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Remembrance Day

This year we have not been able to join the community at remembrance. Instead, each child has painted their own remembrance stone. The stones have been laid at St. Michael's Church for the community to visit.

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

This week, the children learnt about Remembrance Day and joined in a number of thoughtful activities. The whole school observed two minutes' silence at 11am on Armistice Day; Buckingham Class have produced some absolutely beautiful writing that has been displayed on the front fence of the school—please do have a read of their lovely work. Also, every child has painted a remembrance stone, which have been placed at the church for the community to look at.

We are changing to a new catering supplier of school dinners on Monday 30th November, called Educaterers. We are very excited about welcoming Educaterers into our school and to your children being served good-quality and nutritious meals. Please look at the information inside this newsletter about ordering and payment. Thank you.

The Pudsey colouring competition was entered by many children. Prizes of Pudsey socks have been awarded to Sophie in Balmoral (as Early Years winner); Arlo in Sandringham (as Key Stage One winner) and Seraph in Holyrood (as Key Stage Two winner). Well done to all those who entered. The level of colouring and creativity was wonderful and it was difficult to choose the final winners!

See inside for many photos of the children learning and creating wonderful work this week.

Attached with this newsletter is online safety advice, please take a look.

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

Jacky Sykes

Explore. Achieve. Celebrate.

Together we grow happy, responsible and adaptable individuals who are ready to continue their life-journey.

Stars of the Week

Ladybird's Star of the Week is Fern

Kat and Maddie say: Fern is our star of the week. Fern has grown in confidence since starting in September. She always comes to nursery with a smile. Well done Fern.

Balmoral's Star of the Week is Jamie

Miss Jeacock says: Jamie is trying incredibly hard with his phonics and mark-making. He is developing some fantastic friendships in class and is accessing all areas of the classroom with his play buddy. Well done Jamie

Sandringham's Star of the Week is Noah

Mrs. Collen says: There are so many reasons I could say why Noah deserves this award. He has been chosen this week especially for his hard work in his phonics (particularly applying them in his independent learning) and his impeccable manners. Well done , Noah!

Kensington's Star of the Week is James

Mrs. Russell says: James has had a fantastic week. He has shown great focus on his learning and worked incredibly hard in maths. Well done James!

Windsor's Star of the Week is Emma

Mrs. Daly and Miss Aston say: Emma works really hard in everything that she does. What an exceptional role model! Superb Emma!

Holyrood's Star of the Week is Ellie

Mr Purewal says: Ellie is such a fabulous helper in the classroom and she always has a beaming smile. Her writing is just out of this world and she is really developing a solid understanding in maths. A huge congratulations Ellie, keep it going!

Buckingham's Star of the Week is Kate

Mrs. Hobbins and Mrs. Brindley say: Kate has a super attitude, excellent vocabulary & beautiful presentation in all lessons. Her focus & hard work is paying off!

Christmas Cards

We are <u>not</u> going to allow children to bring Christmas cards into school this year. We hope we do not disappoint too many of you, but these are the reasons:

We wish to reduce the number of items going to and from home and school; to reduce the number of items that children touch; and, we cannot safey distribute the cards through the school without the cards or people crossing over their bubbles.

Thank you for helping us to keep everyone as safe as we possibly can within our school.

KENSINGTON CLASS REMEMBRANCE WORK

We are reading the book The Lion and the Unicorn and discussing World War II. We have written letters as evacuees and commemorated Remembrance Day with poppy crosses, painted stones and acrostic poems.

PUDSEY COLOURING COMPETITION WINNERS!

Sophie in Balmoral Class won the Early Years' prize for amazing colouring and the beautiful sequins and jewels she decorated her bear with.

Arlo in Sandringham Class won the Key Stage One prize. The clothing that he put on his bear was great and of course, the spider!

Seraph in Holyrood Class has won the Key Stage Two prize for her beautiful design and creativity. Her use of colour is fabulous.

Sophie, Arlo and Seraph each won a pair of Pudsey Child in Need socks. Thank you to all those children who entered and all the bears are displayed in the hall and they look fabulous! Thank you too to Miss Jeacock for organising the competition.

BALMORAL CLASS CELEBRATE DIWALI

Balmoral Class found out about the Diwali Festival of Light, did Diwali dancing, and created Diwali patterns. The class tasted Asian food such as onion bhajis and samosas—delicious!

Controlling Covid

In school we are doing everything we can to keep school safe and open: we continue to follow a very strict protocol of hand-washing, social distancing, staying in bubbles, additional cleaning, etc.

There is a growing number of cases of Covid-19 in the village and in the surrounding area. As a community, we should congratulate ourselves that the school has remained fully open so far this term. We need to continue to be as careful as we can to control the virus to protect everyone.

Please can I remind you that if any member of your household has any symptoms relating to Covid-19 (new dry persistent cough, temperature, change in taste or smell) then your whole household must stay in isolation until the person with the symptoms has been tested and received a negative result. So please, if anyone has symptoms in your household (or you suspect they may have), keep your child at home until a negative test has been received to prevent the virus coming into the school. If the test is positive, please contact school straight away.

I would like to thank you all for wearing face masks when you drop off/collect your children. This is extremely helpful in controlling the spread of the virus in the community and preventing it from coming into school. Thank you also for dropping your children quickly and then going straight home so the rules of lock-down continue to be adhered to.

The bringing of items back and forth into school must be kept to minimum. So, I am now asking you to ensure that packed lunches are entirely disposable. This is another action we can take to mitigate the risk of the virus spreading between homes and school during this tough time.

If you have any questions or concerns, then please don't hesitate to contact school. Many thanks.

Jacky Sykes, Head of School

What's Cooking?

educaterers A FOOD STORY Lunch Menus

New School Caterer from Monday 30th November

Educaterers have over 60 years' experience in the education sector and their mission is to provide delicious, healthy nutritious food to everyone they serve. They were recently awarded the Lead Association for Catering in Education 'Business of the Year' Award which recognises organisations that make an outstanding contribution to schools in their area and who continue to make a real difference to education catering. Further information about Educaterers can be found on their website www.educaterers.co.uk

Educaterers will focus on working with Bishop's Itchington Primary School to provide healthy and nutritious food that children want to eat, and they use their 'Nutrigang' to raise pupil awareness of not only food & nutrition but also sustainability and ecology.

The new service starts with the Week 1 Menu commencing Monday 30th November

Daily - Seasonal Vegetables, Salads, and Homemade Fresh Bread are offered with each main meal and Fresh Fruit or Organic Yoghurt are available as additional dessert options.
Unlimited water flavoured with fresh fruit is available every lunchtime.

If you pay for school lunches

When we have moved to Educaterers, all lunches will be paid for in advance using ParentPay and not DinnerPay. If any parent does not have access to ParentPay, please contact Claudia Potter in the school office on Potter.C@stowevalley.com .

Infant meals and Free School Meals

If your child is eligible for the Government-funded free school meals, available for all children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and those with Free School Meals status, then you do not need to access ParentPay.

How will you choose your child's meal?

Menus will be available for parents to view on the Educaterers website. However, children will be ordering their own meals each morning in school, at 9am in their classroom, so you do not need to pre-order and select meals any longer.

Special dietary requirements will of course be catered for. This is the menu for Monday 30th November.

Visit Educaterers' website for menus: www.educaterers.co.uk. Ruth Shippey will also email these to you.

FoBIPS News

Playground Enhancements

We are delighted to show you the new Astro turf area on the playground. We know that the children will love playing on it all year round.

We would like to thank two of our parents who have given up their time and put in lots of effort to give this area a real transformation.

Thanks to Jaris Garland and his team at IP Building Services (some of whom are former pupils of BIPS) who has helped to prepare the ground and Mat Vaughan-Smith from Fitting & Finishes who has fit the Astro turf.

Also thanks to David Wilson Homes who have funded the Astro turf and to the FoBIPS team who gave their time and effort at the start of the summer.

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Grotto - update

We had hoped to offer a socially distanced, pre bookable grotto but for obvious reasons we are now unable to do so.

The FoBIPS team are busy exploring some initial safe ideas and we will be back in touch very soon. Some of our ideas will depend on whether there is a lockdown in place therefore the best place to find information is on our Facebook page.

Silent Auction – postponed

We were planning to host a Silent Auction this year however as we are now in a lockdown position, we feel that we have to postpone this event until next Spring when participants would be able to enjoy their vouchers etc

We are extremely grateful to the businesses who have offered us vouchers so far and we will be in contact with them all shortly to see if we extend the voucher for a future date.

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).	**- 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.	- **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.	- **Contact school to inform us.**	…the test comes back negative.
…my child has a chesty cough and/or a cold.	- 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.	**- 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.	**- 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.	**- 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.	**- 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.	**- 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.	**- 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	***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.***	…the child has completed 14 days of isolation.