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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PART OF STOWE VALLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Celebration Assemblies



These are our star learners this week:

Sandringham—Fearn

Kensington—Savannah

Windsor—Sacha

Holyrood—Grace

St. James—Luca

Buckingham—Pippa

Congratulations to all those children who received other awards, medals and certificates; (there were so many of them!)



Dear Parents, relatives and friends,

We have had an eventful fortnight since the children returned to school.



As part of our school's involvement in the Diana Trust Anti-Bullying Campaign, our Ambassadors met on Tuesday and have decided to work towards their Online Safety Badge. They have also signed all of our classes up to the on-line Anti Bullying Assembly on Monday 3rd October. Posters will also be displayed in classrooms. Our Ambassadors are also putting together an Online Safety at Bishops quiz that children across school will complete in classes – again to underpin the work we are already doing in school.



We are asking if any parents would like to come into school on a regular basis to hear children read. Our school uses the amazing DfE Approved Monster Phonics scheme. If you are interested in helping and can commit to a regular time each week, then please contact the school office by Friday 23rd September. Mrs. Russell will put on some training on Tuesday 27th at 3pm to support you.

To support your child's reading, parents are recommended to look at the Monster phonics link to a PARENT EVENT. It's free and easy to access: [Monster Phonics Events](#) | [Eventbrite](#)..

Bishops Itchington School is nurturing and welcoming. 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.

Tributes to Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth II



On receiving the news of the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the children wrote condolences in the morning. The words they used to convey their thanks for our wonderful Queen were moving and mature. Above is a picture of our Board of Condolences that is displayed in the school entrance.

In our afternoon assembly, some messages were read out from each class, which was very moving. This was followed by a minute's silence. The conduct of the children was absolutely amazing and you should be so proud of your children who were wonderfully quiet and reflective.



At the end, the children watched the Queen and Paddington Bear video, which lifted spirits. The hall was filled with laughter and emotion.

The Railway Children come to Bishops

Our Junior children watched an in-school theatre production of The Railway Children on Thursday afternoon. This was a great experience for the children and they thoroughly enjoyed watching professional actors perform as characters in this classic novel set during the Victorian era.



Drumming Assembly



The children watched a magnificent drumming assembly on Wednesday morning. The whole school was absolutely captivated by Kris the musician. Letters are being sent out to parents this week to see if any children would like drumming lessons during school time.

Thank you, Kris, for sharing your fantastic drumming performance with us.





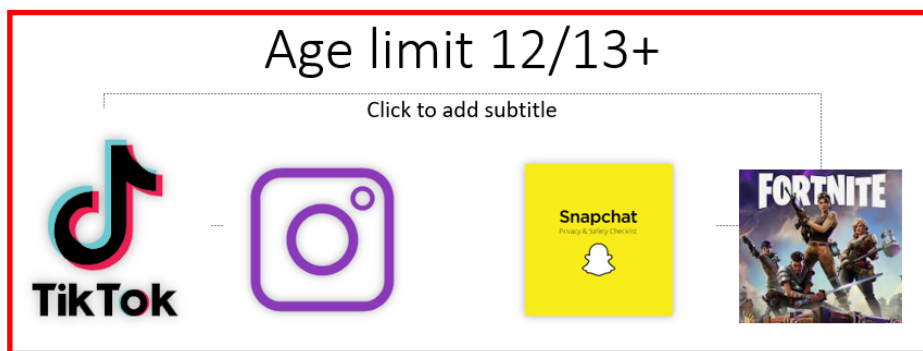
We are holding a musical afternoon and evening performance on 19th October. Classes will be performing songs to the audience to celebrate our music in school.. Years Reception and 1 will have their performances recorded whereas years 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 are to perform live at 2pm and 6pm. Children are to wear school uniform. We will be charging £3 per seat to watch the performances, each of which will last around one hour. The money raised will go straight to the purchase of musical instruments for the whole school to use, so a strong support from parents, relatives and friends would be very pleasing. More information to follow but please put this event in your diary! The theme is 'Songs for the Movies'.

On-Line Safety!



Please be aware that these games worryingly enable strangers to talk to your children on line. SafeLine—a specialist charity that works to prevent sexual violence and abuse —have reported grooming taking place on these games!

These games are rated 12/13 years old plus. Please do not allow your children to play on or access these games/apps. If they are exposed to something that worries them, they cannot un-see it; un-hear it; un-



Pokemon Cards

Please do not allow your child to bring Pokemon cards into school. This is because children are continually falling out and getting upset over the trading.

The Toysale

With Christmas coming up, we have decided to run a second-hand toy sale on Saturday 5th November from 10 am—12pm in the school hall.

We would like to receive donations of good-quality well-loved toys in advance that can be given to Lucy or Ruth in the school's reception area.

The toys will be sold to new owners at small prices. The point of the sale is help our local families budget for Christmas.

We will also be inviting parents to take second-hand uniform if they wish. All has been washed and is actually un-named lost property.

Please do come along to see what bargains you can find.

Don't forget to let Ruth and Lucy have any unwanted toys before then! Thanks everyone.



Class	Days Absent Last Week	Percentage
Balmoral	0.5	99.1%
Sandringham	4	96.8%
Kensington	5	96.7%
Windsor	4.5	96.1%
Holyrood	1.5	98.8%
St. James	3	97.5%
Buckingham	2	98.0%
School Overall Percentage last week	20.5 days missed last week	97.41%

Our School Attendance Target this academic Year is a minimum of 97.5%.

Our whole-school attendance percentage the first week back was 97.4%. Near, but we must do better! Total days of absence in each class is shown in the table with percentages.

Please note that if your child is taken on holiday and their absence is unauthorised, then we will refer the family to the Warwickshire Attendance Service.

This is now a requirement by the Government but also makes complete sense because when children miss school, they never make up the ground they have lost because they were not in school when the teaching and learning happened.

Holdenby House Yr 5 and 6 Experience being Evacuees in World War II



The children had such a wonderful time being evacuees. They went down into the bomb shelter, saw an Anderson Shelter, cut up vegetables, and were picked by hosting families. Such a great experience!



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 pop-up café and 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.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

Friday 30th of September- 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.

Pop up café open to our local community to help raise money for this charity. Café will be open from 09:15- 10:15am

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.

FoBIPS News

Wow—what a wonderful way to start the term with our Welcome BBQ.

It was lovely to see over 230 parents, carers, children and teaching staff enjoying the mild September evening and the delicious food on offer.

This event is still fairly new to us and one which we hope to continue to offer so please do let us know if we can improve on things for next year.

POP and PROSECCO (and our) AGM

Monday 26th September @ 7pm in School

ALL WELCOME—MEETING USUALLY LASTS 45MINS

This year we are hosting a Pop and Prosecco evening alongside our Annual General Meeting. This meeting is a legal requirement for FoBIPS as we are a registered charity.

For our AGM to be considered valid we have to have at least 10 non serving committee members present. Therefore please do attend this meeting so you can learn more about how FoBIPS works and how it's fundraising helps school. We will also be nominating and electing committee members.

NEW for 2022!

FoBIPS 50/50 Club (over 16yrs only)



FOBIPS 50/50 CLUB



Fancy a flutter and help with our fundraising?

Our 50/50 club is a great way to support the school's fundraising aims whilst having a bit of a flutter!

Here is how it works.....

For just £12 a year or £1 a month you can choose a number between 1-100.

The numbers get entered into a monthly draw which will take place on the school playground.

To increase your chances of winning you can buy more than one number!

The prize money will total 50 % of the monthly income and is portioned out as follows:

1st prize of 25%

2nd prize of 15%

3rd prize of 10%

For a full set of rules, a membership form and standing order mandate please speak or email gemma cleaver1@gmail.com or 07966632246

If you have any questions on fundraising or if you would like to join FOBIPS please contact Donna Davenport fobips@gmail.com

FoBIPS is a registered charity. Charity Number 1188958

Non Commercial Small Society Lottery. Licence No GA05 SDC 660247

FOBIPS we put the FUN in FUNdraising!

Contact Gemma Cleaver to get involved.
gemma cleaver1@gmail.com or 07966 632246

Class Representatives

(the lighter way to enjoy PTA life)

Fundraising for FoBIPS is changing this year and we're so excited to get you involved in the action.

This academic year, each class will be in charge of their own fundraising initiative. This can be anything from a sponsored read to a full-on event, it's completely up to you.

We're asking each class to nominate a parent/guardian class rep or a small team of class representatives to be responsible for coming up with their class's fundraiser. The FoBIPS team will be on hand to help with any questions and offer the amazing resources available to us as part of our ParentKind membership.

We hope this new way to get involved will bring a fresh new wave of ideas and events to add a bit of excitement to the academic calendar. It also encourages more children to be a part of the events taking place throughout the year.

FoBIPS will still be running the usual big scale events like the fantastic Christmas and Summer Fayre's. So you don't have to worry about creating a big event.

To help get you thinking, here are a few examples

Sponsored read

Pub Quiz

Bake sale

Pizza & Prosecco night

Bingo night

Car Wash

Raffle

Jumble sale

How to get involved

We need at least one representative from each class, so please communicate between yourselves on your Facebook or Whatsapp groups to create your perfect fundraising power team and once you've decided please let Donna Davenport know who and she will get you the support you need.

There is no need to attend any FoBIPS meetings as a parent rep, you are of course always welcome to join any of our meetings if you have any questions though.

Don't forget to like and follow our Facebook page
Friends of Bishops Itchington Primary School