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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PART OF STOWE VALLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

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Message from the School Governors

As we head into the Christmas break, the governors would like to send a message of peace, happiness, good health and goodwill to all members of our school community. We know this has been an exceptionally tough year for everyone. We would like to thank all staff, parents, carers and pupils for playing their part in keeping the school the safe, friendly and supportive environment that it is, in spite of the circumstances.

We hope everyone has an opportunity to take a break and enjoy some family time as we look forward, with hope, to 2021.

School is closed on Friday 18th December

The last day of this term is the end of
Thursday 17th December.



All children return on
Tuesday 5th January
2021.

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

I would like to thank all of your amazing children who have been absolutely fantastic this term. They have learnt enthusiastically and behaved impeccably, while observing all of the safety rules.... we are all very proud of them all.



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

We are awarding our End of Term trophies this coming week. Each class teacher will choose a deserving pupil for the Maths Award, English Award and Perseverance Award. Pictures will feature in the next newsletter, so look out for this.

The Government has reduced the Covid-isolation period from 14 days to 10 for those who come into contact with someone who tests positive. The school will continue to hold a key contact-tracing role. Please contact me on 07801 506042 immediately, should your child test positive for Covid-19, then I can give you advice and inform the rest of your child's class, if needed.

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—and we are all eternally grateful for their commitment and never-ending fund-raising ideas!

Lastly, thank you to our whole community for helping us to maintain our Unicorn School-status (free from Covid). Go unicorn!

Wishing you all a peaceful and restful Christmas and let's hope 2021 will be a good one!



Jacky Sykes

Explore. Achieve. Celebrate.

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



Stars of the Week

Ladybirds' Star of the Week is Freddie



Maddie says: We have chosen Freddie this week for his positive attitude, for making such an effort at Ladybirds and making really good choices. Well done Freddie, we think you're doing a great job!

Balmoral's Star of the Week is Matthew



Miss Jeacock says: Matthew is our star of the week because he always shows fantastic manners. He is incredibly polite and an amazing role model to all of his

Sandringham's Star of the Week is Austin



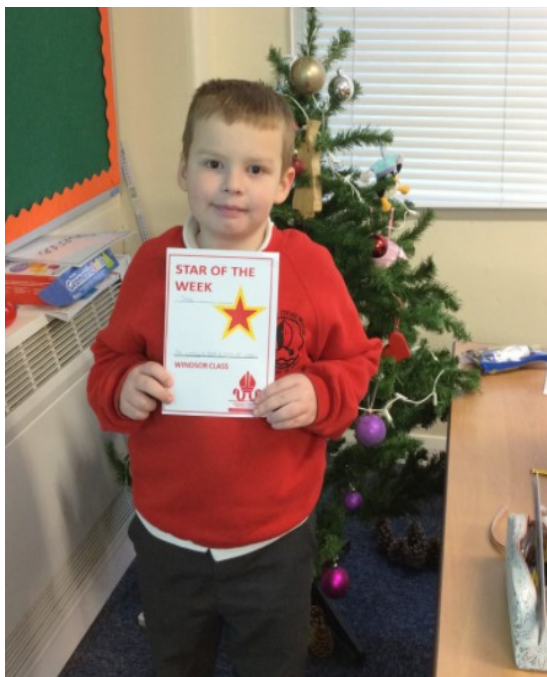
Mrs. Collen says: Star of the week in Sandringham goes to Austin for his excellent newspaper report on 'Mog's Christmas Calamity'.

Kensington's Star of the Week is Tobias



Mrs. Russell says: Tobias has worked hard in all lessons, made excellent improvement in his handwriting and presented information in history confidently. Well done Tobias I am proud of you.

Windsor's Star of the Week is Jack



Mrs. Daly and Miss Aston say: Jack has been working hard all week and making a huge contribution to class discussions.

Holyrood's Star of the Week is Pippa



Mr Purewal says: Pippa has been magnificent this week in her learning, especially with her Maths. We have been learning about the Perimeter of rectangles and she has shown a fantastic understanding. Great job Pippa. Keep up the awesome work!

Buckingham's Star is Amber



Mrs. Hobbins and Mrs. Brindley say: Amber is working so hard and enthusiastically at school. She settles nicely into the day and has a cheerful nature. Amber talks respectfully to all adults working with her and is keen to do well.

Midday Supervisor

6.25 hours per week

Term Time only

Monday to Friday 12.00pm-1.15pm

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Starting Salary (Actual) £2,525

We are a caring and nurturing school with lovely children. We are looking to recruit a midday supervisor to join our existing friendly team to supervise and support the children during our busy lunchtimes. Duties include the supervision of the dining hall, organising play activities on the playground, reporting safeguarding concerns (training will be given) and applying basic first aid (again, training will be given). Our team is very friendly and welcoming.

An application form can be found on the Stowe Valley Multi Academy Trust website www.stowevalleymat.com. Completed applications should be emailed to bishopsitchington@stowevalley.com marked confidential or handed to Ruth Shippey in the school office.

Closing date: Tuesday 15th December at 9am.

COMMITTED TO EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Christmas Dinner Tuesday 15th December



Christmas Menu

Served with
Crispy Roast Potatoes
Garden Peas and Baby Carrots

(v) Ice Cream
or
(v) Homemade Chocolate Cracknel Bauble

Selection of Drinks

Roast Turkey Breast Fillet, Sausage & Bacon Roll, Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy or
(v) Roast Quorn Fillet, Sage & Onion Stuffing and Gravy

Season's Greetings from The Nutrigang and everyone at Educaterers Ltd.

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Christmas dinner is on Tuesday 15th December. All Infant Children receive a meal automatically as do children with Free School Meals status.

There will be no Jacket potato or other option on this day, therefore if your child does not want to have the Christmas Dinner, please send a packed lunch.

For others who wish to purchase a lunch, please use Parent Pay. If you need help with this, please contact Mrs. Ship-



pey or Mrs. Potter in the school office.

Thank you.

Christmas Jumper Day Tuesday 15th December

Children are welcome to wear a Christmas jumper or festive top to school on Tuesday 15th December. This is not a charity activity, just a chance to 'get into the spirit' of the festive season, if the children would like to.

Please no other clothing, such as onesies, etc., and other school uniform still applies.



FoBIPS News



Don't forget to book your slot for the FoBIPS - **Christmas Adventure**

Sunday 20th December and Monday 21st December various time slots available.

An online fun family event where you can compete against other family groups in this festive virtual Escape Room experience.

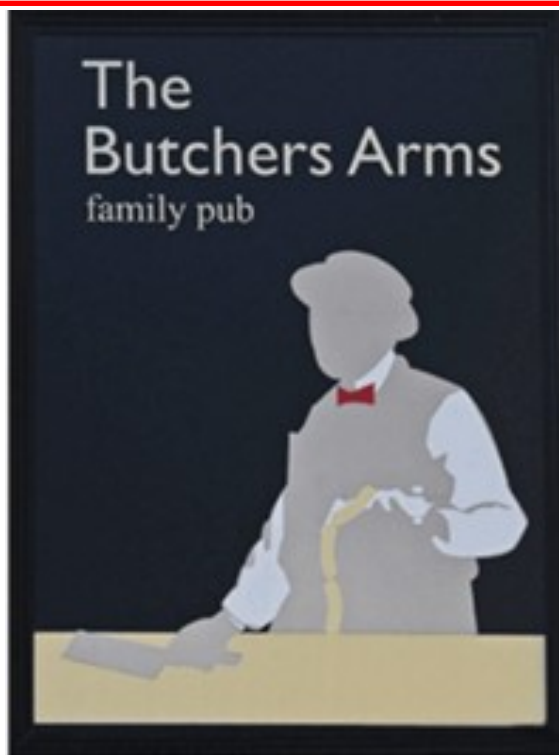
Connect and have fun with 7 other households (online) and get into the festive spirit by helping to save Christmas!

This is a great opportunity to connect with friends and family and have some fun online solving our Christmas Adventure and saving Christmas.

To book please click on the link: [FoBIPS Christmas Adventure Tickets, Multiple Dates | Eventbrite](#)

Payment is £5 per team and full details on how to pay are included on the booking information.

If you have any questions, please email fobips@gmail.com, ask one of the team or call Donna on 07825 837326.



The Butchers Arms is holding their weekly meat raffle on their Facebook page again on Friday 27th November. Funds are being shared between FoBIPS and Annie's Angels.

To buy a raffle ticket, please contact The Butchers Arms via their Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/thebutchersarmsbishops>

We are extremely grateful to Brian & Selena Ogden for their support and to Eleanor for her help organising the raffle each week.

CHRISTMAS TREES AVAILABLE



Nordmann Fir is a low drop, traditional Christmas tree.

Pre order now with a £10 deposit.
Available from 28th November.

5ft tree - £30
6ft tree - £40
7ft tree - £50

*Sizes may vary slightly



Greg's Eggs
Lower Fox Farm
Bascote
CV47 2DN

The Garden Pantry is offering a donation of £2.50 to FoBIPS per Christmas Tree sold in the village. If you would like to take up this offer, please make contact with The Garden Pantry via their Facebook page and quote: **FOBIPS**

<https://www.facebook.com/The-Garden-Pantry-101163121602875>



Class Funds – hopefully all classes from Year 1 – Year 6 have received their children's Christmas Crafts that would normally have been sold at our Christmas Fayre with the proceeds going to class funds.

This year we have sent home envelopes with details of how to donate to your child's class funds. If you feel able to please be assured that these funds are held by FoBIPS and are available to teachers to spend on activities, motivational items etc for their classes. Suggested donation is £1 either in cash in the envelope marked with your child's class name or by BACS to 30-98-97, Account No 43736268 using the class name as the reference. Thank you for helping us to continue to raise funds for the classes.

CHRISTMAS ADVENT WINDOWS 🌲 🏠

The village advent windows are looking fabulous, please join the [Advent Windows 2020 – Bishops Itchington](#) page for all the up to date information on the locations and dates that windows will be lighting up across the village.

There are 4 very worthy beneficiaries from this festive activity, these include FoBIPS, the village pavilion project, the foodbank and Helen & Douglas House Hospice all funds raised will be shared equally between these charities.

To donate you can click [here](#) or go to www.givey.com/adventwindows

IMPORTANT ! INTERNET SAFETY OVER CHRISTMAS!



Please see children's internet safety advice attached.

RECYLED FOOTBALL BOOTS

Maxwell in Windsor Class is collecting old football boots that he will then pass onto children that need them. This is a great idea, and it will mean more children can access the sport.

He has placed a box in the school front Reception area. Thank you Max. What a lovely idea!



Parent guide to Covid-19

| What to do if... | Action Needed | Return to school when... |
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| ...my child has Covid-19 symptoms (dry, persistent cough, and/or temperature, and/or loss of smell/taste). | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school and inform school. - Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days. - Get a test - Inform the school immediately with result. | ...the test comes back negative or a period of 10 days has passed since the symptoms started. |
| ...my child tests positive for Covid-19. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us immediately on 07801 506042. - Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days. | ...10 days have passed since symptoms began, AND the child feels well. |
| ...my child tests negative. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Contact school to inform us. | ...the test comes back negative. |
| ...my child has a chesty cough and/or a cold, feels sick, has a sore throat... | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - These could be Covid-19 symptoms so you child should stay at home and get tested straight away. The rest of your family should isolate too, until a negative test result is received. - Contact school to inform us. | ...when a negative test result is received and your child feels well enough. |
| ...someone in my household has Covid-19 symptoms. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Self-isolate the whole household for 10 days. - Household member to get a test. - Inform school immediately about test result. | ...the test comes back negative. |
| ...someone in my household tests positive for Covid-19. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. - Whole household to self-isolate for 10 days. | ...the child has completed 10 days of isolation. |
| ...NHS test and trace has identified my child as a close contact of somebody with symptoms or confirmed Covid-19. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Do not come to school. - Contact school to inform us. | ...the child has completed 10 days of isolation. |
| ...NHS test and trace has identified a household member as having contact with somebody with Covid-19 symptoms. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The household member must self-isolate for 10 days. - Child can continue to attend school unless a member of the household develops symptoms. | ...child can continue to attend school. |
| ... a sibling attending another school has been sent home to self-isolate due to there being a positive case in their school. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Sibling must self-isolate for 10 days. - Bishop's Itchington Primary child(ren) can continue to attend unless they develop symptoms. | ...child can continue to attend school |
| ...my child's bubble is closed due to a Covid-19 outbreak in school. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Child must not come to school. - Support your child at home with remote education provided by your school. - Your child will need to self-isolate for 10 days. - Other siblings may continue to attend school. | ...school inform you that the bubble will be reopened. |
| ... I am unable to get a test for someone in the household who has symptoms | <i>If you are not able to get a test in the first 5 days of having symptoms, your child and all members of the household must stay at home and self-isolate for 10 days. Anyone in your support bubble must also stay at home.</i> | ...the child has completed 10 days of isolation. |

Pavilion Project Update

A pandemic will not stop the progress of the Pavilion Project. We have been steadily moving forward throughout the last few months. Exciting new pictures of the Pavilion are available to see at the Parish council Office also on the notice boards around the village and online on the Pavilion Webpage. The project is now gathering pace and we are now in the position to start applying for funding from several sources. One of these is the HS2 project which has a pot of money set aside for communities that have been and will be adversely affected by the construction of the high speed railway. We are sure that everyone will agree that the disruption now and in the future has and will be extensive. Within the funding application we must show evidence of the disruption for both individuals and businesses. This is where we really need your help....

Below is a very short but crucial questionnaire. Please find the time to complete it and pop it through the Parish Council Office door as soon as you can. The information that is gathered from this survey will be extremely important in helping to secure a substantial amount of funding to go towards the New Pavilion Project.

We are sure we don't have to remind you of how awful the existing pavilion facilities are in this village and due to the lack of a decent pavilion we really are lacking so many opportunities for recreational clubs and groups to set up. In these surreal times it is very important that communities are able to keep well both physically and mentally. So now more than ever it is incredibly important that we improve the facilities and give Bishops Itchington a Pavilion to be Proud of.

HS2 Questionnaire 2020

I personally have been directly inconvenienced by the road closures that have already been in place due to HS2.

Y/N

My business has been directly inconvenienced by the road closures that have already been in place due to HS2.

Y/N

I will be directly inconvenienced by the planned road closures due to HS2. Y/N

My business will be directly inconvenienced by the planned road closures due to HS2. Y/N

Please add below any further comments you have regarding the disruption caused by the HS2 works.

Please return by the end of term. Many thanks for your support from the Pavilion Working Party.

Replies can be sent by email to pavilion@bishopsitchington-pc.gov.uk