

Autumn
2021

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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10th December 2021

Dear Parents and Carers,

As we approach the end of term we currently have a class that is bubbled to keep the rest of school safe. It's not ideal but the children and their families have been hugely supportive, recognising the need to keep everyone as safe as we can against a national background of rising cases. Of course we will make their last week as special as we can to ensure they don't feel they have missed out.

As for all things Christmas, the year 5 show 'Ebenezer' was well received, particularly when it was realised the children have only had 3 days to rehearse together. It was lovely to be able to give them an audience of some kind and I thank those that attended for adhering to the safety measures we had asked to be observed. Roll on the year 3 Nativity performances next week.

On the opposite page, I have outlined the activities we have planned next week, including uniform requirements. I'm sorry that the hoped for second coffee morning does not feel appropriate at the present time, we will look for an opportunity early next term. I hope this makes everything clear and will avoid any confusion. It will be a good week and a great end to term.

You will find attached to this bulletin, the last of this term, a note regarding Forest School and the safest way to operate in Winter. I also want to mention that we are having parent's meetings on the January 11th and 12th. Bookings for these will go live next week. We'll send a Weduc message next week when bookings open.

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

The last week of term...

There's quite a lot happening in the next week so I thought it would be useful to run through the timetable of events so you know what your children will be doing.

Monday: Children to write letters to Father Christmas. 1.30 pm year 3 matinee performance. Normal uniform.

Tuesday: Reading Reward Afternoon. Normal uniform.

Wednesday: School visit to St Peter's Church, Christmas Lunch, Theatre group visit. Normal uniform. There will be no formal act of worship at the church but if you would prefer your child not to attend please contact the school office so we can ensure supervision in school.

Thursday: Craft morning a.m. P.M Christmas party fun, children may bring in an outfit to change into. Normal uniform until the afternoon.

Friday: Christmas jumper day with donations for charity. A.M. Children may bring toys into school, nothing that needs plugging in. P.M. Behaviour Reward Afternoon a shared Christmas film. Normal uniform with a Christmas jumper.

School will finish at the usual time on Friday 17th December and will reopen on Wednesday 5th January 2022.

Merry Christmas



Key Dates

December

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

January

5th Return to school

11th & 12th Parents' evenings to discuss Autumn attainment and plan for the next two terms

17th Height and weight check Year 6



Orion	0	Pegasus	1
Hydra	4	Leo	2
Columba	7	Volans	6
Andromeda	2	Phoenix	4

Headteacher's Awards

Heroes

Orion: Sansa Hardstaff

Pegasus: Roshi Sime

Hydra: Yat Si Ching

Leo: Mason Buck

Columba: Orla Vass

Volans: Audrey Lau

Andromeda: Sam Perrin

Phoenix: Katelyn Taylor-Reid

Forest School: Oliver Kuczi-Torok

Forest School

Due to the Christmas activities there will be no Forest School next week.

See below for which group which days in the first half term of 2022.

Group 1 w/c January 10th, 24th January, 7th February

Group 2 w/c 17th January, 31st January.

By half term each group will have had 7 session this academic year.

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.