

# Diary for week commencing 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024

Dear Parents, Carers and Friends,

Here's the diary for the week starting Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> April.

|  | Before School              | Morning  | Lunchtime                                       | Afternoon   | After-School  |
|--|----------------------------|--|---|---|---|
| <b>Monday<br/>22<sup>nd</sup> April</b>    | Buddies<br>7.30am<br>NESSY | Key Stage 1<br>drama: George<br>and the Dragon                         | <b>The Hive<br/>(by invitation)</b>             | Piano<br><b>Year 4 swimming</b>                     | Buddies until<br>5.30pm<br><b>Multi-Sports</b>      |
| <b>Tuesday<br/>23<sup>rd</sup> April</b>   | Buddies<br>7.30am<br>NESSY | Neuro-diversity<br>assembly – KS2<br>(Mrs. Saunders<br>and Mrs. Sykes) | <b>The Hive<br/>(by invitation)</b>             | <b>Drumming lessons</b>                             | Buddies until<br>5.30pm<br><b>Drama<br/>Netball</b> |
| <b>Wednesday<br/>24<sup>th</sup> April</b> | Buddies<br>7.30am<br>NESSY | Singing<br>Assembly  | <b>The Hive<br/>(by invitation)</b>             |   | Buddies until<br>5.30pm                             |
| <b>Thursday<br/>25<sup>th</sup> April</b>  | Buddies<br>7.30am<br>NESSY |  | <b>The Hive<br/>(by invitation)</b>             | <b>Guitar</b><br>Shared Reading<br>across classes   | Buddies until<br>5.30pm<br><b>Infant Football</b>   |
| <b>Friday<br/>26<sup>th</sup> April</b>    | Buddies<br>7.30am          |  | <b>The Hive<br/>(by invitation)</b><br>Eco-Club | House Reward<br><b>3pm Celebration<br/>Assembly</b> | Buddies until 5pm                                   |

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

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 3<sup>rd</sup> June and Monday 1<sup>st</sup> 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.

## Summer Fair – Saturday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Wright 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 – Explaining Needs and Wants



Mrs. Saunders and Mrs. Sykes continued with their assemblies to help KS2 children understand neurodiversity. We discussed that **wants** are not the same as **needs**. When we **want** things, they are things we like or prefer. Things we **need** enable us to enjoy school, feel safe there, and learn and join in. Children are all different on the outside and the inside, so they may need different things to help them access school and learn well.

When children don't get what they **need**, it makes it really hard for them to make the most of school. Someone might need to wear glasses, another person might need pictures to help them follow instructions, because otherwise, they will not remember what to do in class. Others may need more adult help, regular movement breaks, fiddle toys or a computer to aid them with their writing.

This is how fairness works. Because everyone is different, children may need different things to help them learn and enjoy school.

## 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 23<sup>rd</sup> July – Friday 26<sup>th</sup> July

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> July – Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> August

Monday 5<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 9<sup>th</sup> August

Monday 12<sup>th</sup> August – Friday 16<sup>th</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup> of April 5pm - 6pm

**Mental Health**  
Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> of April 5pm - 6pm

**Bullying and Sexual Harassment in Schools**  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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.

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 <sup>th</sup> Monday | All children return to school |

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

## HALF TERM

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