

Spring
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



14th January 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

The first full week back of 2022 has gone well and the children have returned raring to go and are working hard. New topics have begun and you should all have been sent a copy of the Knowledge Maps. These are designed to help you support your child's learning by letting you know what will be covered this term with some of the key information and places where you can encourage your child to do their own research. The more the children engage with their learning the better and more enjoyable it will be and remember teachers are always happy to help if you have any queries, ideas or need further advice and support.

Thank you for our support with moving the parents' evening to the telephone's this week, it was the most prudent thing to do. Teachers tell me the discussions were positive and productive and I hope that you now have a clear idea of how we can work together over the next two terms to help your children reach their full potential. Again if you wish to have a further discussion just contact the office and this can be arranged, we are very keen to keep the lines of communication open.

This bulletin is written to give a flavour of how the week has gone in school and also to provide you with information about upcoming events. To this end I have fully updated the key dates section for this term, please have a look.

Enjoy the weekend and we will look forward to another busy week.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Notices

After school clubs -

- **Cheerleading with Mrs Hollis will begin again next Thursday morning, children attending should be at school by 8.00 am.**
- **Badminton will recommence with Mrs Linley next Thursday after school. This club is over subscribed so she will be splitting children into 2 groups, both of which will get the same number of sessions. If your child is in the first group they will receive a letter next week to let you know.**
- **Mandarin Club will not take place this half term as the students who teach it have not yet returned. It is my hope that this will start again after February Half Term.**

Times Tables and Spellings - As may have been mentioned to you during your parents' meeting call, secure recollection of times tables is vital for children to be able to engage successfully in many aspects of the maths' curriculum. Alongside this a good grasp of key spellings and spelling patterns is also vital to enable children to demonstrate their writing to the expected standard. We teach and practice these things in school and I urge you to support your children in doing the same at home. Please believe me doing this will build confidence and make an enormous difference to their learning.

Appeal for Wii games and board games - Ms Town and Mrs Simpson the ladies who run our wonderful After School Club have asked me to send out an appeal for any unused Wii games or board games as the children are really enjoying these. So if Christmas gifts have got your cupboards groaning then we are happy to take any you might care to donate.



Key Dates

January

31st - February 2nd Bikeability in year 5

February

7th - 13th Children's Mental Health Week with the theme 'Growing Together'

8th Safer Internet Day

11th End of Half Term

21st Return to school

March

1st St David's Day service uniforms allowed in school

w/c 14th March Assessment Week

17th St Patrick's Day service uniforms allowed in school

18th Red Nose Day

21st Ancient Egyptian Experience Year 3

28th - 30th Volans residential

30th - April 1st Columba residential

1st End of Term

April

19th Return to school



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	8	Pegasus	11
Hydra	4	Leo	2
Columba	7	Volans	0
Andromeda	10	Phoenix	9

Heroes

Pegasus: Theo Fletcher

Orion: William Eden

Hydra: Leo Durkan

Leo: Benjamin Briggs

Columba: Arjan Singh-Khangura

Volans: Bella Benton

Andromeda: Elijah Middleton-Sutton

Phoenix: Connor Plummer

Forest School: Ruben Stevens

BFG Disco

It was hoped that the postponed Christmas Disco could be replaced by a Valentine's themed one in February. Unfortunately, the current infection rate in the wider community has means that, after much thought, running this could jeopardise all we are doing to protect pupils and staff and keep the children in school. So it is with much sadness that this is being deferred further.

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.