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Celebration Assemblies

We will be holding a Celebration Assembly at 3pm fortnightly on a Friday afternoon. We would love parents and friends to come along!



A 'Star Learner' will be announced from each class—the 'Star' will not know and their parents will be notified in secret in the hope they can join in the celebration.



To celebrate the achievements children have made outside of school (music, sport, drama, art, clubs), the assembly will include 'The Achievement Book'. We would like parents/relatives and children to record achievements in the Achievement Book; this will be looked after by Mrs. Thornton. Certificates/trophies should also be given to Mrs. Thornton.

Our first Celebration Assembly is Friday 13th September (next week) at 3pm. Please join us so we can celebrate the children's wonderful achievements together.

Welcome

Welcome everyone to our new school year. I am delighted and excited to take on the role of Head of School and SENDCo. I have worked at Bishops Itchington Primary School for many years and very much look forward to seeing our school go from strength to strength.

Thanks to our membership of the Stowe Valley Academy Trust, we have had a new ICT system installed over the summer providing pupils and staff alike with faster and more efficient internet access. Please note that the school email address has changed to admin2014@stowevalley.com. You will also notice some improvements to our school environment made over the holiday period bringing the school's image more up-to-date. And, we hope you like our new logo.

'Be the best you can be!' We have a fantastic team of teachers, teaching assistants, support staff, volunteers and helpers who work hard and go that extra mile to make this happen for your wonderful children. We are pleased to welcome our new teachers to our team: Miss Wilkinson teaching Holyrood Class, Miss Aston teaching Windsor Class on Fridays, and Mrs. Brindley teaching Buckingham Class on Mondays and Tuesdays. We also welcome teaching assistants, Mrs. Buckingham and Mrs. Elliott.

We also welcome our new Reception Class—all 30 of them. They have settled in beautifully this week. Also, we welcome Theo into Year 2 and Bertie in Year 4.

I am also pleased to tell you that Mrs. Russell has now taken on the responsibility of Senior Leader. Mrs. Russell will be playing a very active role in leading our school, together with Mrs. Maggie Godfrey (Executive Head) and me.

We have introduced new 'Houses' at school: Farah, Ennis-Hill and Daley. The teams represent British, outstanding and admired sports men and women of modern times, which we hope will inspire the children.

Our school is welcoming and nurturing. Parents are welcome to make an appointment to see me to discuss any matter.

With best wishes,



Jacky Sykes—Head of School

Extra-Curricular Activities and Clubs Starting Next Week

	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
Monday 9 th September	Buddies NESSY			Swimming Lessons Holyrood	Buddies Football Club 3.30-4.30
Tuesday 10 th September	Buddies NESSY	Brass Lessons	Eco Club R-Yr6		Buddies
Wednesday 11 th September	Buddies NESSY				Buddies Netball Club 3.30-4.30 Play On Drama Club
Thursday 12 th September	Buddies NESSY		Choir— Mrs. Russell Homework Club— Miss Baxter	Guitar Lessons	Buddies
Friday 13 th September	Buddies NESSY			3pm Celebration Assembly – all welcome!	Buddies

FOBIPS FAMILY BBQ



FOBIPS is holding a Family BBQ on Friday 20th from 5-7pm. There will be games, music and fun for everyone!

Tickets are £1 for adults and 50p for each child (a free hot or soft drink will be included).

Burgers and hotdogs will be for sale.

Look out for the invitation that children are bringing home in their book bags. This will be yet another fabulous event organised by our wonderful, hard-working FOBIPS team!

Football and Netball Clubs



Football Club and Netball Club will be run by Southam United—these will be funded by the school so all places will be free. Please register your child using the letter being sent out this week. We are setting up football and netball teams to play other schools, so we really do encourage as many children as possible to join in with these free clubs. These are open to Year 3—Year 6.



Please Name your Child's Uniform


In school, we quickly become inundated with mislaid, un-named uniform. Please name your child's clothing this week! Teachers will name your child's clothing with a pen on the inside label if they find clothing that is anonymous.



Swimming Lessons

Swimming this year will be taught to Key Stage Two children only. Each class will swim for a block of one whole term on a Monday afternoon. There are a number of reasons for this. Firstly, each class will get more lessons in one block, enabling them to make more progress; swimming in Key Stage One has in the past been challenging for a number of children. Lessons will be on a Monday afternoon, which means that the children will not be missing core subjects when they swim. We decided, on balance, that this option was best for the majority of children. Holyrood Class will be swimming in the Autumn Term; Windsor in the Spring Term and Buckingham in the Summer Term.

Dates this Half Term

September		Time
3 rd Tuesday	Term starts	8.55am–3.30pm
9 th Monday	Music lessons start this week	
13 th Friday	Celebration Assembly at school – all welcome	3pm
20 th Friday	FOBIPS Family BQQ	5-7pm
21 st Saturday	Year 6 Cross Country Southam College	10.30
24 th Tuesday	FOBIPS AGM at school	7.30pm
27 th Friday	Harvest Festival at school – all welcome	2.30pm
October	Event	Time
4 th Friday	House cross-country – all welcome	2.15pm
11 th Friday	Celebration Assembly – all welcome	3pm
12 th Saturday	Year 6 Cross Country Hatton Country World	9.30am
14 th Monday	Open morning – all welcome	9.15 – 11am
	Coffee Morning in aid of Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Group.	
18th Friday	Children's Cancer and Leukaemia Fund Raiser—wear a yellow or gold top to school—£1 donation.	
18 th Friday	Windsor Bake Sale	3.30pm
24 th Thursday	Reception Stay and Play	9.30 – 10.30 10.45 – 11.45
25 th Friday	INSET DAY – No school today	
28 th Monday	Half term holiday for one week	

Snacks and Drinks



Healthy ones only please!

Children should only bring healthy snacks into school please. Infant classes (Reception, Year One and Year Two) are provided with free fruit for break times, so additional snacks should not be needed. Junior classes can bring a healthy snack into school, but please no crisps and definitely no sweets or chocolate. We encourage children to bring water bottles into school to be filled with water. However, please do not fill these with juice or squash, as continued sipping of sugary drinks (even those with artificial sweeteners or labelled 'sugar-free') rots teeth.

Also, please can we remind you that we are a nut-free school. We have some children with a nut-allergy and we need to safeguard them against health risks associated with nuts.

Thank you. We appreciate your support with keeping our school healthy and safe.

Hair Accessories



Please can we ask that modest hair accessories are worn by the children to tie their hair back. Red, white, brown or black ribbons, plain alic bands, bobbles and plain hair slides are acceptable. Also, please can children not wear nail varnish to school. Thank you.

48-Hour Rule!



If your child has sickness or diarrhea, they must stay away from school for 48 hours from the time they were last sick or had diarrhea. This is to safeguard other children so we are going to be strict about this. Also, should your child have flu or a rash appears that could be measles or chicken-pox, then your child should see the GP immediately and stay away from school until they are no longer contagious. A letter is being sent out to all parents to explain this in more detail. Thank you.

'Friends of Bishops Itchington Primary School' (FoBIPS)

FOBIPS is our team of parents who are committed to raising funds for school to enable pupils to access activities that enhance their learning experiences and support their development. They are a highly valued group of people in our school community. The team is made up of 10 people and you will find most of them on the playground most days:

- Donnamarie Davenport —Chair
- Sabina White
- Katarina Harvey—Treasurer
- Anna Bennett—Secretary
- Orlaith Horsman
- Adriana Elliott—Vice Chair
- Melanie Garland
- Zoe Breakwell
- Ed Rycroft (Dad to Martha in Yr2 and Joshua in Reception) - new member!
- Debbie Wiles (Mother to Orri in Reception) - new member!

FoBIPS will be publishing updates in the school newsletter, they have posters around the school or see their Facebook page - [Friends of Bishops Itchington Primary School](#) for news of all opportunities to support the school or ways to get involved.

The FoBIPS team welcome new committee members or helpers for events. You don't have to give up hours of your time. Last year they were helped significantly by a number of parents who couldn't help on the day at events but could give an hour or two of help before the event to do things like laminating, decorating, wrapping grotto gifts or setting up events. This help is invaluable to the small team so if you would like to add your name to our helpers list then please get in touch with FoBIPS.

All parents are invited to attend our AGM which will be held on **Tuesday 24th September** at 7:30pm in School. Please come along and see what we do and if you have any fundraising ideas then do share them with us.

Back to school BBQ. This year we are holding a new event. On **Friday 20th September** we will be holding a BBQ from 5-7pm for all families to welcome the new parents to our school. This is a great opportunity to catch up with other parents over a bite to eat. Some of the FoBIPS games will be available to entertain children. Forms are in the children's book bags this week – please help us order catering by returning your forms by **17th September**.

Autumn Term Events

Friday 20 Sept 5-7pm - Back to school BBQ

Tuesday 24 Sept 7:30pm - FOBIPS AGM

Windsor Class Bake Sale – Friday 18th October 3:30pm

Buckingham Class Bake Sale – Friday 8th November 3:30pm

Christmas Disco – Friday 6th December (Infants 6-6:45pm, Juniors 7 – 8pm)



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