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NEWSLETTER SUMMER TERM

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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PART OF STOWE VALLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Celebration Time



Celebration Assembly

Congratulations to our Star Learners who were awarded their certificates in our Celebration Assembly last Friday:

Sandringham: Zara

Kensington: Jack R

Windsor: Kaci

Holyrood: Maxwell

St. James: Pippa

Buckingham: Ashlee

We also celebrated Achievement Awards:

Estelle (Kensington)
gymnastics award

Tilly (St. James)
gymnastics all-rounder award

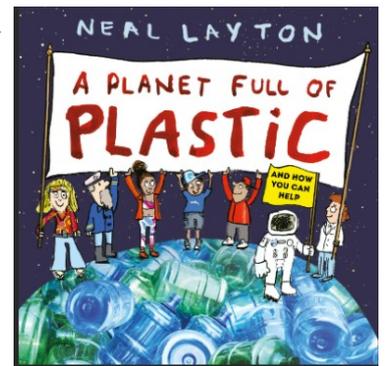
Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

Year 6 children have completed their SATs tests. Well done all of you for being so mature and for having worked so hard. We are all extremely proud of you!



Mrs. Collen (Year One Teacher) is asking for volunteers to commit to a fixed afternoon each week to read with Sandringham's children. If you would like to do this, then please could you contact Mrs. Kostiuk (nee Miss Williams) or Mrs Shippey in the office. Thank you.

This week we are launching a 'Plastic Week' in support of the children's Global Citizenship awareness. We will be sharing a book explaining that plastic is non-biodegradable and how this damages the environment. Children will take home some information on the BIG PLASTIC COUNT!—please look out for this! (Our thanks goes to Tilly in Y5 who suggested this whole-school activity launched by Green Peace)



Our Summer Fair is on Saturday 11th June—please keep this date free so you can come along to have an afternoon of fun and help to raise much-needed funds for the school. I would like to reinforce my sincere appreciation for the FoBIPS team who work tirelessly to support our school. Children will be running their own stalls, the choir will be singing and there will be a maypole display, plus other fun activities!

It's Non-Uniform day **Friday 20th May** in aid of our Summer Fayre. Children can wear non-uniform in return for bringing a chocolate donation for our Chocolate Tombola. FoBIPS will collect chocolate donations on the playground before school.

We are a welcoming and nurturing school. Please let us know if you need support from anyone here or have something to share.

Jacky Sykes

**Bishops Itchington
Summer Fayre**

**SATURDAY
11TH
12-3PM
JUNE**

What's on week commencing 16th May 2022?

ALL WEEK	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School	
Monday 16 th May	YEAR 2 Statutory Attainment Tests (SATs) this week.	Buddies NESSY	Whole School Assembly - Environment Southam College visiting Year 6	Construction Club	Year 4 Swimming	Buddies
Tuesday 17 th May		Buddies NESSY		Science Club	Singing Practice for the Jubilee Playground Party	Buddies Yr3-4 Football Match away 3.30-4.30 Football Club at school Y3-6
Wednesday 18 th May		Buddies NESSY	No assembly	Colouring Club organised by Y6 R-Y2		Buddies
Thursday 19 th May		Buddies NESSY	Ladybirds Stay and Play session	Choir Years 3-6 Running Club	3pm Shared Reading across classes	Buddies 3.30-4.30 Netball Club Y3-6
Friday 20 th Non-Uniform Day – Bring chocolate for the Summer Fair Tombola.						
Friday 20 th May		Buddies		Eco-Club	Celebration Assembly	Buddies

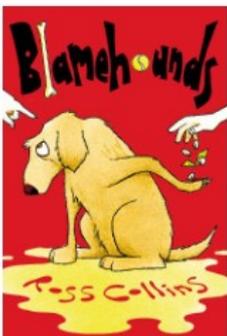
E-SAFETY WORKING GROUP



Miss Aston, the school's E-Safety Manager is inviting parents to join her E-Safety working group. We already have some Year 6 members, and we are recruiting parents to make the group inclusive of everyone.

This would mean committing to one Monday afternoon per term from 2:30pm—3.30pm. Please could you let Mrs. Kostiuk or Mrs Shippey know if you would be prepared to support the school in this important matter? Thank you for supporting us to keep the children safe.

Dyslexia-Friendly Books



Waterstones Booksellers have a section dedicated to children who are either reluctant to read or have dyslexic tendencies. The books may be presented onto a tinted background, the pages are organised in an easy-to-read format and the type-face is easy on the eye.

This is the link to the webpage:

<https://www.waterstones.com/dyslexic-and-reluctant-readers?>



ECO-GROUP LUNCHTIMES ACTIVITIES



Eco-Group is very popular with our young Eco-Warriors. Here, the children are sorting crisp packets to be recycled and creating art work and playing games relating to the environment. Eco-Group meets every Friday lunchtime and Mrs. Reason (our fabulous member of the school community) takes the children outdoors to do planting of seeds, looking at frogspawn as well as doing a number of jobs around school to keep us as environmentally-friendly as we can be!

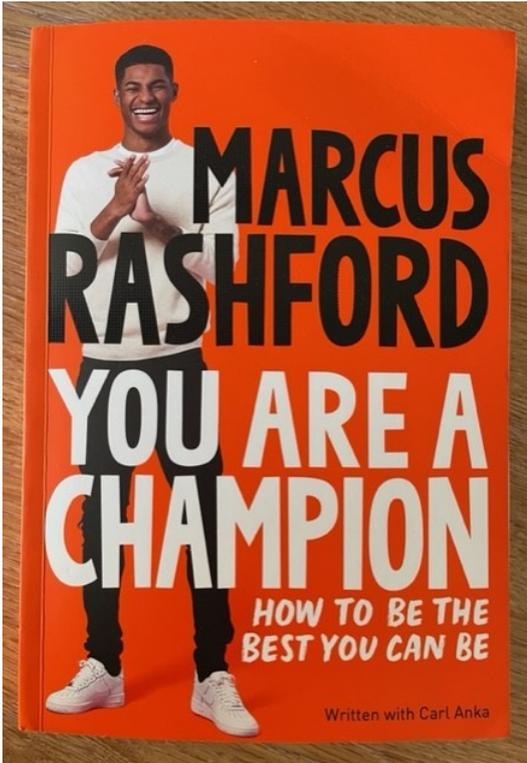


A Scientist Visits Year 4



Doctor Price (Toby's dad) did an experiment with Year 4 children. The children used tennis balls to help them understand how electrons work with electricity. Doctor Price also showed the class a presentation of where he works in Oxfordshire. Doctor Price is also our Science Governor, and we really thank him for all he does for our school.

EXCITING NEWS FROM YEAR 2!

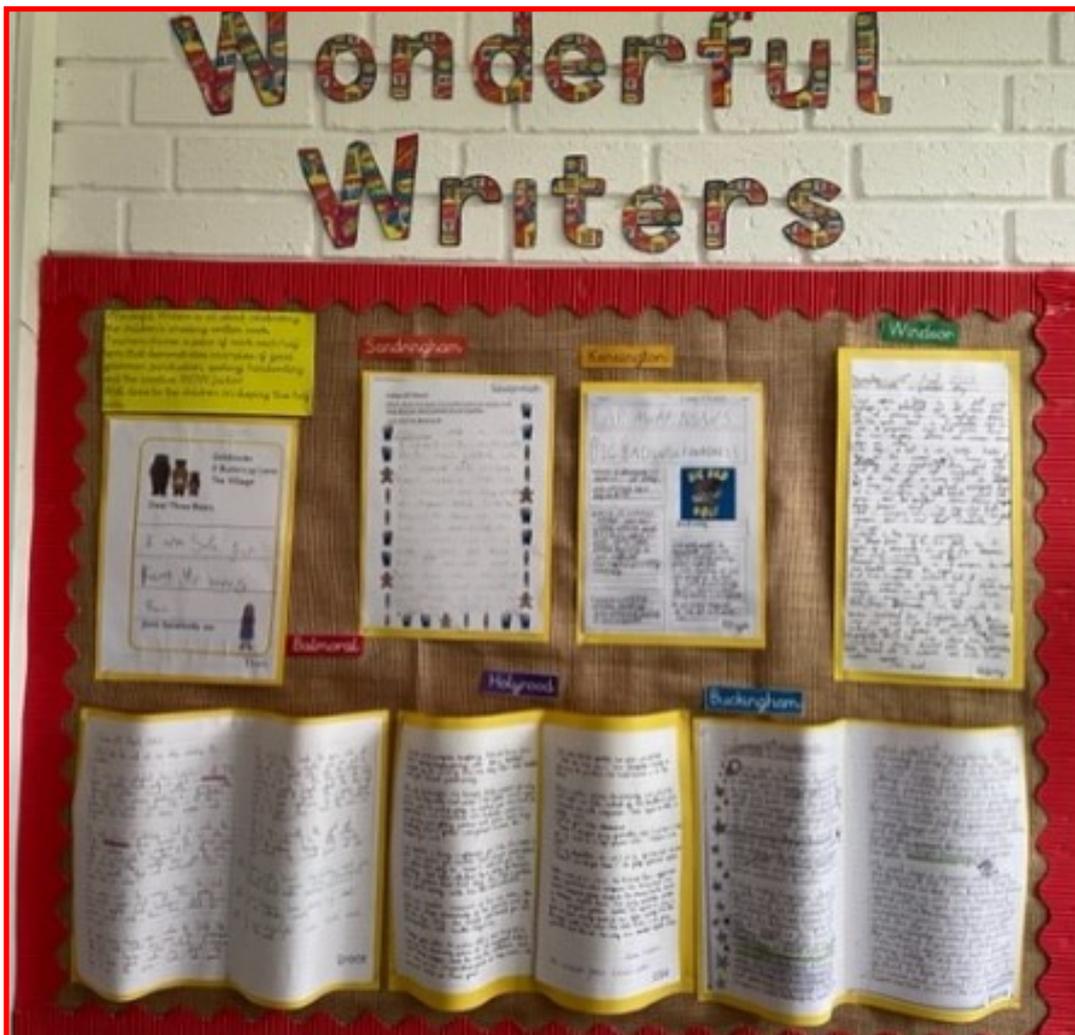


Exciting news from Year 2! Kensington Class wrote to Marcus Rashford last term as part of their learning about good role models. Their letters explained why they thought a statue of Marcus Rashford should be erected in recognition of his fantastic campaign for free school meals and healthy eating.

His campaign convinced the government to provide food vouchers in the summer holidays for 1.3 million children in England who were receiving free school meals in term time, following the support given during the first coronavirus lockdown in April.

Marcus Rashford sent the class a signed book with his thanks, and the encouraging quote, "Thank you for your support and letters. Keep up the good work children!"

The children were over the moon with the response and wanted to share this news with the school community.



Congratulations to our Wonderful Writers this term: Theo, Savannah, Rhys, Harry, Grace, Ellie and Bonnie.

Last term, the classes focused on traditional tales as their genre. All the children engaged in some very interesting tales (some traditional but with a twist!). All children thoroughly enjoyed their learning.

Their beautiful writing is based on traditional tails and is displayed in the entrance foyer.



End of Spring Term Cake Sale

Thank you once again to all our bakers and buyers who helped us raise £222.19 at our end of Spring Term, we were delighted to see so many people treating themselves on the last day of term and what a choice they had.

Unexpectedly, we did have some leftover cakes which were donated to the Scouts open day for them to enjoy the next day. It was great that we were able to support another village organisation with their event.

Committee Vacancy

We have one space available on our committee, we welcome new members and fresh ideas so if you are interested in learning more about becoming a committee member, how we work, what a committee member role involves then please contact Donna on 07825 837326

Donations needed

Can you help us by donating any unused/unopened/new items to our Marvellous Men's Gift Room (June).

Items can be anything like socks, pens, aftershave, deodorant, chocolates, puzzles, books – anything except tools or sharp items

A donation box is in the school office area for drop offs or message Donna on 07825 837326 and she will collect the items.

MR. MARVELLOUS

Roger Hargreaves



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Fayre – Everything YOU need to know

And how you can help us bring YOU a brilliant event.

We are so excited to be able to host our first summer fayre since 2019 – we have missed this event so much! This year we are short a few people, so the team are working extra hard at present to bring you a fun packed event.

However, we can't do it on our own so below is the details on what we have planned so far and how you can help us - there are a number of ways you can help so don't panic you don't have to run a stall if that's not your thing!

FoBIPS Stalls – Madeleine Harrington is organising our games stalls, if you feel able to help for 30mins/1hour please let Madeleine know and she will add you to our stall rota. The more parents that help us the more we can offer at the event.

Advertising – Donna Davenport is looking after our sponsorship and advertising for this event and will be contacting local businesses to ask for their support in return for some advertising on our specially designed tote bags. (Full details are included in a PDF document attached to this newsletter).

If you run a business or know a business that would like some exposure, then please email fobips@gmail.com

Please note our timeframe for advertising is very tight and all artworks must be received by 20th May 2022

Stalls – Jeunine Crabtree is the point of contact for any stall holders, if you sell or make items and wish to have a stall then please email fobips@gmail.com and Jeunine will make contact. **Please note that we are unable to have stalls that sell food items**

Attractions – Ed Rycroft is busy organising our attractions and we are delighted to be bringing the usual bouncy castle to the fayre along with face painting and..... Total WIPEOUT! Take on your friends, your parents/children or just other pupils in our Total WIPEOUT challenge – Can YOU be the last one standing?



Mrs. Kostiuk in the office has been very busy supporting our Summer Fayre Raffle and has secured us a variety of fantastic prizes. Raffle tickets will be sent home with children very soon and are priced at £1.00 per ticket (each child will receive 2 books i.e. £10 worth). Please note that you do not have to sell all the tickets, any tickets sold, together with the money should be returned to school in a named envelope via our red post boxes or via class teachers by **Wednesday 8th June** so we can ensure your tickets are entered for the draw. If you are unable to sell your tickets, please return the books as soon as possible so we can pass them on or sell them on the day.

1st Prize - £200 voucher towards a narrow boat holiday from KateBoats

2nd Prize - £100 cash provided by The Greaves Club

3rd Prize – 2 tickets to Go Ape! Coventry

Other prizes include Warwick Castle tickets, Coventry City home league game tickets, Comedy Club tickets, Wrendale Artwork, Cotswold Wildlife Park tickets and much much more!

Café Menu – we will be offering our usual array of delicious cakes and tasty lunch time treats. Look out for more information in the next newsletter.

Bakers - If you can help us by baking for the fayre, please let us know as soon as possible so we can plan accordingly. You can email us fobips@gmail.com or contact Donna on 07825 837326.

There will of course be some fun games, the bottle tombola, a chocolate tombola (donations via non-uniform day on **Friday 20th May**) and each class will have it's own stall.

Set up – these types of events take a lot of work to get ready for a 12noon start so if you're able to hang bunting, carry a table, stick up a sign or too then we need you to come a bit earlier and help the team. Those who help us set up get early access to the event and subject to it being setup their children can access our inflatables.

Tidy up – we like to try and leave the school/playground as we found it (and ready for the teachers and children on Monday) so if you don't mind emptying bins, taking down signs or bunting, moving tables or generally packing stuff away then this is the job for you!

If you are able to help us in anyway please email us at fobips@gmail.com if everyone pull together we can bring you a fabulous event that's fun for all.

The Summer Fayre is fun for all the family, friends, grandparents, aunts and uncles, anyone really (well except dogs – unless they are assistance dogs). So come and join us on Saturday 11th June 12noon – 3pm.

Card machine will be available in the café but bring your cash too as we are happy to accept that.

Hand sanitising stations will be positioned around the playground.

One last request – please wish for sunshine!

Please make sure you keep up to date with FoBIPS events by liking our Facebook pages

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Celebrate the Platinum Jubilee with a cream tea at St Michael's Church

Sunday 5th June – 2.30pm till 5pm

All are very welcome



We are hoping to live stream the Jubilee Pageant taking place in London, so come and enjoy a cream tea while you watch.

You could also have a bounce on a Bouncy Castle in the Churchyard.



Holiday Requests



We know how wonderful it would be if we could all be on holiday all of the time! However, requests for parents to take children out of school during term time - unless there are exceptional circumstances—will not be authorised.

Did you know that if your child misses a week at school, they will return with a gap in their learning that is difficult to repair? Each lesson is a building block of knowledge with the next lesson building on the last. By taking your child out of school, the building blocks are missing, which can cause your child to

struggle. Children can feel embarrassed and vulnerable if they are put in this position because; they will not know what previous learning has taken place, they will have missed experiences within the learning environment, and they will have lost the opportunity to join in with discussions around the learning that occurred when they were absent. This applies to every single age group.

Children know when they have missed their learning and missed out of social interaction with their classmates. This can make them feel left-out, worried about coming to school, and affect their mental wellbeing.

Missing school also affects the other children in the class because adults have to spend valuable teaching time helping your child to catch up. This takes an adult away from the children they have been planned to work with, which affects the education of other children.

If there is an exceptional reason for your child to be out of school, then please send your application form into the school office (Application for Leave of Absence for a School Pupil in Term in Exceptional Circumstances Only). You will need to provide supporting evidence, which could include a letter from your employer explaining your work pattern (for example, NHS-employee); a third-party letter referring to an overseas family wedding; or similar.

All requests and supporting evidence will be considered jointly by the Head Teacher and a School Governor—and this should be received at least four weeks before the intended absence.

The position of the Stowe Valley MAT is that if a pupil does not attend school when permission has not been granted, the parents can be prosecuted.

Obviously, in cases where there is illness within the family or a funeral or similar, then these would be seen as exceptional circumstances automatically and notice would not be needed. A phone call to Mrs. Sykes would be sufficient. In such circumstances, the school would wish to offer support to the family in any way we can.

We hope this clarifies the school's position on term-time holidays and explains the reasons why we have this policy in place. I am grateful to you, our parents and carers, for supporting the school in this policy to ensure all of our children reach their potential at our school.

CALENDAR SUMMER 2202

The Calendar will be re-issued each weekend and may include amendments, so please keep an eye on updates!

May 2022

Thursday 19th	Ladybirds Stay and Play Celebration Assembly
Friday 20th	Non-Uniform Day all children – donate chocolate for the Summer Fair Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 24 th	History Day
Friday 27 th	Jubilee Playground Party – children dress up in red, white and blue, or kings and queens. (No football or sports shirts, please). Please can each class bring food donations as follows? Reception and Ladybirds: Biscuits Year One : Crisps Year Two : Fairy cakes Year Three : Fruit Year Four : Sandwiches Year Five : Cut up vegetables Year Six : Squash and juice (items should not contain nuts. For home-made items, please supply a list of ingredients.. thank you).

HALF TERM

June 2022

Monday 6th	INSET Day – children do not come to school today
Friday 10th	Whole Class Photos morning Dental checks for Reception in the afternoon Celebration Assembly
Saturday 11th	Summer Fair 12-3pm
Monday 13th	Years 3, 4 and 5 assessments this week
Wednesday 15th	Reception Class trip to Sealife Centre Key Stage 2 French Tuck Shop
Thursday 16th	Marvellous Men Gift Room Lunchtime (FoBIPS)
Friday 17th	Marvellous Men Gift Room Lunchtime (FoBIPS) Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 21st	MAT Schools' Performance at Belgrade – Choir to perform
Wednesday 22 nd	Reception Class Stay and Play 9.30am and 11.30 sessions
Friday 24 th	Make Music! Day
Thursday 30 th	Years 5 and 6 Residential

July 2022

Friday 1 st July	Years 5 and 6 Residential Celebration Assembly Reports sent out to Parents
Wednesday 6 th	Year 6 Transition Day to Southam College Whole school transition day – children go to new classes for the morning
Thursday 7 th	Year 6 Transition Day to Southam College all day
Friday 8 th	Dress Rehearsal School Play – to whole school morning Celebration Assembly
Tuesday 12 th	KS2 Play performances 2pm and 6pm.
Wednesday 13 th	Parents' Evening – open school – no appointments (3.30pm – 5.30pm)
Thursday 14 th	3pm Whole school art exhibition - parents welcome (3pm onwards)
Friday 15 th	Trophy Assembly FoBIPS School Discos early evening
Tuesday 19 th	Sports Day – Infants morning. Juniors Afternoon
Wednesday 20 th	2pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Year 6 Leavers' BBQ
Thursday 21 st	Last Day of Term
Friday 22 nd	

September 2022

Monday 5 th	Autumn Term Begins INSET Day – all staff return – no children in school this day
Tuesday 6 th	All children return to school

School Year Term Dates

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.