

Spring
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child

25th March 2022



Dear Parents and Carers,

What a glorious week of weather we have enjoyed in school, you can't help but feel positive when it turns warm and sunny. In school the positivity continues and I have seen and heard children doing fabulous work in so many different subjects. I have been particularly impressed with some of the work done by year 3 in music and history, they are so proud of what they do.

You may remember that I advertised for two parents governors to join our Governing Body. I am pleased to announce that we have recruited two parents who will take up the role. Mrs Hallam and Mr Achimugu will bring invaluable knowledge and experience to our governor team and I look forward to working with them.

We are looking forward to sending our year 5 pupils on their residential to the Sherwood Forest Youth Hostel in Edwinstowe next week. This is particularly poignant as Columba class were there when the first lockdown was announced and we brought them back a couple of hours early to break the news and give them a chance to get used to the idea they wouldn't be seeing each other for a while. Now two years on our residential visits are resuming and I am very happy about this. They are an important part of what we like to offer Bispham children and long may they continue to be so. For those of you with children on the visit, we will Tweet updates and some pictures so you can see how they are getting on.

Enjoy the weekend and the run up to the Easter break.

Andrea Goetzee

Headteacher

Notices

Reading Reward Tea - Due to next week's residential visit, the Spring term reward tea will take place early in the Summer term to ensure that all of the participants from year 5 are able to take part. This means that we can extend the deadline a little so now children can include reading up to and including March 31st towards their total of 60 reads. The reading can be related to books brought home from school or books, magazines and other sources of writing that they have at home. Each piece of reading should be signed off in your child's personal organizer, retrospective additions cannot be made.

As I have said so many times in the past, reading is of vital importance for children not just during their time in education but in improving their life chances going forward. The skill of reading fluently and an interest in reading a wide range of materials are two things that will underpin success in the future. I have seen research that indicates the world of work is expected to undergo significant change over the next decade and beyond and that we need to be preparing children for this now (Research: The skills imperative 2035 NFER).

Primary education is where the fundamentals are put in place and reading is a key part of this so I ask you to keep encouraging your children to read - it will make a difference.

Forest School - I am working with Miss Carr to sort out all of the dates for Forest School in the Summer term. These will be published in full in next week's bulletin as there will be a few changes around Sats week and the year 6 residential. We have also scheduled a 'Stay and Play' so parents can get a taster of Forest School alongside their child. It will be on Wednesday 20th April between 3.40 and 4.40pm. Places for 10 children and 10 adults, please book via Weduc.



Key Dates

March

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

1st Behaviour Reward Afternoon

1st End of Term

April

19th Return to school

May

2nd Bank Holiday Monday

w/c 9th Year 6 Sats Week

w/c 16th Year 6 residential visit

w/c 23rd School celebrates the Queen's Platinum Jubilee

27th Behaviour Reward Afternoon

27th End of half term

June

6th Back to school

7th Sports Day



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	5	Pegasus	5
Hydra	6	Leo	6
Columba	6	Volans	0
Andromeda	5	Phoenix	13

Heroes

Orion: Ollie Belton

Pegasus: Jacob Ellis

Hydra: Reece Pierce

Leo: Rowan Middleton-Sutton

Columba: Isobel Weston

Volans: Amilia Kee

Andromeda: Kade Wood

Phoenix: Summi Chan

Forest School: Dahlia Bales

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