
- the infection is not serious for most people, including children
- there is currently no vaccine
- most people get better with enough rest, water to drink and medicine for pain

How likely are you to catch the virus?

- you can only catch it if you have been close to a person who has the virus
- the chance of being in contact with the virus is currently low in the UK
- if you have travelled to areas where many people are infected, your chance of catching the virus is higher, i.e. China and any affected areas

How can you stop coronaviruses spreading?

If you need to cough or sneeze



Catch it
with a tissue



Bin it



Kill it
by washing
your hands with
soap & water or
hand sanitiser

You should wash hands with soap & water or hand sanitiser



After breaks
& sport
activities



Before
cooking
& eating



On arrival at
any childcare
or educational
setting



After using
the toilet



Before
leaving
home



Try not to touch your
eyes, nose, and mouth
with unwashed hands



Do not share items that come
into contact with your mouth
such as cups & bottles



If unwell do not share
items such as bedding,
dishes, pencils & towels



Stop germs spreading with our e-Bug resources on hand and respiratory hygiene lesson plans
for KS1, 2 and 3: campaignresources.phe.gov.uk/schools

What should you do if you feel unwell?

Keep away from others and stay at home to stop the infection spreading. Avoid public transport if you think you have symptoms of coronavirus. If you become unwell at a place of education, tell a member of staff and let them know if you have travelled to any other countries in the last 14 days.

If your staff member or parent thinks you have symptoms of coronavirus, they should call **NHS 111** for advice. Follow the UK Government advice for childcare or educational settings [gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19](https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-educational-settings-about-covid-19). Parents can visit **NHS.UK** to find out more information. Teachers and support staff should follow the UK Government advice.

Staff, students and pupils who have returned from Wuhan and Hubei Province in China should self isolate, and NOT attend education or work for 14 days. See **NHS.UK** for advice on coronavirus.

If there is an emergency, call 999 immediately



Extra-Curricular Activities Next Week

	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
Monday 2nd March	Buddies NESSY	Holyrood Stone Age Day	Running Club	Swimming Windsor	Buddies Football Match home
Tuesday 3rd March	Buddies NESSY	Brass Lessons	Eco Club R-Yr6		Buddies Mad Science Parents' Evening
Wednesday 4th March	Buddies NESSY	Windsor Stone Age Day			Buddies Netball Club & Netball Match home
Thursday 5th March	Buddies NESSY	World Book Day	Homework Club Choir	Guitar Lessons	Buddies Taekwondo Parents' Evening
Friday 6th March	Buddies NESSY			Celebration Assembly	Buddies

March	Diary Dates	Time
2nd Monday	Holyrood Stone Age Day	All day
2nd Monday	Home Football Match	3:30pm
3 rd Tuesday	Parents' Evening	4-6pm
4th Wednesday	Windsor Stone Age Day	All Day
4th Wednesday	Home Netball Match	3:30pm
5th Thursday	World Book Day—children dress up as favourite character	All Day
5th Thursday	Parents' Evening	4.30—7pm
6 th Friday	Celebration Assembly – everyone welcome	3-3.30pm
10 th Tuesday	Martin Green Assembly	10.15am
10th Tuesday	SATs meeting for Year 6 parents	5pm in hall
12th Thursday	Buckingham Class K'Nex Challenge	Morning
16th and 17th	Mothers' Day gift room	Lunchtime
20th Friday	School Disco	Evening
23rd Monday	Buckingham Class—Southam's Got Talent trip	12—2.30pm
27th Friday	Girls' Football Tournament—Southam	4pm
27th Friday	Celebration Assembly—everyone welcome	3-3.30pm
31 st Tuesday	Martin Green assembly	10.15am
April		Time
3 rd Friday	Trophy Achievement Assembly—all welcome	2.45pm
2 weeks	EASTER HOLIDAYS	