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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PART OF STOWE VALLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST



Christmas Message from School Governors

As we all reach the end of another challenging year, the governors would like to take this opportunity to wish our whole school community a peaceful and joyful festive break. Adapting to the changing circumstances has often been stressful but everyone has worked tremendously hard to minimise the impact on the children.

As governors, we are particularly grateful to Mrs. Sykes and all the staff of the school, teaching and non-teaching, for their commitment to keeping the school a happy and healthy place.

Best wishes for 2022 and we hope you have very merry Christmas.

The Governors of Bishops Itchington School

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

I would like to express how proud I am of your children, who have been absolutely wonderful this term. They have worked so extremely hard, had great fun and been brilliant friends to one-another.

This is the last newsletter this year but I will be publishing a special Trophy Newsletter at the end of the week to show which children received trophies for maths, English and perseverance in each class!



A reminder that our Christmas Dinner will be on Wednesday 15th December. On this day, children and staff can wear a Christmas jumper or top to school (we are not asking for any donations—we just want to feel Christmassy!).

Thank you to our hard-working staff who, what ever their role, have worked clearly above and beyond expectations to maintain a safe and happy environment. Also, although our governors are not visible to you, I would like to thank them for their valuable and continued support. The FoBIPS team continue to work tirelessly to support our school, despite the challenges of Covid —and we are all eternally grateful for their commitment and never-ending fund-raising ideas!

*Wishing you all a peaceful and restful Christmas and let's hope 2022 will be a good one! We look forward to the children returning to school on **Wednesday 5th January 2022.***

Jacky Sykes



Fobips News

We would like to thank everyone who came and supported us at our Christmas Cracker. We have raised a total of **£1701.79**



Explore. Achieve. Celebrate.

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

Your Child Should NOT Take Holidays in Term-Time



We know how wonderful it would be if we could all be on holiday all of the time! However, requests for parents to take children out of school during term time - unless there are exceptional circumstances—will not be authorised.

Did you know that if your child misses a week at school, they will return with a gap in their learning that is difficult to repair? Each lesson is a building block of knowledge with the next lesson building on the last. By taking your child out of school, the building blocks are missing, which can cause your child to struggle. Children can feel embarrassed and vulnerable if they are put in this position because they will not know what previ-

ous learning has taken place, they will have missed experiences within the learning environment, and they will have lost the opportunity to join in with discussions around the learning that occurred when they were absent. This applies to every single age group.

Missing school also affects the other children in the class because adults have to spend valuable teaching time helping your child to catch up. This takes an adult away from the children they have been planned to work with, which affects the education of other children.

If there is an exceptional reason for your child to be out of school, then please send your application form into the school office (Application for Leave of Absence for a School Pupil in Term in Exceptional Circumstances Only). You will need to provide supporting evidence, which could include a letter from your employer explaining your work pattern (for example, NHS-employee); a third-party letter referring to an overseas family wedding; or similar.

All requests and supporting evidence will be considered jointly by the Head of School and a School Governor—and this should be received at least **four** weeks before the intended absence.

The position of the Stowe Valley MAT is that if a pupil does not attend school when permission has not been granted, the parents can be prosecuted.

Obviously, in cases where there is illness within the family or a funeral or similar, then these would be seen as exceptional circumstances automatically and notice would not be needed. A phone call to Mrs. Sykes would be



Are you absolutely sure your child is safe on line?

Are the on-line games your child plays appropriate for their age? Is there violent or sexual content? Do the games have a misogyny theme (show disrespect for women)?

Will the game invite strangers to contact my child? Could it make my child upset, anxious, withdrawn or even aggressive? Does the game/app provide good role-models in its characters for my children?

This is a really good online safety link so parents can find out if apps/social media/games their children use are appropriate for their age and provides safety advice. It takes 5 minutes to check it out!

www.net-aware.org.uk

NSPCC

Bishops reach out to Bo School in Sierra Leone



Bishops Itchington School is partnered with a school in Bo, in Sierra Leone. The purpose is for our schools to exchange art work, photographs and work so we can learn about each other's schools and the way we live and learn. Holyrood Class have made this poetry tree, based on how important trees are to the environment. We hope they like the poems.

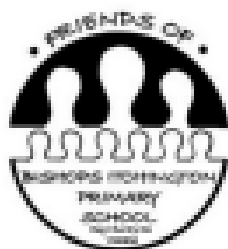
Magical reading moments in school



This week, Daisy our Reading Ambassador, delivered some exciting parcels to each class! The children have been thrilled to receive these reading parcels and Teachers will be sharing them with their classes.



Our library has Christmas-themed books to read and to share.



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On Wednesday 15th December, from 3:15pm onwards, we will be selling off a limited number of grotto gifts, reindeer food and Christmas headbands/decorations left over from our Christmas Cracker event.

This is a cash only sale and all items are priced at £1. The sale will be held on the playground and run by FoBIPS. This is a first come first served basis, items cannot be reserved or held, sorry.



**Update! Total raised
£3,500!**

**We are hoping to make it to
£4,000 by end of term.**

*Merry Christmas
everyone!*



Dates This Term

December	Event	Time
15th Wednesday	School Christmas Dinner and wear a Christmas jumper or top. FoBIPS Christmas Sale on the playground	3.15pm
16th Thursday	Trophies awarded to children in each class: Maths, English and Perseverance. Year 5/6 Football Match Away at St. Lawrence at Napton Primary School.	3.30pm kick-off
17th Friday	Break up at 3.30pm	
January	Event	Time
5th Wednesday	First day of Spring Term. All children back to school.	8.55am

Cleaner required at school

We have a vacancy for a cleaner to join our happy team. Please call the office if you are interested in some early-evening hours?

School Year Term Dates

Autumn Term 2021

Term Starts	Monday 6th September (Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd were Teacher Training Days). New Reception Class in school for the morning this week.
Half Term	Monday 25 th October to Friday 29th October Teacher Training Day Monday 1st November Children return to school on Tuesday 2nd November
Term Ends	Friday 17 th December – end of this day
Christmas Holiday	Monday 20th December to Monday 3rd January (Tuesday 4th January is Teacher Training Day) Children return on Wednesday 5th January

Spring Term 2022

Term Starts	Wednesday 5th January
Half Term	Monday 21st February to Friday 25th February
Term Ends	Friday 8th April – end of this day
Spring (Easter) Holiday	Monday 11th April to Friday 22nd April Children return on Monday 25th April

Summer Term 2022

Term Starts	Monday 25th April Monday 2nd May—Bank Holiday (one day)
Half Term	Monday 30th May 2021 to Friday 3rd June (Thursday 2nd and Friday 3rd are bank holidays) Teacher Training Day Monday 6th June Children return on Tuesday 7th June
Ends	Thursday 21st July – end of this day
Summer Holiday	Friday 22nd July to Friday 2nd September Monday 5th September is a teacher training day) Children return to school on Tuesday 6th September.

An additional bank holiday has been agreed for Friday 3rd June 2022 in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. As Warwickshire schools will already be on their half-term holiday on this day, it has been decided that an additional one day's holiday will be taken on Friday 22nd July 2022, meaning that the summer term 2022 will now end on Thursday 21st July 2022.

Warwickshire School Term and Holiday Dates - 2021/22

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July 2022						
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Half Term	Days
1	37
2	35
3	34
4	30
5	24
6	34
Total*	194

	Total days
Autumn Term	72
Spring Term	64
Summer Term	58



School Holiday * one more day of holiday than usual due to additional day granted for
Public Holiday Queen's Platinum Jubilee Bank Holiday
Teacher Training Day (+3 to be set by school)



School Induction Day



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