

Spring  
2022

## BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

### 21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



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**Bispham Drive**  
Junior School  
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4th March 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

I sent a message today entitled 'Wow' about the phenomenal response to our rapidly arranged coffee morning and reading café to raise funds for the Red Cross appeal for Ukraine. As I expected the Bispham Drive school community really stepped up and there was a great buzz in school. You raised an astonishing £746, every penny of which will go to the appeal. Thank you, you are amazing.

I could have said wow about so much that has happened in school since I last wrote. The long awaited school disco took place last Friday and was welcomed by staff and families alike, I even got to do the Macarena (badly) which has become my tradition at these events. Everyone was so happy that this went ahead and a brilliant £1,100 was raised for school. Thank you to the BFG for organising it all so quickly.

Monday seems so long ago but that was when Mrs Hutchison launched the Rock stars times tables app. Each teacher took on the persona, name and costume of a would be rock star to compete against each other in a riotous assembly. Miss Naik, or should I say Xavier Velvet, won a close run contest. We now hope the children will enjoy the learning they will do using this inspiring platform.

We also had the 25th Anniversary World Book Day yesterday and the children were fabulous in their costumes. Staff banded together this year and came as a pack of crayons in tribute to the Oliver Jeffers book 'The Day the Crayons quit'. Each class explored the work of a favourite author and presented their findings in our afternoon assembly. A great day.

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

## Notices

### Vacancies for Parent Governors

Due to the end of their term of office and with their children now having left our school, we have vacancies on our Governing Body for two parent governors. You would be part of a committed and friendly team who work with school staff to ensure we provide the very best education and in school experience for our pupils. In particular we need people with experience in Information Technology and Health and Social Care but if you are keen and don't have that please don't let this stop you applying, enthusiasm and a love of the school are the biggest criteria. Attached to this bulletin you will find the information you need to apply, paper copies and the nomination box are available at the office as well. If you want to know more about the role you can have a chat to me or the Chair, Cheryl Cooper we are more than happy to meet you. You can also find out more about the role on the school website on the governor tab, have a look at the impact statement in particular.

**Deadline for nominations 10.00 am Monday 14th March 2022**

### Appeal for Parent Helpers

We are now fully open to having parent helpers in school so if you or a grandparent can spare some time they please either email in or call the school office. You might be asked to head readers, help with times tables or support children as they practice handwriting in their booklets. If you have previously expressed an interest please could you do so again so that we know our lists are up to date. As a rule we prefer parents to work in classes other than their own child's. We really value the support of our school community and would love to welcome you in to help.



### Key Dates

#### March

w/c 7th Year 6 Assessment Week

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

1st End of Term

#### April

19th Return to school

#### May

w/c 9th Year 6 Sats



### Headteacher's Awards

Orion	5	Pegasus	5
Hydra	6	Leo	6
Columba	6	Volans	3
Andromeda	5	Phoenix	13

#### Heroes

Orion: Zach Caine

Pegasus: Ariana Wood

Hyrda: Daniel Wood

Leo: Spencer Legge

Columba: Lewie Creasy

Volans: Sophia Evans

Andromeda: Ruby Hall

Phoenix: Ethan Morritt

Forest School: Teddy Newbold

#### School Website

As some of you may not have looked at our website for some time I thought I would let you know that it has had a makeover. There are new pictures and a new layout that we believe make it easier to navigate. It also now includes a [translate button](#) which we hope will be useful as our school community becomes increasingly diverse. If you have a few minutes please take a look.

#### 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.

