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**BISHOPS ITCHINGTON
PRIMARY SCHOOL**

PART OF STOWE VALLEY MULTI ACADEMY TRUST

Celebration Assemblies

We will be holding our Celebration Assemblies at 3pm on Friday afternoons.



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. Kostuik. Certificates and trophies should also be given to Mrs. Kostuik.

Our first Celebration Assembly is Friday 16th September. Please join us so we can celebrate the children's wonderful achievements together.

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back on Tuesday 6th September.

Dear Parents, Relatives and Friends,

We are looking forward to welcoming your children back to school on Tuesday 6th September. We also welcome all of our new children into our lovely school community.

Inside this newsletter are dates of events coming up and some pointers to help you prepare for the start of the school year.



I would like to tell you about our **Family BBQ on Friday 16th September from 5pm until 7pm** on the playground and everyone is invited. Look out for information coming home with your child. This is an opportunity to welcome new parents and families into our school community and to bring everyone together at the beginning of the school year.

You will notice that our playground has been completely resurfaced. During the first week back, we will be asking the children what games they would like painted onto the playground.

From the start of this term, all dinners are to be ordered in advance using Parent Pay, please.

The Year 6 SATs results were absolutely fantastic. I would like to congratulate these magnificent children who have 'worked their socks off' to be the best they can be! My thanks also goes to our fantastic teachers and teaching assistants and parents who have been absolutely brilliant in preparing the children for secondary school. We wish them luck for next week!

Our school is nurturing and welcoming. Please don't hesitate to ask if you have any queries or wish to discuss any matter.

Head Teacher

Jacky Sykes

Explore. Achieve. Celebrate.

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

You are not allowed to take your child out of school for holidays!



Government guidance about pupil absence during school time comes into force from 1st September 2022. This means that pupils are not permitted to miss school due to holidays taken during term time. (If there are exceptional circumstances, then these will be considered between the Governors and the Head Teacher and this must be applied for in advance through the school office). Cheaper holidays available in term-time are not deemed to be exceptional circumstances. Unauthorised holidays taken will be referred to Warwickshire Attendance Service and may result in a fine being issued.

The school's Attendance Policy for the new school year is attached to this newsletter. It sets out expectations for attendance, being on time for school, medical appointments and absence during school term time. Please could you take time to read this so you understand the school's strategy to keep all of our children in school to maximise their learning opportunities.



**KEEP
CALM
AND
NAME YOUR
CHILD'S UNIFORM**

By Jacky Sykes
9 minutes ago



Please label all items your child brings into school. Thank you.

Please label everything your child brings to school. This includes uniform, PE kit, pencil case, bag, coat, shoes... yes, everything, please!

Any named item will be returned to your child if they are mislaid. Any un-named item will most probably end up being lost.

Naming items helps your child because:

- They will not worry because mislaid items will be returned to them.
- They will have everything with them that they need to learn and enjoy school.

Naming items helps parents because:

- Lost uniforms are an unnecessary expense.
- Named items will come back to your child.

Naming items helps teachers and staff because:

- Searching for lost items for children takes the staff away from supporting children with their learning and wellbeing.

FoBIPS have a relationship with Stikins and receive commission from them on any orders placed using their fundraising number 2060. For more details on this please see any FoBIPS member or email fobips@gmail.com. Un-named lost uniform is donated to the second-hand uniform shop run by FoBIPS or sent to the clothing bank.



Friends of Bishops Itchington Primary School (FoBIPS) is holding a Family BBQ on Friday 16th 5-7pm. There will be games, music and fun for everyone! Tickets are £1 for adults and 50p for each child. 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!

Order Lunches On-Line



From the start of the new term (next week), all lunches will be ordered by parents at home on ParentPay. This will be done weekly in advance. Lunch orders for the week will need to be submitted on ParentPay by 8am on the Monday morning, each week. For those children in Reception, Year 1, Year 2 and those with Free School Meal entitlement, you should simply pre-order your child's meal choices. For those children who wish to have a school dinner and pay for their meals, these should be paid for at the time of ordering, please.

Once you have a Parent Pay Account, pre-ordering your child's lunch choice is really easy. To order your child's lunch, please login to your ParentPay account, and select the child you are ordering lunch for. Then go to Book Meals and Places - Make Bookings - and select the Make or View bookings button. This will take you to the menu for the week. To select a meal, click on the appropriate box and the meal you have chosen will be highlighted in green. When you have made all your choices, you can click on Confirm Bookings and the choices will be saved.

If you experience problems with your ParentPay login, please let Ruth Shippey in the office know and she will look into this for you.

New parents will receive their login for ParentPay on 5th September from Mrs. Shippey in the school office, before their children start but please do contact her if you experience any difficulties.

Calendar September 2022

Monday 5th	Autumn Term Begins INSET Day – all staff return – no children in school this day
Tuesday 6th	All children return to school. Buddies starts. New Reception Children 8.55 – 12pm (enter through wooden gate on the play-ground - pick up from front Reception entrance)
Wednesday 7th	New Reception Children 8.55 – 12pm (pick up from front Reception entrance) NESSY starts in the mornings (by invitation)
Thursday 8 th	New Reception Children 8.55 – 1pm (come in PE kits today)
Friday 9 th	New Reception Children 8.55 – 1pm No Celebration Assembly today.
Monday 12 th	New Reception Children 8.55 – 3.20pm from now on - (collect from wooden gate on the playground) Year 4 swimming starts (Year 4 will swim every Monday afternoon for the whole year).
Tuesday 13th	Year 5 and 6 visit to Holdenby House – World War II evacuee experience Sports afterschool club starts Years 3–6.
Wed 14th	Drumming Assembly.
Thursday 15th	The Railway Children – Theatre performance in school for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. Funded by the school. Sports afterschool club starts Years 3-6.
Friday 16th	3pm – Celebration Assembly (and most following Friday afternoons). 5-7 – Family BBQ
Monday 26th	Governor Week – Governors will be visiting classes, talking to children and staff. FoBIPS AGM at 7pm – everyone invited.
Tuesday 27th	Maths Day – children will be involved in maths activities all through the day.
Friday 30th	Open Morning – visitors are welcome to have a tour around the school. Please contact our admin team for an appointment. Charity Coffee Morning in the hall – Be Bold. Go Gold. Children's Charity Awareness Fund raiser.

Friends of Bishops Itchington Primary School (FoBIPS)



£10K for TECH! – We did it!

We are absolutely thrilled to let you all know that we have achieved our £10K for TECH target in ONE school year!

There are so many thank yous to say but first and foremost is to thank the FoBIPS Team. Without the dedication, enthusiasm, passion, time, commitment, energy and support of the FoBIPS team the events would not have been as successful so huge thanks go to Adriana Elliott, Katarina Harvey, Amy Coleman, Jeunine Crabtree, Ed Rycroft, Madeleine Harrington and Danson Joseph. Also to those who have moved on but helped us achieve this total Melanie Garland, Zoe Breakwell, Rachel Sanderson and Orlaith Horsman.

“A small team, committed to a cause bigger than themselves can achieve absolutely anything.” **Simon Sinek**

Thanks also to our fabulous school community who this year have supported our team significantly, thanks to pupils, parents, carers, grand parents and extended family. It's been great to see you enjoying our events.

We are also grateful to all the local businesses who have continued to support our events through sponsorship we are thankful that they could help us out financially.

Finally, thanks to our school and it's wonderful staff team. The help and support we receive is second to none. Everyone is very grateful that we have a great partnership with the school.

£10,000.00 in one academic year!

BIFC supports FoBIPS



Tom Cooper from BIFC hands over the £200 donation to Donna Davenport from FoBIPS

Bishops Itchington Football Club have taken part in the Byfield and Bethel Charity Cup for over 10 years, which is held at and run by Woodford United. The cup raises money for local charities in the Byfield, Woodford and Daventry area, but this year as a thank you for all the support BIFC have given over the 10 years, they were asked to choose the recipients of the monies raised.

We are delighted that BIFC awarded FOBIPS with £200 towards the £10k for tech fund.

Thank you to BIFC, Tom Cooper and all the players and supporters of the Byfield and Bethel Charity Cup

Autumn Term Events

Friday 16th September 2022 5pm—7pm

Welcome BBQ, an opportunity for new to school families to meet school families in a relaxed and safe environment.



AGM—Monday 26th September @ 7pm

ALL WELCOME—MEETING USUALLY LASTS 45MINS

Our team has reduced in numbers to 8 committee members, we all have jobs most are fulltime and some of us are part time, some run their own business and we all have children but we all have one thing in common—we all want to raise much needed funds for our children's school. Going forward into next year we really need to fill some vacancies on our committee. Ideally we need a parent of a child in Ladybirds (sometimes we forget to include them so having a Ladybirds presence will remove this), but we would also welcome parents of infant children as a lot of us now have children in Year 5 and 6 who will soon be leaving the school. Please get in touch with Donna on 07825 837326 for more info

For us to continue to raise this amazing level of income we really welcome new members, new ideas and new support.

Feel free to speak to our chair Donna Davenport on 07825 837326 or come along to our Annual General Meeting on Monday 26th September 7pm at the School to find out more.