

Autumn
2021

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



8th October 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

There is a lot to talk about this week not the least of which is the girls' football match that took place yesterday against Edwalton. The vast majority of our team were completely new to football but they played with real determination. We did not win but I was proud to hear of the great team spirit they showed. I was unable to be there in person but Mr Belton has written a short match report on the next page. It marked a return to competitive sport for Bispham and it was incredibly well supported by friends and family so thank you for this.

We have our first parents' meetings next week. Due to demand they will be a mix of face to face and telephone meetings. To accommodate this I make the following request. Please do not arrive more than 5 minutes before your time and please keep to the 10 minute time slot you are given as teachers may have to go and complete a telephone appointment. In this way I can ensure everyone gets the same time with a teacher and that we can keep the numbers of adults in school at a reasonable level. It's still not completely back to normal but given local circumstances seems a sensible way for us to conduct these important meetings.

Next week is Digital Parenting Week, the idea is to help you reflect on and have discussions about digital usage and to support both the online safety and emotional health of everyone who uses it. Resources attached.

Finally, we had a poetry buzz around school yesterday to mark World Poetry Day and wore yellow today to mark World Mental Health Day on Sunday. Busy times so please have a relaxing weekend.

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

Notices

Open Day for Prospective Parents Thursday 14th October from 9.30 am.

If you know anyone who is looking for a school place for their child and would like to see the school in operation please tell them to contact the school office and we will be very happy to show them around. This is not just for year 3, we will be happy to see families with children in all our year groups.

Clubs - In addition to football training we will be starting some of our school led clubs after half term. As these are led by school staff there is no charge for them.

Monday : 3.30 - 4.30 pm Library time, share a story or browse the books with your children. Just come along, no need to book.

Thursday : 8.15 - 8.45 Cheerleading. Children book with Mrs Hollis.

3.30 - 4.15 Badminton. Children speak to Mrs Linley to book.

3.30 - 4.30 Mandarin and Chinese culture years 5 and 6 only please book via the Weduc system, maximum of 20 places.

Handwriting and number formation - While we continue to teach and support writing in school, it is clear that some children need extended practice with basic letter and number formation. They will be given some sheets to support our work in school. Please ensure they do this as it will be an invaluable help to children's self confidence.

Metal drinks bottles - Please do not send these in unless they have a secure sports cap closure as we have had a number of spills that have destroyed exercise books and the hard work they contain.



Key Dates

October

10th World Mental Health Day

w/c 11th Digital Parenting Week

12th/13th Parents' evenings

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

13th/14th Year 3 show

15th Church visit, Christmas Lunch, Theatre in school

16th Christmas Party Day

17th Behaviour Reward & End of term



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	7	Pegasus	2
Hydra	8	Leo	4
Columba	3	Volans	3
Andromeda	3	Phoenix	2

Heroes

Orion: Elizabeth Irons

Pegasus: Aarav Patel

Hydra: Phoebe Cooke

Leo: Charlotte Marriott

Columba: Bobby Richards

Volans: Gabrielle Mariner

Andromeda: Will Butler

Phoenix: Ruby Everingham

Forest School: Solomon Robinson

Girls' Football Team Match Report

Regardless of a loss to Edwalton Primary School, the girls really pulled through and worked as a team. This was the first match most of the girls had ever played and their first match playing together. There were some superb saves from Kara to keep us in the match as well as Izzy's long distance strike forcing the opposing goalkeeper to pull off a great save. Well done girls. Bispham are proud!

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 us 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.