

Autumn
2021

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



17th September 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

Another busy week and it already feels like we've been back for some time, in a good way of course. The classes have settled down and are hard at work and restrictions are becoming a distant memory.

All of the staff have enjoyed the opportunity to see as many of you as possible at the parent meetings this week. It was good to share what we have planned and to reinforce the message that we are back to normal. There will be plenty of opportunities for us to meet over the coming year and always remember that I and staff are happy to talk to you if you have any concerns.

Another positive note has been the restart of Forest School activities this week. The children still clearly enjoy experiencing the outdoors and they can build on their learning last year to have even more adventures this time.

You will see in this bulletin many of the key dates for this term that have been set so far. There will be additions to this and we try to ensure that these are logged on the Weduc calendar as well so you don't miss anything. Next Wednesday we will be marking National Fitness Day with a number of activities across the school. I ask that all children come in P.E. kit on the day so they are prepared for whatever might happen.

All that remains for me to say is enjoy the weekend and we look forward to seeing you all for another busy week at Bispham

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

Notices

60 Reads Reward Afternoon - This term the reward afternoon will take place on Tuesday 14th December. Any reads counted between the 2nd of September and Friday 10th December will count towards the 60 total. With our request for reading 4 times a week there is ample time to make this total. Regular reading is linked to success in later life so please encourage your children to go for it this term. Establish the reading habit!

Open morning and Macmillan Coffee Morning - Classrooms will be open between 9.10 and 10.30 next Friday 24th for you to join your child in an activity and see the class at work. There will also be a coffee morning in the dining hall in aid of Macmillan. The BFG and our middays will be helping out and they would be grateful for any cake contributions you may have. Cakes can be brought into school at the end of day Thursday or the start of Friday.

About China Workshops for Children - The Nottingham Confucius Institute is running a number of cultural workshops for children this autumn. You will find attached to this bulletin information about them.

OFFLOAD - Offload is a support group for parents of children with additional needs. It has been very successful in offering mutual support and space to talk for parents of children with additional needs. It will run on the first Friday of every month. Attached to this bulletin is a flyer with more information.

Parent Helpers - We are once again able to welcome parents or grandparents into school to help support our activities. If you have time to listen to children read or would like to help out with Forest School or have a particular skill you think we could use then please get in touch and we will be happy to have you with us.



Key Dates

September

22nd National Fitness Day

October

1st Individual pupil photos

7th National Poetry Day

10th World Mental Health Day

12th/13th Parents' evenings

15th Behaviour Reward & End of half term

November

1st Return to school

11th Remembrance Day 100 years of the Royal British Legion activities

11th Whole school cinema visit

13th World Kindness Day

w/c 15th Anti Bullying Week

December

6th/7th Year 5 show

13th/14th Year 3 show

15th Church visit, Christmas Lunch, Theatre in school

16th Christmas Party Day

17th Behaviour Reward & End of term

**NATIONAL
FITNESS
DAY**



*National
POETRY
Day* 7 October 2021



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	3	Pegasus	7
Hydra	2	Leo	3
Columba	2	Volans	3
Andromeda	1	Phoenix	6

Heroes

Orion: Tilly Sparham

Pegasus: Jacob Ellis

Hydra: Jay Tang

Leo: Leanne Scanlon

Columba: Monty Morrirt

Volans: Maxwell Smith

Andromeda: Emily Pickering

Phoenix: Adam Parker

INVITATION

As part of National Fitness Day we have places for 30 adults to try out DRUMBA 3.45 - 4.15.

Contact the school office if you are interested. Children can't take part but they can watch.

See what the children are talking about.

Information about illness

As you will be aware the contingency planning for schools has changed to ensure that children will see far less disruption to their education even in the event of positive cases. It would be a real help if you informed if a family member tests positive. While this will not affect your child's attendance in school it will help us monitor what is happening in our community and enable us to place enhanced mitigating activities to prevent it becoming a significant problem in school.