

Bishops Itchington Primary School

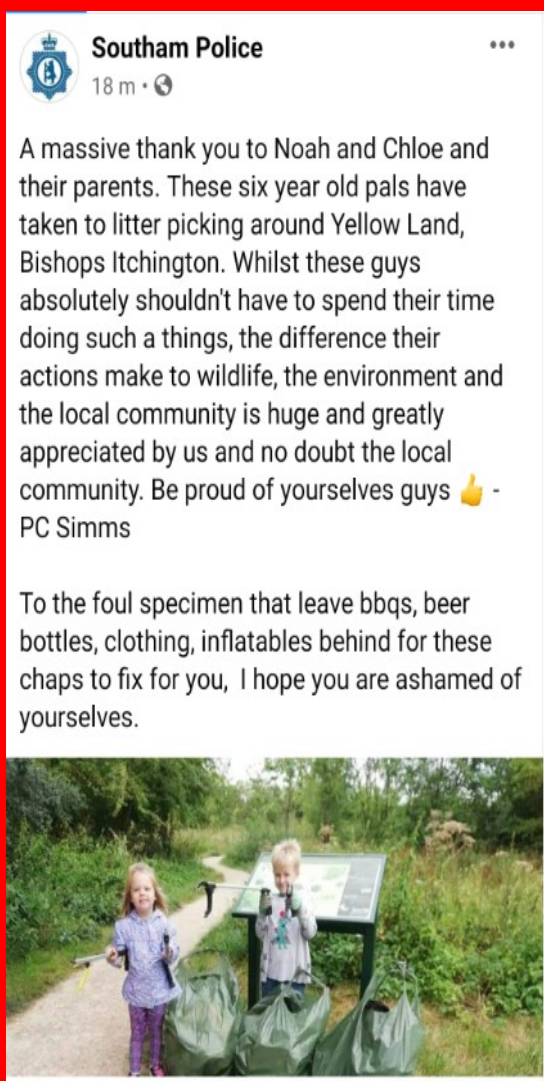
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Litter –Pickers Chloe and Noah are Praised by the Police



This item was posted by Southam Police praising our own Chloe and Noah who have been picking up litter in the Yellow Land.

Well done Chloe and Noah—you are super stars!

Welcome Back!

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

Welcome back to school everyone! The start of term has run relatively smoothly considering everything. Our staff have been working hard to ensure that our school is as safe as it possibly can be and all the children have adapted comfortably to all the safety rules that now apply.

So far attendance in school has been good. However, we know that the need for speedy action if Covid-19 symptoms are present in your family is absolutely essential to protect our whole community. I have given some simplified guidance on the following page about what to do if a member of your family has/is suspecting of having Covid-19. To reiterate, Covid-19 symptoms are: a new, dry, persistent cough, a temperature and/or loss of taste or smell. If you wish to discuss symptoms, it is absolutely fine to ask your child's teacher or me if you wish for advice.

If your child has symptoms of the common cold, these are not the same as Covid-19 so please do send your child into school if they are well enough [a runny nose or phlegm is not a Covid-19 symptom]. Can I please remind you that medication that brings down a temperature such as Calpol, cannot be given as this may shield the Covid-19 symptom of a temperature.

With the threat of a second wave of the virus, can I encourage parents to wear a face mask during drop off and collection times at the school gates so the opportunity for the spread of the virus is further limited in our community.

I would like to thank the parents who so kindly gave up so much of their time over the summer holidays to make improvements to our school (inside and out). These were mainly members of the FoBIPS team and they used plenty of elbow grease to decorate 2 sets of toilets, paint the computer suite, level and tidy the planting area at the top of the playground, give the shelter on the playground a watertight roof, cut back trees, and more. There is more to come... read the FoBIPS update in this newsletter.

We have a charity event on Friday 16th October to raise awareness of childhood cancer. Please see information on the last page.

Our school is nurturing and welcoming. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any queries or wish to discuss any matter.

Jacky Sykes



Parent guide to Covid-19

What to do if...	Action Needed	Return to school when...
...my child has Covid-19 symptoms (dry, persistent cough, and/or temperature, and/or loss of smell/taste).	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school and inform school. - Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. - Get a test - Inform the school immediately with result. 	...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started.
...my child tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us immediately on 07801 506042. - Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. 	...10 days have passed since symptoms began, AND the child feels well.
...my child tests negative.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. 	...the test comes back negative.
...my child has a chesty cough and/or a cold.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These are not Covid-19 symptoms so you child can come to school if they feel well enough. - Contact school to inform us. 	...when your child feels well enough.
...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household for 14 days. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. 	...the test comes back negative.
...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Whole household to self-isolate for 14 days. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. 	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.
...NHS test and trace has identified a household member as having contact with somebody with Covid-19 symptoms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 14 days. - Child can continue to attend school unless a member of the household develops symptoms. 	...child can continue to attend school.
... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 14 days. - Bishop's Itchington Primary child(ren) can continue to attend unless they develop symptoms. 	...child can continue to attend school
...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 14 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. 	...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened.
... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms	<i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and all members of the household must stay at home and self-isolate for 14 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i>	...the child has completed 14 days of isolation.

School Term Calendar

Autumn Term 2020

Term Starts	Tuesday 1 st September - Teacher Training Day New Reception Class in school for the morning Wednesday 2 nd September - All children return to school
Half Term	Friday 23 rd October – Teacher Training Day Monday 26 th October 2020 to Friday 30 th October 2020
Term Ends	Friday 18 th December 2020 – end of this day
Christmas Holiday	Monday 21 st December 2020 to Friday 1 st January 2021 (Monday 4 th January is a Teacher Training Day)

Spring Term 2021

Term Starts	Tuesday 5 th January 2021
Half Term	Monday 15 th February 2021 to Friday 19 February 2021
Term Ends	Thursday 1 st April 2021 – end of this day
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Friday 2 nd April 2021 to Friday 16 th April 2021

Summer Term 2021

Term Starts	Monday 19 th April 2021
Half Term	Public Holiday Monday 3 rd May 2021 Monday 31 st May 2021 to Friday 4 th June 2021 Teacher Training Day Monday 7 th June 2021
Ends	Wednesday 21 st July 2021 – end of this day
Summer Holiday	Thursday 22 nd July to Wednesday 1 st September 2021 Tuesday 31 st August is a teacher training day

Parents' Evening and Open Days



We pride ourselves on our good parent communication. However, with current safety measures, we are changing our approach to parents' evening this Autumn. Instead of face-to-face meetings, we will be conducting telephone appointments between teachers and parents on specified evenings. These will take place just after the autumn half term break. More details will follow soon.

Open days normally take place this term but to protect our school community, we are postponing these until it is safer to invite visitors into school.



Update on Lunches

We cannot apologise enough for the catering situation and we are focusing hard on sorting the problems out because we know that our children should be offered nutritional, hot school meals every day. The senior leadership team and governors have been planning how to put things right. It is not possible to go into detail at this stage but the short-term fix is this: Weeks beginning 14th and 21st September, a wider choice of packed lunch.

Week beginning 28th September, one hot meal choice, jacket potato and sandwich choice.

Longer-term plans are being put together at the moment and we will inform you of progress when we can.

We know that children eating too much bread can be poor for their digestion. So, we are letting children bring into school packed lunch boxes/containers that are not disposable so they can bring salads, pasta or soup from home. However, we encourage children to bring a disposable lunch where ever possible to limit the number of items going back and forth. (i.e. if your child is bringing sandwiches from home, please please continue to put them in disposable paper bag).

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

Welcome back and welcome to Reception families!

There has been a bit going on over the summer throughout the school and we wanted to share this with you.

FoBIPS COVID Clean Up

The absence of the Summer Fayre was a great disappointment to us and I'm sure the children and yourselves, however this did present us with an opportunity to help school in other ways.

So the FoBIPS Summer Team have been busy decorating two sets of girls and boys toilet plus a disabled toilet with some washable paint kindly donated by Dulux Decorating Centre in Leamington.

This small team has given up their evenings and weekends to prepare, paint and clean these toilets, we even applied some decorative stickers in the reception toilets to make them a bit more cheerful.

Here are the before and after pictures, we hope the children like them!



Computer Suite has been brightened up!

We also enlisted a willing volunteer (Donna's dad David) to give the computer room a much-needed colour change. The room is not particularly easy to light so painting over the bright blue with a brighter magnolia gives the illusion of more light.

We hope all the children using this room find it a much easier space to work in.

Ground Force Day – one sunny day in August the FoBIPS Summer team and their partners were joined by Mrs Sykes and her husband Simon to resolve some of the long standing issues with the shelter and some of the garden areas on the playground.

The team worked hard (even the kids helped) to carry out a big list of jobs which included:



Installing a waterproof roof on the shelter near the infant's door and strengthening the uprights to ensure it remained solid. The shelter is used for breaktimes, reading sessions and FoBIPS bake sales so it is crucial to protect occupants from the elements.

Dig out rotten stepping stone logs from the area near Fisher Road and replace with new stepping stone logs.

Remove old sand from sandpit, clean out and repair damaged seating and handles and leave ready for new sand

Dig out all sharp and spiky shrubs and plants to make a safer garden area at the top of the playground, bark round the conifer trees and lavender that are remaining. There is budget approved to fence off this area to prevent bark being spread across the playground and into school and to lay astro-turf to adjoining area in the very near future. Repair a dipped manhole cover and concreted area near the drains and reduce the lip on the former shed concrete base to prevent trips and falls.

To view our video's and images then visit our Facebook page FoBIPS – Friends of Bishops Itchington Primary School.

FoBIPS – Pre Loved Uniform for BIPS

Did you know that we have a Facebook page where parents can post photos of outgrown uniform to be able to pass on to other parents. Parents looking for uniform can also post a "wanted" post on the page.

To post on the page you need to click on Posts which is under the cover image.

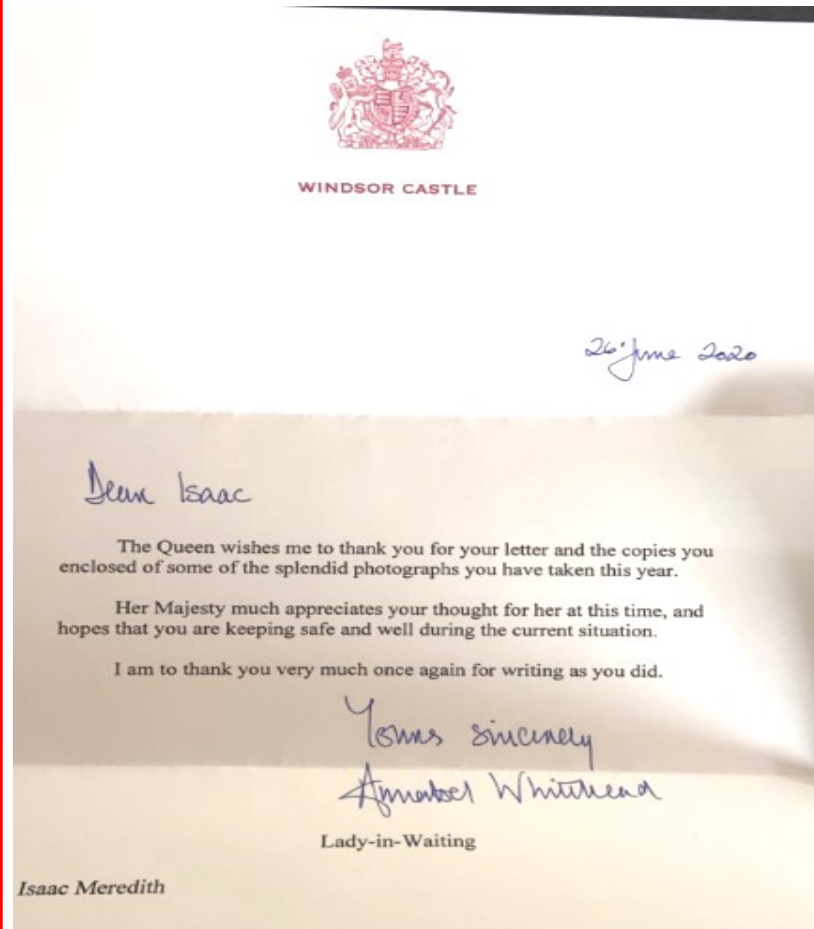
Images of uniform should be included but please DO NOT post images of your children on this page – thank you. If you feel able to make a small donation to FoBIPS in relation to any items you collect from this page then you can do this via PayPal to FoBIPS@gmail.com please select friends and family to ensure the full donation is received and add Pre Loved Uniform to the narrative. Thank you.

AGM Meeting 24th September – POSTPONED

Due to the Government guidelines we are currently unable to meet for our Annual General Meeting. We will look to reschedule this as soon as we are able to safely meet.

Isaac Received a Letter from the Queen

Isaac in Year 6 wrote to Her Majesty the Queen during lockdown. This is the response that he received. How lovely!



MEDICATION

Medication that needs to be near to your child will be kept in their classroom [this would include inhalers and eip-pens].

Medication for children for short-term illnesses will be kept in the school office [such as anti-biotics].

We are sorry but we cannot administer any medication in school that has not been medically prescribed. Please do not give your children Calpol or any other medication that lowers their temperature before they come to school because this can mask the symptoms of Covid-19.

All medication that you ask us to give to your child must be handed into Mrs. Shippey in the school office and appropriate forms signed.

Please can we ask parents to review the expiry date of all medication that is kept in school.

Many thanks.



This Childhood Cancer Awareness Month, we're asking people to get involved in our Be Bold. Go Gold. Campaign.

We will be holding an event in school where children can wear yellow or gold tops and will also be running a cake sale. As well as raising funds to support this amazing charity's vital work, we will be helping to raise awareness of childhood cancer.

Gold is the international colour of childhood cancer awareness, with many supporters choosing to wear a gold ribbon or t shirt throughout September/October. Holding a **Be Bold. Go Gold.** event is a simple way of getting involved and making a difference.

IMPORTANT DATES FOR DIARIES:

Friday 16th of October - All children and staff to wear a gold or yellow coloured top and donate £1 to help raise even more money for our chosen charity. Cake sale morning for children during break time. Treat your child to a slice of yummy cake baked by our staff to help raise money for the Children's Cancer and Leukemia Group (CCLG) All cakes will be £1 each.