

Autumn
2021

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



12th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As I write this bulletin I am very sad that we have been told to move back into safety measures to halt a small outbreak of Covid in and around school. **It is not something I wanted to do but we are expected to act on advice given to do our bit to reduce infections.** I appreciate it is not great for any of us but by doing this we hope that we will return to normal school running on December 1st. Thank you for your support with this.

Obviously it would have been imprudent to have the whole school cinema trip that we had planned so I have contacted the Film Festival organisers to see if they can offer us something later in the year. If this is not possible and we have to cancel then bus payments will be refunded. Despite the setback we did give the children a mini cinema experience in school and the children had the best time we could give them.

Yesterday we also marked Remembrance Day across the school. Our radio station came in very useful for this as our year 6 pupils, who are studying World War 2 this term, recorded a short service. If you would like to hear what they did you can find the recording by looking under Radio on our website. If you are passing school at any time you may also wish to have a look at the lovely display created in Forest School, the children who contributed to this work are so proud of it.

Have a good weekend, hopefully in the next bulletin I will be able to report that things are settled and we are on schedule for December 1st.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Notices

ODD SOCK DAY - Next week is the national Anti-Bullying Week and we will be marking this in school in a number of ways. The theme of the week is 'One Kind Word'. On Monday I am asking everyone involved with school, pupils and staff alike to start the week by wearing odd socks, the funnier the better. This brings home the message that difference is not a negative thing. I will also be recruiting our Anti Bullying Ambassadors from each class. These children will receive training to develop their understanding of what and what isn't bullying. They will not be expected to resolve any conflicts but rather to direct children to adults for any help or support needed should they see or have reported to them any unkind acts between children. Bispham children are innately kind so negatives are few and my ambassadors have proved a real support to maintaining positivity around school.

FOOD COLLECTION - As they learn about our school values our year 3 children were struck by 'Empathising with others—actively' whereby we encourage them to try and do something to support issues they identify. They decided they wanted to help Tracey's Street Kitchen in Stapleford. The children are asking for donations of non-perishable foods to help this worthy organization with its support for the homeless in the local area. While safety measures are in place there will be boxes at the school gates for you to drop your donations off.

Arranging meetings with teachers - A polite reminder that teachers will only ever have time for the briefest of conversations at the start of the day. Getting their classes in, settled and learning is their priority. If you need to speak to a teacher they will be happy to arrange to meet you after school when they have more time. Just contact the office.



Key Dates

November

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
14th Reading Reward afternoon
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	8	Pegasus	7
Hydra	1	Leo	2
Columba	5	Volans	8
Andromeda	4	Phoenix	13

Heroes

Orion: Jasper Verney

Pegasus: Poppy Hill

Hydra: Darcie Good

Leo: Alfie Warner

Columba: Evie Boulter

Volans: Beth Robinson

Andromeda: Ellie-Mai Hummel

Phoenix: Tyler Southern-Warburton

Forest School: Brodie Sanders

Heroes

Currently we have to limit the number of people coming into school and we are unable to have parents in for a Heroes' Assembly. We did not want children to miss out on the chance of being a Hero and having a (socially distanced) Heroes' Tea. This week, teachers have recorded a short video to talk about their Hero. It was watched in school today, you can find it on your child's google classroom.

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.