

Summer
2022

BISPHAM DRIVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

21st Century Learning for the 21st Century Child



22nd April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

We have been fortunate with the weather for the first week of the summer term which means we can keep the field open at break and lunchtime and ensure the children get plenty of exercise away from class.

The warmth has certainly been welcome after the cold weather, including sleet and snow that I experienced alongside Columba on their residential before the holidays. I'm not complaining, they had a wonderful time and did me proud in terms of behaviour throughout. Residential visits are tiring for everyone but I am pleased that staff enable me to keep offering them as they are an important part of the personal development of our pupils. We have secured the booking for next year and I will be in touch with year 4 parents about this in the coming months.

Today has been Earth Day across the world and we have played our own small part in this by ensuring every child has planted a seed today. We have chosen pollinator friendly flowers like Cornflowers and once the plants become established we plan to send them home for you to find a spot in your garden for. This all helps the children to do their bit to support their environment and the natural world they live in.

On the opposite page I have included a number of important notices that I ask you to read to ensure you are fully informed and also able to support what we are doing in school to educate and develop your children. Earth Day helps us focus on the fact they are the future and we need to help them be the best they can be.

Andrea Goetsee

Headteacher

Notices

UNIFORM POLICY - As the vast majority of Covid restrictions have been lifted I want to ensure that, in school, we are fully back to normal as well. To this end I have asked staff to be rigorous in enforcing our uniform policy. I want the children to be proud of their school and the values it represents, wearing our stated uniform is part of this. Please support us by ensuring your child wears uniform, this includes P.E. kit which is a plain white t shirt and green or black shorts. Full details of our uniform policy can be found on the school website. We will continue with allowing children to wear P.E. kit all day on the days they are taught this subject as this maximises their participation time but which also makes it more important they are wearing the correct kit. The only exception to uniform is on those days when children have Forest School when they should wear old clothes that offer appropriate levels of protections for work outdoors and the weather conditions.

C.C.T.V. - I want you to be aware that over the Easter break we installed C.C.T.V. to cover the front gate. This means that the office staff can easily see who is buzzing to come into school and enables us to continue to ensure the safety of your children.

Tarmac Work - We are aware that some tree roots have caused bulges in the front path around school. They are sprayed with yellow paint to make them stand out. We have arranged for work to take place to address this but will have to wait until the summer holidays for it to take place. Alongside this we will be addressing issues with the path to the school's rear gate with the plan to reopen this as an access point into school from September.

Access to the Healthy Families Team - I have been asked to share a flyer about how to access this team, this is also displayed on the noticeboard at the front of school.



Key Dates

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

9th Back up Sports Day



Full details about how we plan to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee will follow in the next two weeks.

Inset Days for 2022-2023

After liaising with Banks Road, the below dates are the In-set dates for the 2022-2023 academic year:

Wednesday 31st August 2022

Thursday 1st September 2022

Friday 2nd September 2022

Wednesday 4th January 2023

Monday 26th June 2023



Headteacher's Awards

Orion	2	Pegasus	1
Hydra	0	Leo	2
Columba	7	Volans	0
Andromeda	9	Phoenix	4

Heroes

Orion: Edye Jones

Pegasus: Isabella Whicker

Leo: Dahlia Bales

Columba: Maddison Hill

Volans: Tom Webb

Andromeda: Alistair Whyld

Phoenix: Freya Bly

Forest School: Laura Kozuch

Forest School

Below is the timetable for Summer term 1:

25th-29th April —Group 1

2nd-6th May—Group 2

9th-13th May—No FS due to SATS week

16th-20th May—No FS due to Year 6 residential

23rd-27th May—Group 1

These sessions are planned so all children receive the same number over the course of the year.