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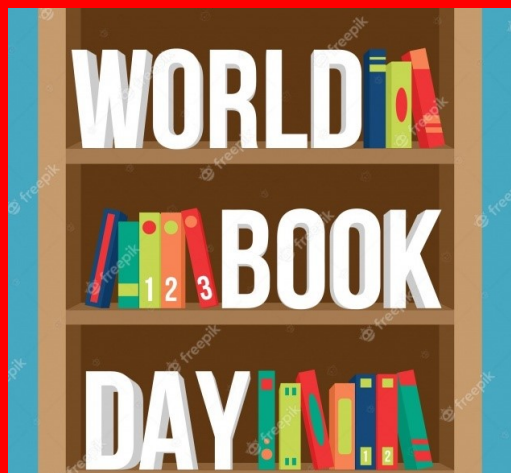


Wed 2nd February



This is a non-uniform day and children are invited to dress up as a number or feature a number on their clothing. The children will celebrate numbers and times tables through the day. The day is 2/2/2022—to 2p, 20p or £2 are requested from pupils, and proceeds will be split between the NSPCC and the school. We hope the children enjoy the day!

Thursday 3rd March



Children are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. We will celebrate World Book Day in classes or together as a school (depending upon covid). £1 Book Vouchers will be sent home shortly to each child to help cele-

Dear Parents, Friends and Relatives,

We have enjoyed welcoming the children back to school after their Christmas break.

All the children are currently learning about the Shakespeare Play—Much A'Do About Nothing! There has been some fantastic romantic writing in Year 1 and some excellent drama in Year 5!

Our Year 5 and 6 mixed football team—managed by Mr. Purewal and Mr. Hyde—is now attending after-school practices and playing matches against other schools.



Mrs. Russell brought a lamb into school from her farm for the children to see. Her name was Isla and she was just three-weeks old!

Years 5 and 6 did a guided village walk to compliment their local study of Bishops Itchington village. The very recent and exciting discovery of the Ichthyosaurus in Rutland Water (known as a Sea Dragon) is incredibly good-timing as our children will be learning about our own Ichthyosaurus discovered in Bishops Bowl Lakes in 1927!



Covid Message from Mrs. Sykes

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

Covid has yet again interrupted us on our return after Christmas. However, the children continue to be fabulous and are having a great time in school. The most recent information from Public Health England is that the virus has reached a different phase now where it is highly contagious but thankfully the symptoms are overall milder.

The most effective way to control the virus is daily Lateral Flow Testing. When we experienced an outbreak of the Delta variant in Year 4 and 6 before Christmas, fire breaks were highly effective. However, at this stage of the pandemic (with the Omicron variant) a fire break is unlikely to be effective because as soon as the children return, the virus will quickly come back into the class again and there will likely be further outbreaks. It is also National Policy that classes should stay open where-ever possible provided that sufficient adults are well-enough to supervise.

Siblings of those children who are infected, are deemed as 'very high risk' to other children in the school. Therefore, these siblings should be kept at home and have a PCR test that is negative. [The PCR test is considerably more sensitive than an Lateral Flow Test and therefore will identify any trace of the virus at the time the test is taken]. Following a negative PCR test, the sibling may come back to school provided they have a lateral flow test every morning for 7 mornings. However, due to their 'high risk' status, Public Health England strongly recommend that they stay at home for 7 days to protect other children and adults in the school to stop obvious risk of transmission.

I know that some families have vulnerable members and realise that this is an extremely worrying and stressful situation. Advice from Public Health England is to limit contact until this wave passes.

I realise and appreciate there are differing views about how covid and I respect that everyone's situation is different. Our school is absolutely dedicated to doing everything we can to control the virus by following national guidelines and local guidance issued by Public Health England to keep our pupils and staff as safe as we possibly can. Reducing anxiety both inside school and within the community and protecting our staff from infection so they can continue teaching, continues to be our challenge and your patience and support is—as always—so much appreciated. Thank you so very much.

Jacky Sykes

Football is at the back of the net!



Our year 5 and 6 children competed in another football match against St James Primary school this Monday in the Southam league. The game was fiercely contested with some exuberant football on display. Bishops fell behind early in the match before deservedly equalising through Daniel Bunn with a terrific strike later in the first half. The second half was quite even, and Bishops were unfortunate not to make their impressive football take them ahead. St James scored to make it 2-1 and then the match got away from Bishops with the result being 4-1.

Massive credit should be given to Bishops with the way they played and performed not only on the pitch but with their sportsmanship and resilience. We were all so proud of our school, some honourable mentions must go to Ben, Maeve, Daisy and Harry who made some superb saves in goal! Mr. Purewal and Mr. Hyde

A Lamb Followed Mrs. Russell to School one day!



Mrs. Russell brought a tiny lamb into school this week. Our special visitor took part of their Year 2 science lesson: Living Things and their Habitats.

A very well-behaved six-day old Shropshire lamb was so incredibly cute and woolly. The children thoroughly enjoyed this experience.

Half-Term Holiday Club is not running in February

We are sorry that the Holiday Club will not be running this February Half Term holiday.

The school is having some extensive electric work done while the school is closed so it won't be possible to open the school for the club.

Jubilee Celebration Friday 27th June

We are planning a Jubilee celebration with dressing up and a playground party on Friday 27th June.



Dance, Dance, Dance Year 6!



Year 6 are loving their dance lessons with Mrs. Saunders!

Tour of Bishops Itchington Village—Years 5 and 6

Monday 1st January 2022

WALT: Research significant buildings and people to build a picture of the past

Church of St Michael's

St Michael's Church was built in 1872 and the church was built and made of limestone. Surprisingly, before the church that we have got now it was knocked down by a man called Thomas Fisher. He wanted to build a "mission" for himself and he tried to name the village Fisher Itchington but happily the people of the Parish Council said "no!". Still today the limestone is crumbling off the church so some workers have patched it up (well some of it!).

The Old School house

The old school house was built in 1871 and it is no where near as big as our school. It could hold 20-40 children. Also, the teacher had a separate part of the school to him or herself. As the village got larger, they decided to build a rather part of the school which I think is now the Ladybirds with the juniors. Now it isn't a school any more now it is separated into two different houses.



BISHOP'S

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The Greaves Club

The Greaves Club was built in 1887 by the cement workers. You would go there for a break and to relax after a long day in the quarry. The building was named after a person called Richard Greaves. Now it is a popular place where people go to play games, drink and have fun.



The Memorial Hall

The memorial hall was built in 1920 and is a place where people go to meet up and to remember people from World War 1 - World War 2. The are plaques of all of the people names from who died in the war. Now it is used for meeting Cubs, Scouts and Beavers and is a place for voting and for the women's badminton. They celebrated its 100 birthday a year ago.

Did you know That in the infant part of the old school the younger children got a little nap!

The Yellow land

The Yellow land is called the yellow land because when the Blue Circle Group gave it to us on the map of the land they put a yellow line around the land. That is why it is called the Yellow land.



Quarry

work place

The Quarry was a popular job back then in the Bishop Itchington. They collected limestone from the Quarry to make bricks and cement. Later on the people in the Quarry found 2 fossils of Dinosaurs one called the Itchington and the Pleasure. This news spread all around Bishops and the world.

Written and illustrated by Daniel in Year 6





Dates (more will be added!)

SPRING TERM		
January 2022	Event	Time
Wednesday 5th	Years 5 and 6 Village Walk. Exploring the local area.	Morning
Monday 10th	Holyrood Swimming starts every Monday.	Afternoon
February 2022	Event	Time
Wednesday 2nd	Number Day—children wear non-uniform and represent a number. Proceeds to NSPCC and school.	All day
Monday 7th	Football Match at home—Year 5 and 6 mixed team	3.30pm
Tuesday 8th	Safer Internet Day	All Day
Friday 18th	Last day of Half Term.	3.30pm
Monday 28th	Children back in school.	8.55am
March 2022	Event	Time
Tuesday 1st	Parents Evening by appointment	3.45 — 6.30pm
Thursday 3rd	World Book Day—children dress up as their favourite character	All day
Thursday 3rd	Parents Evening by appointment	4 — 7pm
Monday 14th	Science Week	
April 2022	Event	Time
Friday 8th	Break up for Easter holiday end of this day	3.30pm
SUMMER TERM		
Monday 25th	Children back to begin the Summer Term	8.55am
May 2022	Event	Time
Monday 2nd	Bank Holiday	
Monday 9th	Year 6 SATs Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.	Mornings
June 2022	Event	
Monday 6th	Teacher Training Day—Children do not come to school	Whole Day
Wednesday 8th	British History Day—Children dress up to celebrate British History	Whole Day
Friday 27th	School Celebrate the Queens Jubilee	Whole Day
Thursday 30th & Friday 1st July	Year 5 and 6 Trip to Kings Park residential	2 days
July 2022	Event	
Friday 1st July	Year 5 and 6 return from Kings Park residential	
Monday 18th	Sports Day	
Wednesday 20th	Year 6 Leavers' Assembly	2pm
Thursday 21st	End of Summer Term—Children break up end of this day	3.30pm

School Year Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Term Starts	Monday 6th September (Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd were Teacher Training Days). New Reception Class in school for the morning this week.
Half Term	Monday 25 th October to Friday 29th October Teacher Training Day Monday 1st November Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd November
Term Ends	Friday 17 th December – end of this day
Christmas Holiday	Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January (Tuesday 4th January is Teacher Training Day) Children return on Wednesday 5th January

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts	Wednesday 5th January
Half Term	Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February
Term Ends	Friday 8th April – end of this day
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April Children return on Monday 25th April

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts	Monday 25th April Monday 2nd May—Bank Holiday (one day)
Half Term	Monday 30th May 2021 to Friday 3rd June (Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd are bank holidays) Teacher Training Day Monday 6th June Children return on Tuesday 7th June
Ends	Thursday 21st July – end of this day
Summer Holiday	Friday 22nd July to Friday 2nd September Monday 5th September is a teacher training day) Children return to school on Tuesday 6th September.

An additional bank holiday has been agreed for Friday 3rd June 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As Warwickshire schools will already be on their half-term holiday on this day, it has been decided that an additional one day's holiday will be taken on Friday 22nd July 2022, meaning that the summer term 2022 will now end on Thursday 21st July 2022.

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2021/22

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August 2022						
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Half Term	Days
1	37
2	35
3	34
4	30
5	24
6	34
Total*	194

	Total days
Autumn Term	72
Spring Term	64
Summer Term	58



School Holiday * one more day of holiday than usual due to additional day granted for
Public Holiday Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)



School Induction Day