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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON  
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## Parent Questionnaire

On our two parents' evenings, almost every parent completed a questionnaire to help school assess what we are doing well (and not so well). This feedback is essential for us to gain an insight into how our parents judge our school and why.

We are quite overwhelmed with the positive response the school received from our parents. Out of the 86 parents who completed the questionnaire, 98% agree or strongly agree that they would recommend this school to another parent (2% don't know); 99% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child is happy at this school (1% don't know); 99% of parents agree or strongly agree that their child feels safe at this school (1% don't know); 97% of parents agree or strongly agree that pupils at the school are well-behaved (3% don't know).

Of course, we will always strive to get to that 100%, so if anyone has any concerns, suggestions or ideas, then please do come and speak to any member of staff.



Our next Celebration Assembly is Friday 13th December at 3pm. We look forward to welcoming you all.



## Global Virtues Week

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

The purpose of Global Virtues Week was to enrich the children's experiences by celebrating 'giving to the community' and how well our whole-school community is valued as well as everyone on an individual basis.

There are many photographs inside this newsletter so we can share with you how wonderful our week has been. Please do take a look!

### Leamington Night Shelter

We continue to collect donations of non-perishable food for Leamington Night Shelter, so please leave these on the table outside the hall. Susan, co-founder of the Night Shelter visited us on Tuesday to talk to the whole school about how the Shelter supports our most vulnerable people in Leamington. The infants gave Susan the mince pies they had made for the clients at the night shelter. It was a great assembly and the children had so many questions to ask Susan.



*Infant children giving mince pies to Susan, during assembly.*

Our Christmas dinner will be on Wednesday 18th December when pupils and staff will join together to celebrate Christmas with a roast dinner. The cost of the dinner is the same as usual (£2.20) or free for all infants and pupils on free school meals. Please make sure you order on line through Baileys!

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

With best wishes,

*Jacky Sykes*

Head of School

## Windsor Class Express their views about HS2 through Dance

Kate Taylor—Director of Centre-Point Dance Company—came into school this week to work with Windsor Class this week. The theme was HS2 and the children had a wonderful time discussing the proposed project, forming their own views and expressing themselves through dance.



Kate sent a note of thanks to the children:

*I had a wonderful time with Miss Daly's class this afternoon. As I entered the classroom, I came across a choreographer's dream!...loads of ideas on the board; all based on a discussion around the HS2: the 'For' and 'Against'. I was very impressed to say the least, with how focussed and committed each and every child was. With lots of ideas and energy, we set to in the hall, creating two short dances, and having fun, with movement games based on team work and solidarity. Huge congratulations, and I hope to get to work with the children again. Thank you for having me.'*

Centre-Point children's dance classes are based at The Grange Hall, Southam on a Tuesday and Thursday. Below are the correct classes for your child's age range.

Tuesday: Innovators 4:45pm-5:30pm; Thursday: Fearless Boys Dance 4:00pm-4:30pm. FREE class trial.

E: [contact@centre-point.me](mailto:contact@centre-point.me) T: 07748262866

## Who will you vote for on 12th December?



Buckingham Class are holding their own General Election on 12th December! The children have learned about how parliament works and how an election is carried out. They also debated the NHS, HS2, education and many other topics to broaden their understanding of these issues.

Following this, in groups, they formed their own political parties, decided on their policies and how the country would pay for them! The children wrote their own manifestos and leaflets and will be presenting these to the whole school next week.

We will let you know who gets to number 10!

## Taekwondo Lessons to Practise Strength and Spiritualism

Every child in the school had a taekwondo lesson on Thursday. This was led by Jackson, who is a British Champion and he was great with the children. Here are some photos of the children showing off their skills.



We are starting Taekwondo Club on Thursdays after school in the spring term. Details to follow..





## How will you know if our School is Closed due to Bad Weather?

We are approaching that time of year when school closures are more likely due to adverse weather conditions. We will of course make every effort to keep the school open and will only close if there is a health and safety risk to pupils in school or parents/staff travelling to

and from home.

If the decision is made to close the school, then we will notify the Emergency School Closures website straight away. This is an excellent communication service for you to use. You can log into the website where schools that are closed are listed clearly. Or, parents can sign up to receive an automatic text message alert if the school is closed. This is an extremely efficient and quick messaging service to keep yourselves up to date.

To register for this service, visit Warwickshire School Closures—Warwickshire Country Council website, the address is [www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/emergency-school-closures](http://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/education-learning/emergency-school-closures).

**Step 1:** Select Bishops Itchington Primary School on the drop-down menu.

**Step 2:** Send the following message to **07491 163840**. Texts sent to this number are charged at your normal operator rate. **Note** - it is important that you include the word 'on' at the end of your message.

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When you have registered, you will receive a text message confirming your registration almost straight away. For the next year, you will be notified by text automatically if for any reason, the school has to close. [You will need to register again if you change your mobile phone number].

We will also leave a notification on the school website on the 'News Headlines' section on the front page. The website address is: [www.bishopsitichington.com](http://www.bishopsitichington.com).



## Christmas Cards

Children are often keen to bring Christmas cards into school for their friends. I have asked Mr. Makepeace to put our post box by the hall so that children in Buckingham Class can distribute the cards around the school. Please could we ask that children use the post box rather than giving cards out on an individual basis at playtime because the envelopes often end up on the ground causing a litter problem.

Also, please can the class name be written on every envelope—this is very helpful!

Although we haven't reached Christmas yet, I would like to let you know that Eco-Group will again be collecting old cards in January to be recycled. So please do save yours and bring them into school in the New Year. The box will be placed next to the other recycling bins in the Junior cloakroom area.



	Before School	Morning	Lunchtime	Afternoon	After School
<b>Monday 9th December</b>	Buddies NESSY	Buckingham Class Dance Production Southam College	Running Club	Swimming Holyrood	Buddies Football Club
<b>Tuesday 10th December</b>	Buddies NESSY		Eco Club R-Yr6	2pm Infant Nativity	5pm Infant Nativity Buddies
<b>Wednesday 11th December</b>	Buddies NESSY			Sandringham and Kensington Theatre	Buddies Netball Club Drama Club
<b>Thursday 12th December</b>	Buddies NESSY		Homework Club	Choir to Kings High School Guitar Lessons	Buddies Choir Perfor- mance at Kings High School
<b>Friday 13th December</b>	Buddies NESSY	Balmoral to Theatre		Celebration Assembly 3pm All Welcome	Buddies



## News from 'Friends of Bishops Itchington Primary School' (FoBIPS)

### Christmas Disco – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December – information for new parents

Our first disco of the year will be held on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December. The disco can be an overwhelming (not to mention loud) experience for some children (especially Reception age) therefore we ask that parents accompany their reception age child to their first disco. If your child is new to the school, you are also welcome to accompany them to the disco.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance and we sorry that you cannot pay on the door.**

### Village Light Switch On

Remembrance Tree and Lights Switch on will take place on **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December in the Butchers Arms car park.**

**FoBIPS will be selling hotdogs for only £1.50 and we will be doing glitter tattoos.**

**All the proceeds will go towards the school.**

Mulled wine, hot chocolate and a tombola stall will be available, so come along and start the festive season with a hot drink and join the School Choir and Church parishioners singing carols.

Timetable:

4.30pm	Family Messy Crafts (Community Centre)
5.30 – 6.00pm	School Choir and Carol singing
6.00pm	Switching on of Lights, Blessing of Stars, Carol Singing
6.15pm	Father Christmas

#### **Autumn Term Events**

**Christmas Disco – Friday 6<sup>th</sup> December (Infants 6-6:45pm, Juniors 7 – 8pm)**

**Christmas Light Switch On – Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December**

### Late for School!

In the last few weeks we have had an increasing number of children arriving late for school and having to come in through the front entrance.

Children should arrive on the playground between 8.45–8.55am. The morning bell will be rung at 8.55am.

Persistent lateness does interfere with the children's education and disrupts the lessons which have already started. Children can also be embarrassed if they have to walk into a quiet classroom when the teaching has already begun.

We'd really appreciate your support with this—thank you!

### School Dinner Reminder!

Please could we remind parents to order dinners for their children before 8am in the morning. On Monday, we had 18 children at school who thought they were getting a dinner but one had not been ordered.

Of course, we managed to cater for the children, but we wish to avoid any child feeling embarrassed or worried about dinners (and it does create a bit of a panic for us!)

## AUTUMN TERM CALENDAR

November	Event	Time
29th Friday	Celebration Assembly	3pm
30th Saturday	Year 6 Cross Country, St. Mary's School, Warwick	morning
December	Event	Time
2nd Monday	Global Virtues Week	All Week
6th Friday	Grandparent lunch followed by Infant Nativity Play	12pm and 2pm
6th Friday	FOBIPS Disco Infants: 6-6.45 Junior 7-8pm	
7th Saturday	Light Switch On—Choir	afternoon
9th Monday	Buckingham Class Southam College—Dance Production	morning
10th Tuesday	Infant Nativity Play 2pm and 5pm	
11th Wednesday	Flu Immunisations—whole school	Morning
11th Wednesday	Sandringham & Kensington trip to see Snow White	afternoon
12th Thursday	Choir event at Kings High School	Evening
13th Friday	Balmoral trip to see Snow White	morning
13th Friday	Celebration Assembly	3pm
18th Wednesday	Christmas Dinner—whole school	lunchtime
19th Thursday	Combined Christmas Concert and Prize Giving assembly at the church	11am
20th Friday	Break up for Christmas holidays at the end of this day.	

## SPRING TERM CALENDAR

January	Event	Time
6th Monday	Teacher Training Day—do not come to school this day.	
7th Tuesday	Spring Term Starts (please make sure uniform is named)	8.55am—3.30pm
13th Monday	Windsor Class first swimming lesson (Windsor swim all term)	Afternoon

### Admissions Policy

On 9 December 2019 Stowe Valley MAT, as the Admissions Authority for all schools within the MAT, has launched a consultation on the Admissions Policy. Details of the consultation can be found at [www.bishopsitchington.com](http://www.bishopsitchington.com)

Responses to be sent to: Clerk to the Trust, Stowe Valley MAT, Southam College, Welsh Road West, Southam, Warwickshire CV47 0JW or email: [Clerktotrustees@stowevalley.com](mailto:Clerktotrustees@stowevalley.com) by the closing date of 19 January 2020