

Spring
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



11th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

As ever, half term has rushed upon us and it genuinely feels only a couple of weeks since we returned after Christmas. A lot of work has been done by everyone in school and we know they have earned a bit of a break. That being said there are a couple of things we would like them to do over the holidays. Nothing too onerous, but they will contribute to whole school events and displays so please encourage your child to take part.

It was good to see year 5 complete their Bikeability cycling proficiency award last week. This is so important to ensure they are safe as they cycle and we hope to enable year 6 to do it later in the year as they missed out in 2021. Talking of year 5, it seems that things have settled down regarding their outbreak so they will re-join school activities after half term. Fingers crossed I am not speaking too soon.

As you know it is my normal practise to be outside of school alongside other staff at the start and end of the day. It is important to me to be able to greet children and parents as they come into school and as they leave. This week I acknowledge that I have not been around much, not by choice. As often happens the time just before a holiday gets filled up with lots of necessary meetings. I can assure that I will once again be much more in evidence after half term, if only to hear, with envy, about all of the lovely activities that the children are telling me they will be doing over the break.

Have a brilliant half term.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Notices

BFG Disco Friday 25th February 6.00 - 8.00 pm - As I mentioned on a previous bulletin we will be holding a fundraiser disco on the first Friday after half term. I originally mentioned it just before we had the year 5 outbreak so I have been waiting to confirm it. Given the government indication that isolation rules will be lifted earlier than expected and the national downturn in cases we have decided to go for it as is. Of course we ask that you do not attend if unwell and will also ask that lateral flow tests be undertaken before attending. A letter from the BFG was sent out earlier today via Weduc with further information.

World Book Day Homework - The children have been asked to replicate the book cover of a book they have enjoyed this academic year. They will be bringing a template home to complete this on. These will be used to create a whole school 3D display to celebrate World Book Day on March 3rd. It would be wonderful if every child contributed.

Children's Mental Health Week- We have marked this across the school this week and would like the children to complete a piece of thinking homework. The theme has been Growing Together so we would like the children to reflect on how they have grown and developed emotionally since September. You could watch a video via this link to help.

<https://www.childrensmentalhealthweek.org.uk/yolanda-brown-s-growth-story/>

Year 6 Meeting - We have set a date of February 23rd at 5.30 pm to have a meeting with our year 6 parents to discuss this year's end of key stage tests. There will be an opportunity to have a look at past tests, find out how we will continue to support the children and also how you can help. Please spread the word about this meeting as it will be important.



Key Dates

February

11th End of Half Term

21st Return to school

23rd Year 6 meeting about SATS 5.30 pm

March

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

3rd World Book day

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

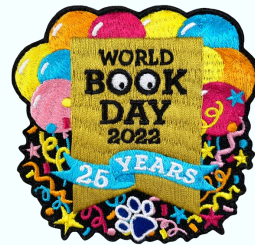
28th 6.00 pm Year 4 evening performance

29th 1.30 pm Year 4 matinee performance

30th - April 1st Columba residential

April

19th Return to school



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	11	Pegasus	7
Hydra	4	Leo	4
Columba	6	Volans	4
Andromeda	12	Phoenix	1

Heroes (February 4)

Orion: Rhea Vivian

Pegasus: George Barker

Hydra: Luan Retkoceri

Leo: Theo Baxter

Columba: Maddison Hill

Volans: Daisy Barley

Andromeda: Reuben Palmer

Phoenix: Julia Kozuch

Forest School: Maja Mikosz

Forest School

The children have enjoyed their lessons this half term and whether they realise it or not they are often reinforcing learning in the classroom. As year 4 will be starting swimming lessons the second week back after half term, we will need to move some sessions to accommodate this. There will be full details in the next bulletin so please keep an eye out for changes.

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.