

Autumn
2021

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



15th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

This week we marked another milestone in fully returning to normal—parents' evenings. I was pleased we were able to offer face to face meetings but we were also more than happy to offer telephone calls to those that preferred that. Thank you to everyone for keeping to your allocated time slot as this enabled us to minimise the number of people in school and allowed us time to ventilate the spaces. The use of the bell to signal the end of each ten minute slot was an experiment but was, as I discovered talking to quite a number of parents, well received. We will continue to use this system going forward as people said it ensured everyone was treated fairly and nobody's time was wasted. The feeling from parents was again very positive, what a lovely way to end the half term.

Our football team was in action for the first time yesterday and had to travel right across Nottingham for the match. While they didn't win I am assured by those who attended that ours was the better team and showed superior sportsmanship, sometimes decisions don't go our way. I am proud of what the boys did and they represented the school and our values perfectly. There's a match report on the next page.

As we end the first half term, it is hard to believe how fast it has passed. The children have responded so well and with your support at drop off and pick up times we have managed to keep them in school and working hard. They deserve a break but please keep encouraging them to read and check out the notices opposite for some important messages.

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

Notices

Film Visit - Planning for the behaviour reward afternoon the children enjoyed today ,where those children who always make the right choices get rewarded for their continual good behaviour, got me thinking again about how much the children missed out on. To reward them for their resilience I signed the school up for a visit during the 'Into film Film Festival'. The rules this year state that one school can only be at each showing so I thought we would take the plunge and book us all out to enjoy the film together. On November 11th we will be taking the children to see The Croods 2. The admission to the film is paid by the film festival organisers, all we have to cover is the cost of the buses, this amounts to £2.50 per child and I ask that you pay this via Weduc where it will be available after half term. It will be a real event for the children and I hope you are able to support this. I am aware it is also Remembrance Day and we will also be marking this in school as we usually do.

Lunchboxes - Half a term in and we really want to ensure we demonstrate high standards in everything that we do. Please support our efforts around healthy eating by ensuring your child has a balanced meal in their lunchboxes. Some children have 3 or even more chocolate and other sugar laden items each day and this does not help their afternoons as these create short lived sugar highs.

SQUID GAMES - I am sure that none of you would let your child watch this very popular show, which includes graphic representations of violence including self harm and suicide. You may not be aware that discussion of what it features and even clips of some extreme video are circulating on social media including Tik Tok. Please check what your child is accessing as they could be exposed to very distressing content.



Key Dates

October

15th Behaviour Reward & End of half term

November

1st Return to school

w/c 7th UK Parliament Week

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

10th Human Rights Day

13th/14th Year 3 show

15th Church visit, Christmas Lunch, Theatre in school

16th Christmas Party Day

17th Christmas Jumper Day

17th Behaviour Reward & End of term



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	6	Pegasus	1
Hydra	2	Leo	1
Columba	1	Volans	0
Andromeda	9	Phoenix	11

No Heroes this week due to the half term, instead a message from Miss Carr regarding an activity you may wish to do as a family in the next two weeks. The Wildlife Trust's Big Wild Walk. While it is a fundraising activity you may just want to get your boots on and get out there anyway.

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/events/big-wild-walk-2021>

Even though the result didn't go in our favour, the boys did the school proud in some challenging circumstances. Bispham took the lead with a deflected shot from Corey. Bispham played some fantastic passing football, cutting the opposition open on multiple occasions, however not being able to convert any of these chances. A stroke of good fortune allowed Radcliffe on Trent to score 3 resulting in a 3-1 loss. Onwards and upwards boys!

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.