

Spring
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



25th February 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We welcomed all the children back to a stormy school after a stormy half term. I hope the bad weather did not hamper your break too much. Again everyone has been busy from day one and year 4 are getting even more involved in their show rehearsals.

I am excited that we have been able to go ahead with the Bispham Friends Group Disco this evening and there has been a palpable air of excitement around school today. I am confident that families will support us by not attending if ill as you have all worked so well with us to protect school over the last two years. I look forward to seeing the children and maybe their parents in their disco finery this evening and I know that the money raised will continue to enhance the experience in school for all pupils.

Myself and other school staff will continue to greet families as they arrive at and leave school as we find this such a positive experience. It also provides its own share of humour from time to time. One such instance came this week when a parent spoke to us to say that, while it is thought of as something of a clichéd urban myth, her dog had genuinely eaten her homework this week. It certainly brought smiles to our faces at the start of the day and proves that there is often some truth in these well worn tales.

Have a lovely weekend and let's hope March next week brings warmer and calmer days.

Andrea Goetsee
Headteacher

Notices

Year 5 Residential Meeting - As the year 5 residential visit to Sherwood Forest will take place at the end of term we invite parents to join us for a meeting on Thursday 3rd March at 3.45 pm. There will be an opportunity to find out what the children will be doing and to ask any questions.

Year 6 Sats and Residential Meeting - We have reset a date of Wednesday 2nd March 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. We will also take the opportunity to talk about the May residential. Please spread the word about this meeting as it will be important.

WORLD BOOK DAY - Next Thursday is the annual World Book Day. We have activities planned for the children and we would love to see them dressed up as their favourite book character. Alternatively, if dressing up is not their thing then they can make or bring in an object relating to a book they have read, It will be fun for classmates to try and guess the text from what they bring in.

Forest School - Due to the start of year 4 swimming next week we have slightly changed the days for Forest School.

Monday Volans am Phoenix pm

Tuesday Columba am Andromeda pm

Wednesday Leo am Orion pm

Thursday - Hydra am Pegasus pm

Please note that there will be no Forest School w/c March 14th and w/c March 28th due to assessments and the Year 5 residential.



Key Dates

February

25th BFG Disco

March

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

2nd Year 6 Parent Meeting

3rd Year 5 Residential Meeting

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

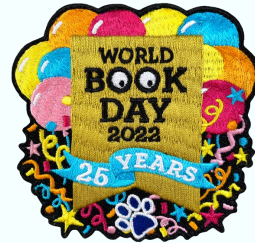
28th 6.00 pm Year 4 evening performance

29th 1.30 pm Year 4 matinee performance

30th - April 1st Columba residential

April

19th Return to school



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	9	Pegasus	2
Hydra	4	Leo	1
Columba	2	Volans	1
Andromeda		Phoenix	20 (Wow)

Heroes

Orion: Edie Diamond

Pegasus: Howard Su

Hydra: Luca Bannister

Leo: Maisie Tooley

Columba: Isabella Coates

Volans: Brodie Sanders

Andromeda: Fatima Jamil

Phoenix: Ava Eatherington

Forest School: Amelia-Alice Morris

Parent Governors

We have two parent governors whose term of office is coming to an end and who no longer have children in school. We are seeking to replace them and next week I will be sending out more information about this. Meanwhile if you think you might be interested please speak to a member of staff of look on the website on the Governor tab to find out how they work with school.

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.