

Diary for week commencing 20th November 2023

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After-School
Monday 20 th November	Odd-Socks Day – children can wear odd-socks today in recognition of Anti-Bullying				
	Buddies 7.30am NESSY	Anti-bullying Assembly	Athletics	Piano Lessons	Book Fair Buddies until 5.30pm Tag Ruby & Multi-Sports
Tuesday 21 st November	Buddies 7.30am NESSY	Science Assembly	Football Construction Club	Drumming Lessons	Book Fair Buddies until 5.30pm Drama Club Netball Club
Wednesday 22 nd November	Buddies 7.30am NESSY	Year 6 Assembly	Choir	Drumming Lessons	Book Fair Buddies until 5.30pm
Thursday 23 rd November	Buddies 7.30am NESSY		Football War Hammer Science Club Art Club	Guitar Lessons Paired reading across the school	Book Fair Buddies until 5.30pm KS1 Football
Friday 24 th November	Non-School Uniform Day – Bring a bottle for the Christmas Fair bottle tombola				
	Buddies 7.30am		Eco-Group Sports	House Reward Celebration Assembly	Book Fair Buddies until 5pm

The Book Fair is Here!

The Book Fair is visiting school next week. Please come and visit after school from 3.30pm until 3.45pm – open every day. The Book Fair will be in the front entrance reception area of the school. Come and choose! Card payments only.

Odd-Sox Day – Remembering Anti-Bullying Week Last Week



Outside Shoes for Lunchtimes



So the children can continue to play on the field at lunchtimes during the winter months, we have a plan! We would like those children who wish to play on the field – from all year groups – to bring a pair of named ‘outdoor’ shoes/trainers or wellingtons into school in a named bag. The children can change into these if they wish and go on the school field.

Our lunchtimes are really well-organised with many activities planned each day for the children to choose from. As we very much like our children to run around and have fun at lunchtimes, additional footwear will enable them to join in with any activity they wish. If it is too wet or muddy, then obviously – for safety and ‘mud’ reasons – we won’t allow children onto the field.

We will be asking the children not to slide on the grass to reduce mud on the field and on clothing – especially when football is being played.

We have just ordered some outside boxes in which the children can put their shoes – one for each class. Hopefully these will arrive in the next few days.

Reception children can use their usual Forest School Wellington Boots that are already stored in their own box in their outside area.

Importantly, please can you make sure that **all items of footwear are named!** Sorting out up to 200 pairs of shoes will be rather tricky if not!

Thank you for helping us with this. If you have any concerns or questions, then please let us know.

Bollywood Day



On Wednesday, children from Reception to Year 6 enthusiastically engaged in captivating Bollywood workshops, exploring both dance and drumming. This enriching educational experience has deepened their understanding of India's culture and traditions. Conversations about festivals such as Diwali and Holi have been lively.

Diwali, a festival occurring annually in autumn, commenced on the 12th of November this year. Typically spanning five days, we feel fortunate to celebrate Diwali within the school environment during this festive season. We would like to thank our visitors for such a great day.

We kindly ask for donations to support this educational experience, with a suggested contribution of £2.50. You can make the payment on ParentPay. Thank you!

These are some of the comments the children made about the day.

“I was very interested in the different style of dance.”

“I enjoyed the drumming it made me feel so happy and alive!”

“It was lots of fun!”

“I really enjoyed the dancing and it was a great workout -I won a bindi!”

“I loved the drumming because we got to have a go and learn more about Indian cultures and traditions.”

"I loved the drumming rhythms."



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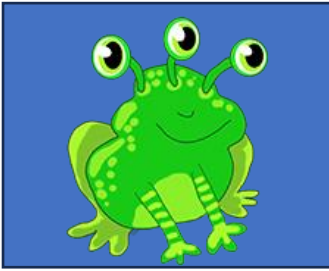
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Peg-doll tree decorations

This weekend the children in school have been set a challenge by Mrs Saunders. In each child's book bag they will have a wooden peg. We are asking each child in school to decorate their wooden peg to represent themselves and this will be placed on our school community Christmas tree. Please can this be returned to your child's class teacher by Monday 27th November 2023.



Monster Phonics



Bishops Itchington follows the Monster Phonics programme for Phonics.

Please find attached a link to attend a free seminar on Tuesday 12th December to help you to guide your child at home.

[Monster Phonics a Guide for Parents Tickets, Tue 12 Dec 2023 at 19:00 | Eventbrite](#)

There is also a fun app that supports learning at home that children can play. This is optional and can be purchased through the App Store.

Walking Home – Safeguarding Notice

While we allow Year 6 children to walk home after school with parental permission, please note that following an after-school club, then a parent will need to pick them up. This is because it is now completely dark at 4.30pm and so for safeguarding reasons, all children must be collected by a named, responsible adult. Thank you so much for helping us to keep your children safe.

Does your child need glasses?

Your child does not know if they can see clearly. Clear eye-sight is essential to every child's learning and development.



As children grow, their eyes also grow and their eye-sight alters at different stages of their development. This is why it is essential to get your child's eye-sight checked every year.

Eye tests are free for children. Please take time to book an appointment for an eye-sight check at an optician. For any child struggling to see, a pair of glasses can open up the world and opportunities to them.

Buddies

Would you please remember that we now only accept pre-bookings and pre-payment for Buddies. Therefore, can parents please ensure you have booked and paid for your child's sessions that you would like them to attend on a weekly basis. Sessions close 48 hours before the session start time. Emergencies will of course be catered for!

Also, if you wish your child to start attending Buddies, then please ensure that a registration form is completed before they start. These are available at the school office. Thank you for your help with this.

Pudsey Colouring Competition



The winners of the Pudsey Colouring Competitions are:

Chiara from Ladybirds

Amber in Reception Class

Merryn in Year 5

Alana Rose in Year 1

Willow Wildin in Year 6

Each child has received a Pudsey Pin Badge in our Celebration Assembly.

The overall winner was Harry, who created a lovely Remembrance Bear. Harry's bear was an outstanding winner due to the theme he had chosen. Charlie wins the really big bear!

We had a huge number of entries and raised exactly £100 for Children in Need and we will send this off to this wonderful charity straight away. The School Council would like to thank everyone for entering.

Holiday Club



We can run our Holiday Club on the dates below this academic year. Please could you contact the school office to book your child's place. Please note school does not receive funding for Holiday Club and therefore we can only run it if we have enough support. So, please book your place asap. Thank you so much.

Miss Jeacock and Mrs. Buckingham will be running Holiday Club and the theme this autumn half term will be 'Festivals.' Holiday Club will run from 8am until 4pm and the cost will be £28 per full day.

Christmas holiday 2023/24

Tuesday 2nd January – Thursday 4th January

February half term 2024

Monday 12th February – Thursday 15th February

Easter holiday 2024

Monday 25th March – Thursday 28th March and Tuesday 2nd April – Thursday 4th April

May half term 2024

Tuesday 28th May – Thursday 30th May

Summer holiday 2024

Tuesday 23rd July – Friday 26th July

Monday 29th July – Friday 2nd August

Monday 5th August – Friday 9th August

Monday 12th August – Friday 16th August

FOBIPS Information



Christmas Designs – due out on Monday 20th November

We know how busy Fridays are, so we are working to deliver your Christmas Design items on Monday. Please bear with us as they come in multiple packages so need a bit of time invested to organise them into classes. Any questions please email fobips@gmail.com

We will let you know when Classfundraising inform us of how much we have raised through this festive activity.

If anyone missed the opportunity to order items, Classfundraising have re-opened our online shop for 1 week – Friday 17th Nov – Fri 24th Nov. Please note orders placed during this time do not help fundraise for school.

Non-Uniform Day – Friday 24th November

On Friday 24th November your child(ren) can wear their choice of clothing to school for the day in exchange for a donation of a bottle for our ever-popular bottle tombola stall at the Christmas Fayre.

We kindly remind you that no high heels, crop tops or inappropriate clothing is permitted, additionally your child should be appropriately dressed for the weather!

FoBIPS will be on the playground to collect bottles from you or your child. If you child attends buddies, please hand their bottles in to the buddies team and they will pass on to us.

Christmas Fayre – Saturday 2nd December 12-3pm

We are starting to prepare for our upcoming fayre so keep any eye out for more information about the event on our Facebook page and our noticeboards.

Stall Holders – our allocation external of stalls is now **full**. Sorry if you missed out but we will have plenty of space at the Summer Fayre.

Grotto slots – OPEN NOW!

We are delighted that Father Christmas has time to visit us at our fayre and the elves are busy preparing his grotto for the event. If you would like your child to visit Father Christmas, we advise that at ALL slots must be pre-booked before the event. This is to ensure that we have sufficient gifts for everyone. If you would like to book, simply scan the QR code and select the most convenient time for you. Please note that if you have a child in choir, they will be required to perform at 12:30 so it's advisable to book onto slots after 1pm.



Use your phone to scan this and come and see me at the Christmas Fayre

*****Last Chance for Advertisers***** – do you own a local business and would like to promote it in our Fayre Programme?

Please scan the QR code or click the links below to secure a half page (£10.00) or a full page (£20) advertisement. We print over 100 copies of the programme and usually see over 150 adults attend our fayre.

All adverts must be ordered and paid for by **15th November 2023**.



£20.00 Full Page



£10.00 Half Page

£20.00 Full Page <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/Q083A8BJ>

£10.00 Half Page <https://pay.sumup.com/b2c/QYWSURLK>

Raffle tickets – every child will be given two books in an envelope next week. Each book is worth £5 (£1 per ticket), please can you sell tickets to friends' family or neighbours and help us raise funds for school.

Ticket stubs need to be completed and returned with payment in an envelope labelled with your child's name by **Thursday 1st December** – tickets can also be returned on the day.

First prize – £50 donated by Brellis Recruitment

Christmas tree donated by Manor Farm

Gin Tasting for two donated by The Warwickshire Gin Company

Christmas Disco – Friday 15th December

Just a quick note on this event – look out for the online booking form with payment link which will be issued after the Christmas Fayre.

We will have two discos – Infants (Reception, Year 1 & Year 2) and Juniors (Years 3, 4, 5 & 6) full details of timings etc will be released soon.

Parents of reception children are welcome to attend this event as it will be your child's first disco at school however, please can you ensure that you note the following:

Use of mobile phones during the disco is strictly prohibited.

Unfortunately, siblings are not permitted to attend this event.

Join our team - we would love to grow our committee.

If you are interested in finding out more about FoBIPS, who we are and what we do then please contact us on fobips@gmail.com or contact Donna on 07825 837326.

There are a number of ways you can help:

*Join our "an hour here and there" what's app group - help when you can (and usually tasks that can be done from the sofa)

* Sign up to EasyFundraising – Did you know that Friends of Bishops Itchington Primary School are registered with easyfundraising, which means you can raise FREE donations for us every time you shop online. Over 7,000 brands will donate to us when you use easyfundraising to shop with them – at no extra cost to yourself!

These donations really mount up and make a BIG difference to us, so we'd really appreciate it if you could take a moment to sign up and support us. It's completely FREE and only takes a moment.

Please consider signing up NOW so when you're shopping online for Christmas gifts for friends and family then the school can benefit from your purchases WITHOUT increasing your costs!

SIGN UP HERE

https://www.easyfundraising.org.uk/causes/fobips/?utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=pmc&utm_content=gs-email1

* Join our committee - we always welcome new people and new ideas, come and make friends with us as we help school.

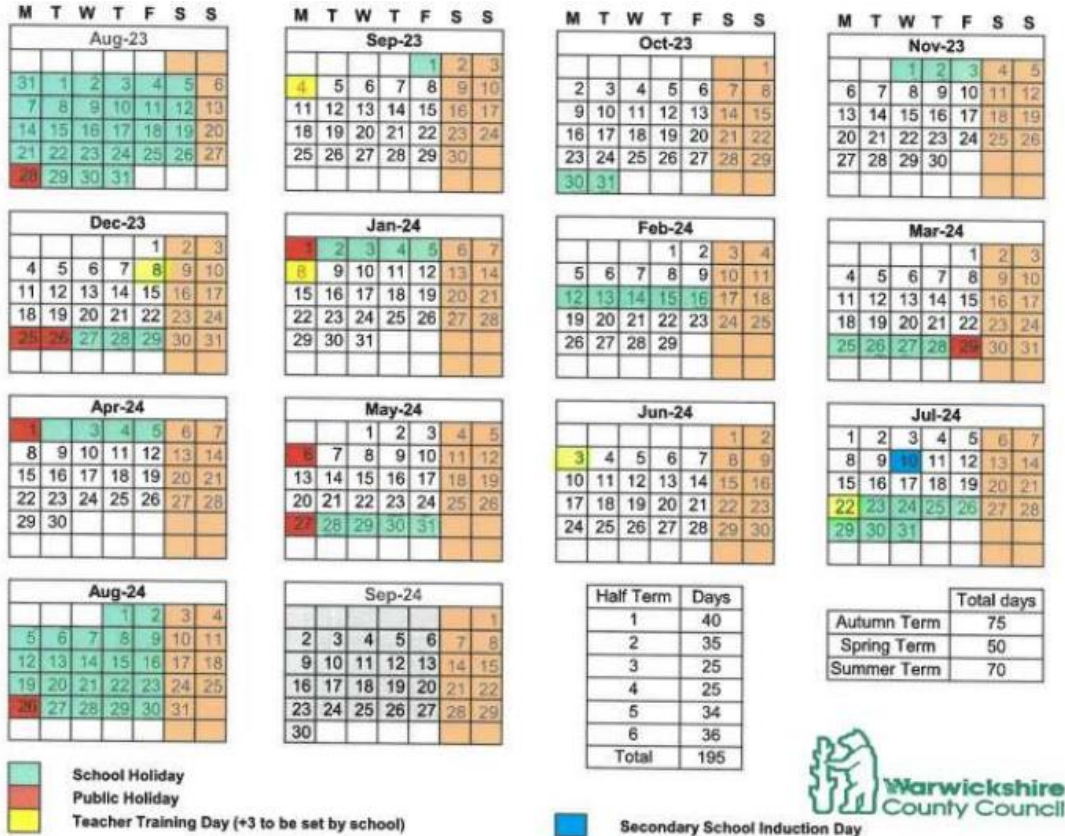
*Donate - unwanted toys for our lucky dip, unused cosmetics or unwanted gifts for our male and female gift rooms, we collect all year round.

This Calendar will be re-issued each weekend, so please keep an eye on updates!

November 2023	
Friday 24 th	Dress-down day – bring a bottle for Xmas Fayre tombola. Nasal Flu vaccinations Year Reception to Year 6
December 2023	
Saturday 2 nd	School Christmas Fayre 12-3pm
Wednesday 6 th	Year 3 and 4 trip to Coombe Abbey
Friday 8 th	Teacher Training Day – Children do not come to school this

Tuesday 12 th	Infant Nativity 2pm and 5pm.
Thursday 14 th	Ladybirds Nativity at the school (morning)
Friday 15 th	School Christmas Dinner Children wear a Christmas jumper or decoration to school (this is not a fundraiser; just for fun). School Disco evening.
Friday 22 nd	Trophy Assembly afternoon. Last day of term.
January 2024	
Monday 8 th	Teacher Training Day – Children do not come to school this day.
Tuesday 9 th	All children return to school today.

These are the term dates for this academic year.



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