

Diary for week commencing 15th April 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Here's the diary for the week starting Monday 15th April when the children return to school.

	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After-School
Monday 15th April	Buddies 7.30am NESSY	Assembly – Overcoming Anxiety	The Hive (by invitation) *Marathon Running	Piano Year 4 swimming	Buddies until 5.30pm Multi-Sports
Tuesday 16th April	Buddies 7.30am NESSY	Neuro-diversity assembly – KS2 (Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Sykes)	The Hive (by invitation) *Marathon Running	Drumming lessons	Buddies until 5.30pm Drama Netball
Wednesday 17th April	Buddies 7.30am NESSY	Singing Assembly	The Hive (by invitation)	Basketball event Moreton Morrell	Buddies until 5.30pm
Thursday 18th April	Buddies 7.30am NESSY		The Hive (by invitation)	Guitar Shared Reading across classes	Buddies until 5.30pm Infant Football
Friday 19th April	Buddies 7.30am		The Hive (by invitation)	House Reward 3pm Celebration Assembly	Buddies until 5pm

Please can children be collected from main front door at the end of after-school activities.

*Marathon running on Monday and Tuesday lunchtimes has been organised by Mrs. Collen to get the children active! Please can all children make sure they have PE trainers/footwear in school these days? Thank you.

Please remember that if you need support or wish to talk to the school about anything, then please let us know.

Inset Days coming up

There **are** two teacher training days this term. These are on **Monday 3rd June and Monday 1st July.**

Children do not come to school on these days and we are sorry that no holiday club is running as all teachers will be involved in training.

Apologies for the mistake in the last Friday email concerning dates. These are the correct ones.

Summer Fair – Saturday 22nd June – please keep this date free!



Our School Summer Fair is not only a fabulous event that brings our school community together, it's also a great opportunity for children to represent their school in Maypole dancing, running class stalls, making crafts to sell for charity, and more. This is FoBIPS major fun-raising event that provides much-needed income for the school. Please keep this date free so your families can come along to have great fun and support your school community. Thank you so much.

Information from Warwickshire Local Authority regarding Unauthorised absence during term-time. Please read. Thank you.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE DURING TERM TIME UPDATED INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Supreme Court clarified has clarified the law on unauthorised leave, including holidays, during term time (Platt v Isle of Wight 2017). The Supreme Court has made clear that attending school 'regularly' means that the children must attend school on every day that they are required to do so. As such, the parents of any child who is absent from school without authorisation for any length of time are likely to be considered as committing an offence under s444 of the Education Act 1996.

The regulations regarding Leave of Absence (The Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) Regulations 2006 as amended by Education (Pupil Regulations) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2013.) advise:

- Head teachers **shall not** grant **any** Leave of Absence during term time **unless they consider** there are **exceptional** circumstances relating to the application.

If the leave is granted, Head teachers are able to determine the number of school days a child can be absent for.

It is for the Head teacher to decide what is 'exceptional' and it is at their discretion if the circumstances warrant the leave to be granted. When making an application for Leave of Absence in advance parents are advised to give sufficient information and time to allow the Head teacher the opportunity to consider all the exceptional circumstances and to notify parents of their decision. It is advised that if the resident parent has not received notification or a response regarding the leave of absence application, it is their responsibility to ascertain if the leave is authorised prior to the start of the leave.

The school can only consider Leave of Absence requests which are made by the 'resident' parent ie the parent with whom the child normally resides.

Where applications for leave of absence are made in advance and refused, the child will be required to be in school on the dates set out in the application. If the child is absent during that period, it will be recorded as an unauthorised absence, which may result in legal action being taken against the parent(s), by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice.

Where a leave of absence is requested, but additional days taken either prior to or after the request may be considered as part of the leave of absence and could result in a Fixed Penalty Notice being issued to the parent(s).

Each application for a leave of absence will be considered on a case-by-case basis and on its own merits.

Leave of Absences which are not made in advance cannot be authorised in line with legislation. This will result in the absence being recorded as 'unauthorised'. This may result in legal action against the parent, by way of a Fixed Penalty Notice. All matters of unauthorised absence relating to a Leave of Absence will be referred to the Warwickshire Attendance Service, part of Warwickshire County Council.

It is important to note, Fixed Penalty Notices are issued to each parent of each absent child, (for example 2 children and 2 parents, means each parent will receive 2 invoices in the amount of £120 each, totalling £240 for both children, this is reduced to £60 per child if paid within 21 days).

Where a Fixed Penalty Notice is not paid within the required timeframe as set out on the notice, the matter will be referred to Warwickshire County Council's Legal Services to consider instigating criminal proceedings under S444 Education Act 1996.

Fixed Penalty Notices are issued in accordance with Warwickshire County Council's Code of Conduct for Penalty Notices. **Your child's progress academically as well as socially is our shared priority**

Warwickshire School pupils recorded 96,366 half day sessions of absence due to holiday in the Academic year 2021/22.

No Parking at the doctors please!



Please can we remind parents that there is no parking at the doctors' surgery. Thank you.

Neurodiversity Information for KS2 pupils

On Tuesday, Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Sykes started a sequence of assemblies to help children understand and celebrate neurodiversity. Through video and discussion, we learned that everyone is different on the outside and also on the inside. We talked about neurotypical brains and neurodiverse brains. We also played the game, "Would You Rather?" to show the children how people have different preferences and for different reasons. For example, would you rather have a pet koala or a pet dinosaur? We will be continuing this learning next week (Years 3-6).

Holiday Club



We can run our Holiday Club on the dates below. 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.

Holiday Club will run from 8am until 4pm and the cost will be £32 per full day for the Summer Holiday sessions.

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

SafeLine Training for Parents – How to keep your children safe on-line



SAFELINE'S PARENT WORKSHOP

HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD SAFE ONLINE, IMPROVE THEIR MENTAL HEALTH AND LEARN HOW TO DEAL WITH BULLYING.

Join us on Zoom Meeting ID: 765 294 7590

Internet Safety
Wednesday 10th of April 5pm - 6pm

Mental Health
Wednesday 17th of April 5pm - 6pm

Bullying and Sexual Harassment in Schools
Wednesday 24th of April 5 - 6pm

We recommend attending all 3 sessions to gain a deeper understanding into your child's welfare.

Please confirm attendance via email at:
ramandeepd@safeline.org.uk




Danger from the internet is probably the highest safeguarding risk to our children. We have a collective responsibility to ensure that they remain safe from on-line grooming; bullying and abuse.

Our school works closely with SafeLine who are a charity that works tirelessly to prevent on-line abuse and provide support and counselling to victims.

We urge you to attend this free training so you can protect your children and yourselves from the many people who wish to exploit innocent children and adults.

Thank you.

Lifeways Support Group for Parents of children struggling to attend school



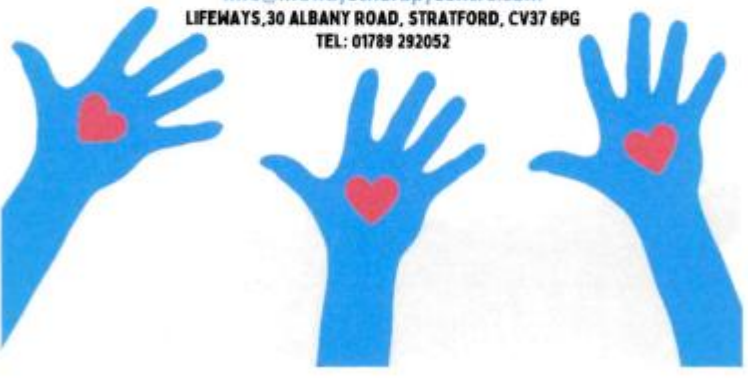
PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP

THURSDAY 18TH APRIL 2024	LIFEWAYS THERAPY CENTRE	INTRODUCTORY TALK STARTS AT 7PM
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A SPACE FOR PARENTS WHOSE CHILDREN ARE STRUGGLING TO ATTEND SCHOOL.

PLEASE COME ALONG TO SHARE EXPERIENCES AND EXPLORE WHAT SUPPORT WOULD BE HELPFUL.

TO BOOK A SPACE, PLEASE CONTACT
info@lifewaystherapycentre.com
LIFEWAYS, 30 ALBANY ROAD, STRATFORD, CV37 6PG
TEL: 01789 292052



Lifeways is a team of support professionals for adults with diverse and complex needs in the community. Lifeways support people living with learning disabilities, autism, acquired brain injuries, physical disabilities and mental health difficulties.

LifeWays is organising a Parents Support Group evening on **Thursday 18th April** in Stratford. This initial meeting is intended to investigate if there is a demand for a local group for parents whose children are struggling to attend school, and if so, what support is required and how Lifeways can help.

Butcher's Arms, Bishops Itchington

RAFFLE CHARITY EVENT



**Raising money for
Myton Hospice**

Saturday

May 25th 12 - 2pm



**Cake sale and
children's activities!**

11 Fisher Road, Bishops Itchington CV47 2RE

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As always, if you wish to speak to the school about anything at all, then please let us know.

Thank you

Jacky Sykes

Jacky Sykes and all the staff at Bishops Itchington Primary School

Calendar

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

SUMMER TERM

APRIL	
8 th Monday	All children return to school

MAY	
6 th Mon	Bank Holiday
13 th Mon	Year 6 SATS week
21 st Tuesday	Ladybirds' Pre-school sports day
23 rd Thursday	Main school Sports Day
24 th Friday	Whole Class photographs

HALF TERM

JUNE 2024	
3 rd Monday	INSET DAY – children do not come to school this day.
4 th Tuesday	All children return to school this day. Sports Week for all this week.
5 th Wed	Cricket Day
6 th Thursday	Police to visit Year 6
7 th Friday	Skipping Workshop all day all classes
12 th Wed	Marvellous Men Gift Room
13 th Thursday	Police to visit Year 6
14 th Friday	Marvellous Men Gift Room
20 th Thursday	Police to visit Year 6
22 nd SATURDAY	School Summer Fair
26 th Wed	Stowe Valley MAT Arts Festival
27 th Thursday	Police to visit Year 6
July 2024	
1 st Monday	INSET DAY – children do not come to school this day.
9 th Tuesday	Year 5 and 6 Performances 2pm and 6pm
10 th Wed	Year 6 transition day to Southam College
11 th Thurs	Year 6 transition day to Southam College In-school transition morning – children spend the morning in their new classes
12 th Friday	Trophy Assembly 2.45pm School Disco
18 th Thursday	2.30pm – 3.15pm Year 6 Leavers' Assembly Year 6 Leavers' Party
19 th Friday	Last day of school
22 nd Monday	School INSET DAY – children do not come to school this day
	SUMMER HOLIDAYS BEGIN

There are more activities planned and these will be added to the calendar once they have been confirmed.

Explore. Achieve. Celebrate.

Together we grow happy, responsible and adaptable individuals
who are ready to continue their life-journey.