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How to know if School is closed due bad weather?

We are approaching that time of year when school closures are more likely due to adverse weather conditions. We will of course make every effort to keep the school open and will only close if there is a health and safety risk to pupils in school or parents/staff travelling to and from home.

If the decision is made to close the school, then we will notify the Emergency School Closures website straight away. This is an excellent communication service for you to use. You can log into the website to see a list of closed schools. Also, parents can sign up to receive an automatic text message alert if the school is closed. This is a great messaging service.

To register, visit www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/emergency-school-closures.

Step 1: Select Bishops Itchington Primary School on the drop-down menu.

Step 2: Send the following message to **07491 163840**.

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Texts sent to this number are charged at your normal operator rate. **Note** - it is important that you include the word 'on' at the end of you message.

When you have registered, you will receive a text message confirming your registration almost straight away. For the next year, you will be notified by text automatically if for any reason, the school has to close. [You will need to register again if you change your mobile phone number]. We will also leave a notification on the school website on the 'News Headlines' section on the front page. The website address is: www.bishopsitichington.com. Seesaw messages and emails will also be sent to you.

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

After the false-positive Covid-19 test result in Windsor Class, we can all have a sigh of relief and return back to our new normal.

We are pleased to say that our Windsor children continued learning from home so ably supported by their parents. A very popular activity was the task to build Hadrian's Wall (linked to their Roman topic).



*Our Christmas Dinner will be on **Tuesday 15th December** supplied by our new catering company, Educaterers. A poster is included in this newsletter to tell you what the menu is! On this day, we are inviting all children and staff to wear a Christmas Jumper to school (we are not asking for any donations—we just want the school to feel Christmassy!)*

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

Head of School

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 Joe



Maddie says: Joe started at Ladybirds after half term. Having found the first week a little tricky, now he walks through the gate on his own and goes straight into Ladybirds! The best bit about spending time with Joe, is hearing him laugh when he plays with the conkers! Well done Joe. You're doing so well!

Balmoral's Stars of the Week is the Whole Class

Miss Jeacock says: The whole of Balmoral are Stars of the Week for putting on such a fantastic Nativity! Well done all of you.



Sandringham's Star of the Week is Amber



Mrs. Collen says: Amber comes into school every day with a lovely smile, always works hard and has wonderful manners.

Kensington's Star of the Week is Lily



Mrs. Russell says: Lily is our Star of the Week. Lily has worked hard with her independent writing and used great vocabulary to enhance her writing. Well done, Lily!

Windsor's Star of the Week is Archie



Mrs. Daly and Miss Aston say: We would like to pick Archie this week for his fantastic approach to home learning and his great Hadrian's Wall model.

Holyrood's Star of the Week is Ellis



Mr Purewal says: Ellis has been working relentlessly hard in class all week. She has produced some beautiful written work in English and has engaged fantastically in Maths lessons. She is an extremely helpful member of the class and thoroughly deserves star of the week! Well done Ellis!

Buckingham's Star is Frederick



Mrs. Hobbins and Mrs. Brindley say: Frederick is Star of the Week for his inquisitive mind, enthusiasm for learning and beautiful presentation

**Have your
contact details
changed?**



If you have changed your phone number, email address or any other contact details, please email Ruth Shippey in the office straight away on bishopsitchington@stowevalley.com

To help us keep your children safe, we need to know how to reach you quickly should the need arise. Thank you.

Christmas Dinner Tuesday 15th December



Christmas dinner is on Tuesday 15th December. All Infant Children receive a meal automatically as do children with Free School Meals status.

For others who wish to purchase a lunch, please use Parent Pay. If you need help with this, please contact Mrs. Shippey or Mrs. Potter in the school office.

Thank you.



Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday 15th December

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or festive top to school on Tuesday 15th December. This is not a charity activity, just a chance to 'get into the spirit' of the festive season, if the children would like to.

Please no other clothing, such as onezees, etc., and other school uniform still applies.



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.



Educaterers Lunch Menu Wk 1 - Nov 30/11 to 5/12/21

Monday
 Pork Sausages (G,V) OR (V) Dressed Spiced Chicken Noodles (G,V)
 Every day choose from:
 (V) Jacket Potatoes with Cheese (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Vegetable Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)

Tuesday
 Beef Cheddar Pie with Mash (G,V) OR (V) Lamb Chops with Potatoes (G,V)
 Every day choose from:
 (V) Jacket Potatoes with Cheese (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Vegetable Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)

Wednesday
 Beef Curry with Rice (G,V) OR (V) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 Every day choose from:
 (V) Jacket Potatoes with Cheese (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Vegetable Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)

Thursday
 Pork Sausages (G,V) OR (V) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 Every day choose from:
 (V) Jacket Potatoes with Cheese (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Vegetable Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)

Friday
 Pork Sausages (G,V) OR (V) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 Every day choose from:
 (V) Jacket Potatoes with Cheese (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Vegetable Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)
 (G) Chicken Curry with Rice (G,V)

Week 1 Dessert Menu
 Every day we offer:
 (V) The Valley organic yoghurt (G) or
 Fresh fruit as alternative dessert options.

Monday
 (G) Strawberry Sauté Pudding (G)
 (G) Cheesecake, Crisps and Apple Mince (G,V)

Tuesday
 (G) Homemade Hot Chocolate Sponge (G,V)

Wednesday
 (G) Apple Pie (G) with Custard (G)
 (G) Cream Tubs (G)

Thursday
 (G) Chocolate Mousse with Fruit in Jello (G)
 (G) Homemade Cheese Cakes (G)

Friday
 (G) Homemade Sticky Ginger Cake (G,V)

Key
 G = Gluten Free
 V = Vegetarian
 D = Dairy
 N = Nuts
 E = Eggs
 S = Spices
 F = Fish
 H = Ham
 S = Sausages
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Visit Educaterers' website for full menu details: www.educaterers.co.uk. Ruth Shippey in the office will also email these to you.

FoBIPS News



CHRISTMAS ADVENT WINDOWS 🎄 🏠

The Facebook page is now live. Please join the [Advent Windows 2020 – Bishops Itchington](#) page for all the up to date information on the locations and dates that windows will be lighting up across the village.

There are 4 very worthy beneficiaries from this festive activity, these include FoBIPS, the village pavilion project, the foodbank and Helen & Douglas House Hospice all funds raised will be shared equally between these charities.

To donate you can click [here](#) or go to www.givey.com/adventwindows.

Festive Bake Sale – CANCELLED

Due to Warwickshire being placed into Tier 3 a decision has been made between School and FoBIPS not to go ahead with the Festive Bake Sale planned for next Friday. We are sorry for any disappointment this may bring to the children and we hope to reschedule



The Butchers Arms is holding their weekly meat raffle on their Facebook page again on Friday 4th December. Funds are being shared between FoBIPS and Annie's Angels.

To buy a raffle ticket, please contact The Butchers Arms via their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/thebutchersarmsbishops>

We are extremely grateful to Brian & Selena Ogden for their support and to Eleanor for her help organising the raffle each week.

The Garden Pantry is offering a donation of £2.50 to FoBIPS per Christmas Tree sold in the village. If you would like to take up this offer, please make contact with The Garden Pantry via their Facebook page and quote: **FOBIPS**

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Garden-Pantry-101163121602875>



Sunday 20th December time slots between 10am – 4pm and Monday 21st December time slots between 3pm – 6pm

An online fun family event where you can compete against other family groups in this festive virtual Escape Room experience. Connect and have fun with 7 other households (online) and get into the festive spirit by helping to save Christmas! As these escape rooms are fairly new experiences, we thought a few more details would give everyone a better understanding of what this type of event involves.

What is an online escape room? - It's a game that you can play via a laptop or PC with friends from the comfort of your own home.

What equipment do I need? You will need a laptop or PC, internet connection, a pen and paper and access to an email account.

Do I need a Zoom account? No you don't need a Zoom account, you will be sent a zoom link and it is advisable that you click on the link 5 minutes before your timeslot.

How long will it take to play? We envisage that the game will take between 30mins and 45mins to play – this will be dependent on the number of teams in your time slot.

How many people play at the same time? We have set the maximum number of teams as 8 for this event, there is no maximum number of people in your team.

FoBIPS Escape Room continued

How does the game work?

A FoBIPS member (known as a handler) will email you the starting slide.

You then read the slide with your team and try and solve the puzzle.

You email back to your handler your answer and they confirm if you are correct and send you the next slide. Or they tell you that you are incorrect.

if you are incorrect or struggling to answer you can request a hint

You can request up to 4 hints per slide

How do you win?

The winning team is the team who solves the escape room first. If two teams are tied, then it will be won by the team who had the least hints. We will have a leader board across all the games.

How much does it cost to take part?

We have set the entry fee as £5 per team, you can donate more if you wish to.

How do I book?

We are in the process of setting up a pre booking system and will let you know the details once we are able to make it live.

You will need to book with your team name, designated email address and payment of £5 in your preferred timeslot choice by **Wednesday 16th December.**

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, feels sick, has a sore throat... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These could be Covid-19 symptoms so you child should stay at home and get tested straight away. The rest of your family should isolate too, until a negative test result is received. - Contact school to inform us. | ...when a negative test result is received and 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. |