

Autumn
2021

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



5th November 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

A warm welcome back to everyone on our return to school. Back to school and back to work for both children and adults as we all hit the ground running. I have walked around the classes regularly this week, including a visit by some of our governors. I and they have been impressed with the positivity and engagement of our pupils and also by the smiles and buzz we saw and felt.

This is always a busy and sometimes tiring half term as there is so much going on in the run up to December and that all important occasion I won't mention by name at this time. What I will mention is that rehearsals have started for the shows that years 3 and 5 will be presenting in December and I'm already getting to know a number of the songs they will perform. It's another exciting indication that we are keeping things normal as giving the opportunity to children to perform every year is an important part of the children's development. It's good to see it back.

Looking towards the festive season, sorry I can't help myself I'm an enthusiast, our fund raising group, the BFG have sent out a letter advertising our Disco on December 3rd. Places are capped so if you wish to attend this event please book early, I am regularly told that the Bispham Disco launches the festivities in Toton so don't miss out.

Of course today is also a time when people will be gathering to mark Bonfire Night. If you are having a party or attending one I wish you a happy and safe evening.

Andrea Goetsee
Headteacher

Notices

Messages from Miss Carr

- The Hydra and Pegasus group 1 children who should have had Forest School on Thursday will have their sessions on Friday due to the cinema visit on the 11th.
- Please note that the weather is much colder, some Forest School children this week did not even have coats with them and felt the cold very quickly. It is important that children are dressed appropriately to fully participate in these activities.
- We believe we have enough plastic bottles to make the greenhouses with year 3 so please do not send in any more.

ROAD SAFETY

This week school staff have observed several 'near misses' relating to traffic outside of school. I politely remind you to be extremely careful as there are so many people arriving at the same time and some of our children do not always look before they walk. Please do not stop on the zig zag lines as they are there to promote safety around the school. I also need to remind you that the county council regularly sends its camera car to school to try and photograph unsafe parking, we do not request this so never know when it will come.

Reading Reward

A quick reminder that children need to record 60 signed off reads in their personal organisers by Friday December 10th in order to qualify for this event. Regular reading becomes a pattern for life and makes so much difference in all aspects of education and beyond. It can start here.



Key Dates

November

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

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

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| Orion | 3 | Pegasus | 2 |
| Hydra | 9 | Leo | 7 |
| Columba | 4 | Volans | 2 |
| Andromeda | 9 | Phoenix | 4 |

Heroes

Orion: Dhanush Sime

Pegasus: Adam Taylor-Reid

Hydra: Oliver Richards

Leo: Abigail Rushforth

Columba: Fraser Mack

Volans: Jack Lowe

Andromeda: Dennie Wright

Phoenix: Helena Stephenson

Forest School: Grace Davis

Christmas Card Competition

This week I received a letter from Broxtowe MP Darren Henry launching his competition to design his annual card. Designs should be A5 with no collage or glitter but can be on any theme festive or winter, maybe with a local slant. The deadline is Monday 15th November. If any child would like to enter school are happy to gather entries and pass them on.

Happy designing.

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.